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Cover photo / Anahita our super star fully recovered

The story of Anahita excited thousands of people around the world. Remember that she was tagged with a GPS transmitter in Bulgaria but shot by poachers in Lebanon during her first migration in 2020. Against all odds, she was rescued and brought to life, thanks to SPNL anti-poaching unit.

And in January 2022, Anahita successfully returned to Europe and was hosted by Prague Zoo. She underwent another surgery, so now she can walk normally again, and some of the lead pellets were removed from her body. She entered into the species breeding program, and her offspring one-day will be released again where her roots are – in Bulgaria to support the recovery of the species. Anahita is now blossoming and enjoying life with the other Egyptian Vultures in Prague Zoo ©.

EDITORIAL / REVIVAL OF HIMA CREATES A HOMELAND

Four years ago, the Lebanese parliament adopted a new law related to natural reserves in Lebanon. This long-awaited legislation is one additional step in the 1000-mile journey for protecting biodiversity in Lebanon and proper land use to preserve nature and biodiversity sources, considered the vital capital of Lebanon that is diminishing slowly day by day.

Lebanon has an impressive track record of land protection 1992, but economic development still poses several challenges. Protected lands play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance. The help to mitigate the negative effects of climate change. And they are home to a diverse range of plant and animal species.

The Convention on Biological Diversity is an international agreement concerned with the conservation of nature and sets guidelines for countries to protect biodiversity. During 2022 the Conference of the Parties on Biological Diversity (COP15) was the fifteenth meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity since its launch at the Earth Summit in 1992. Under this agreement, each country agrees to achieve more than 20 environmental goals by the end of the decade, the main condition being the so-called 30 x 30 plan to protect at least 30 percent of land, inland waters and coastal areas by 2030, and that forms the basis for the agreement, which is similar to the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Since more than 30 years, SPNL decided to revive the Hima approach. That decision was a historic step in promoting the conservation of biodiversity and the preservation of nature and its resources through a traditional approach that was adopted by Arab peoples and practiced by Lebanese villages and towns as an inherited tradition of land use, ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources, i.e. the rational exploitation of resources and the preservation of nature's capability to replenish its resources. This is known the "Hima approach", based on the traditional classification of land according to its usages.



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Today, there are 28 natural Hima sites in various Lebanese regions. These did not need a law to be issued by the Lebanese Parliament, in spite of its importance, especially a law that considers the Hima as one of the 4 categories of protected areas. But this needed perseverance and a strong and determined will, long-term dialogue and partnership with municipal councils, which are considered the strongest and most sustainable link in the protection of nature if their decision-making lies in the hands of a homogeneous group convinced of the importance of adopting and developing the Hima approach.

From Ebeles-Saqi through Kfar Zabad, Anjar, Qoleileh, Mansouri, Andeket, Menjez, Maabour Alabiad, El-Fakiha, Kherbet Kanafar to Anfeh, Aakoura, Tarshish, Jbeil, Aitnit, Kafermata, Chemalan and Keifoun, the Hima sites are spread in different areas of Lebanon. Their uses range from grazing, sustainable hunting, water management, organic and responsible agriculture and protection of biodiversity and forests. It worthy to note that the Hima approach is supported by Birdlife International, which has adopted the Hima approach in its strategy by linking it to the world's most important areas of birds.

International recognition of the Hima approach is enshrined in a resolution adopted by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as one of the historic achievements in the protection of nature, i.e. the rational exploitation of natural resources and the preservation of nature's capability to replenish its resources. The resolution includes different names for society's contribution to the conservation of natural resources such as: Hima, Al Mahjar, Akdal, Koruk, Adat and other similar systems run by local communities in West Asia and North Africa. All of these are considered a comprehensive approach that strengthens local knowledge, culture and heritage and also includes preserving natural resources and enhancing the livelihoods of local communities.

Why can the Hima approach contribute to creating the homeland we all dream of and aspire to? The Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon decided to answer this question by involving young people in the Hima approach through "Homat AL Hima" initiative. Dozens of young people from different villages and towns volunteer to participate in the conservation system and to attend training sessions on the rational and balanced management of the Hima. They receive training as well as scientific and other material necessary to develop their capacities in order to become truly the protectors of nature and the source of its sustainability for future generations.





This option promotes a strategic partnership with the private sector, allowing the exchange of experiences, promotion of innovation and opening of sustainability prospects, especially that international assistant for environmental projects, in general, and for conservation projects, in particular, is dwindling. This partnership has been expressed in more than one promising project, mainly the Homat Al Hima Center in Kherbet Kanafar in West Bekaa and Mount Lebanon Hima Center in Kaifoun, which connect the various Hima sites on the Lebanese territories through a network that will allow the promotion and sustainability of this concept. The *“Revival of Hima creates a Homeland”* is not an empty slogan, but rather a group of projects implemented on the ground and progress steadily towards achieving the long-awaited development and change process.

المحلية والثقافة والتراث مع المحافظة على الموارد الطبيعية وتعزيز سبل العيش.

لماذا يمكن لنظام الحمى أن يساهم في صنع الوطن الذي نلحم به ونريده؟ اختارت جمعية حماية الطبيعة في لبنان (SPNL) الإجابة عن هذا السؤال من خلال إشراك الشباب في نظام الحمى. وذلك من خلال مبادرة “حمى الحمى” حيث يتطوع العشرات من الشباب من مختلف القرى والبلديات للاشتراك في نظام الحماية والتدريب على سبل الإدارة الرشيدة والمتوازنة للحمى. وهم يتلقون التدريب والموارد العلمية والمعرفية اللازمة لتطوير قدراتهم كي يكونوا بحق حماة الطبيعة ومصدر استدامتها للأجيال المقبلة. يعزز هذا الخيار شراكة استراتيجية مع القطاع الخاص، تسمح بتبادل التجارب وتعزيز الابتكار وفتح آفاق الاستدامة، في ظل الخسار المساعدات الدولية الخاصة بالبيئة بشكل عام وبحفظ الطبيعة بشكل خاص. هذه الشراكة تم التعبير عنها في أكثر من مشروع واعد، أبرزها مركز حماة الحمى في خربة قنفار في البقاع الغربي ومركز حمى جبل لبنان في كيفون، اللذان يربطان مختلف الحمى على الأراضي اللبنانية بشبكة تواصل تسمح بتعزيز هذه المفهوم واستدامته.

“إعادة إحياء الحمى تصنع وطناً”. هذا ليس شعاراً فارغاً بل مشاريع تطبق على أرض الواقع وتتقدم بخطى ثابتة نحو التطوير والتغيير الذي طال انتظاره.

إحياء الحمى يصنع وطنًا

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قبل أربعة أعوام صادق مجلس النواب اللبناني على القانون المتعلق بالحميات الطبيعية في لبنان. تعد هذه الخطوة التشريعية التي طال انتظارها خطوة إضافية في رحلة الألف ميل من أجل حماية التنوع البيولوجي في لبنان، وحسن استخدام الأراضي بما يحفظ الطبيعة ومصادر التنوع الحيوي التي تعد رأس مال لبنان الذي يتضائل يوماً بعد يوم.

يتمتع لبنان بسجل حافل في حماية الأراضي منذ العام ١٩٩٢، لكن التنمية الاقتصادية لا تزال تطرح العديد من التحديات. تلعب الأراضي الحمية دوراً حيوياً في الحفاظ على التوازن البيئي، وفي المساعدة في التخفيف من الآثار السلبية لتغير المناخ. وهي موطن لمجموعة متنوعة من الأنواع النباتية والحيوانية. تعنى اتفاقية التنوع البيولوجي بالحفاظ على الطبيعة، وتحدد المبادئ التوجيهية للبلدان لحماية التنوع البيولوجي. ويعتبر مؤتمر الأطراف للتنوع البيولوجي (COP15) الذي عقد أواخر العام ٢٠٢٢ الاجتماع الخامس عشر للأطراف في اتفاقية التنوع البيولوجي، منذ إنطلاقه في قمة الأرض/ في عام ١٩٩٢.

بموجب الاتفاقية، توافق كل دولة مشاركة على تحقيق أكثر من ٢٠ هدفاً بيئياً بحلول نهاية العقد، والشرط الرئيسي هو ما يسمى بخطة ٣٠×٣٠ لحماية ٣٠٪ على الأقل من الأراضي والمياه الداخلية والمناطق الساحلية بحلول عام ٢٠٣٠، وبشكل ذلك الأساس لاتفاقية دولية مماثلة لاتفاق باريس للمناخ لعام ٢٠١٥.

قبل أكثر من ٣٠ عاماً، اختارت جمعية حماية الطبيعة في لبنان (SPNL) أن تعيد إحياء نظام الحمى. وكان هذا القرار خطوة تاريخية تعزز الحفاظ على التنوع البيولوجي وعلى الطبيعة ومواردها، من خلال تكريس نظام تراثي اعتمدته الشعوب العربية ومارسته

القرى والبلدات اللبنانية كتقليد موروث لاستخدام الأراضي. فهو يضمن الاستفادة القابلة للاستمرار من الموارد الطبيعية ويحفظ قدرة البيئة على تجديد مواردها. هذا النظام يعرف باسم "نظام الحمى" القائم على التصنيف التقليدي للأراضي وفق استخداماتها.

اليوم بات في لبنان ٢٨ حمى منتشرة في مختلف المناطق. لم يحتج الأمر الى قانون

يصدره المجلس النيابي، رغم أهمية صدور هذا القانون الذي شمل الحمى باعتباره فئة من أربع فئات من المناطق الحمية. احتاج الأمر الى مثابرة وإرادة صلبة لا تعرف اليأس، والى حوار وشراكة طويلة الأمد مع المجالس البلدية التي تعد الحلقة الأقوى والأكثر استدامة في الحفاظ على الطبيعة اذا ما وصل الى موقع القرار فيها مجموعة متجانسة ومقتنعة بأهمية تبني نظام الحمى وتطويره.

من إبل السقي والقليلة والمنصوري في الجنوب الى كفرزبد وعنجر وعيتيت في البقاع إلى أنفه وعندقت في الشمال وصولاً إلى العاقورة وكيفون وشملان وكفرمتى ورأس المتن في جبل لبنان، تنتشر الحمى في مختلف المناطق اللبنانية وتتعدد استخداماتها بين الرعي والصيد المستدامين وإدارة المياه والزراعة العضوية والمسؤولية وحماية التنوع البيولوجي والغابات. ويسجل لتجربة نظام الحمى أنها تلاقى دعماً من المجلس العالمي لحماية الطيور الذي اعتمد مفهوم الحمى في استراتيجيته عبر ربطه بالمناطق المهمة عالمياً للطيور.

أعلنت منظمة Birdlife International عام ٢٠١٣ أن نظام الحمى العربي قد صنف من بين أهم ٢٠ إنجازاً عالمياً في تاريخ الحفاظ على الطيور والموائل الطبيعية في العالم. وتكرس الاعتراف الدولي بنظام الحمى من خلال قرار اتخذه الصندوق الدولي لحماية الطبيعة (IUCN) باعتبار الحمى واحداً من الإنجازات التاريخية في حماية الطبيعة، بما يعنيه من الاستثمار الرشيد للموارد والحفاظ على قدرة البيئة على تجديد مواردها. ويتضمن القرار أسماء مختلفة عن مساهمة المجتمع المحلي في الحفاظ على الموارد الطبيعية، ومنها الحمى، المهجر، أكدا، كوروك، أدوات، أو أي أنظمة مشابهة يديرها المجتمع المحلي في غرب آسيا وشمال أفريقيا، بحيث يتم اعتبارها نهجاً شاملاً يقوي المعرفة



المجلس العالمي للطير—ور يضم ممثلين عن ١١٠ جمعية غير
حكومية في العالم. جمعية حماية الطبيعة في لبنان هي
الشريك الوطني منذ أوائل التسعينات

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Non-Governmental Organisations working for nature
in over 110 countries. SPNL is BirdLife in Lebanon
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The start of BirdLife's Middle East Division, Rosenheim, Germany 1994. (Top) Assad Serhal of Lebanon received BirdLife International Member of Honour Award 2022. (Below)









Hima Qaroun © Asaad Saleh

SPNL'S 10 YEAR STRATEGY

By Maya Badran & Bassima Khatib

Organizational Development

In recent years, SPNL has grown its operations, while building its profile and reputation. Equally, our external operating context is changing. Therefore, from September 2019, we have developed our new strategy for 10 years, **2020–2030 Development Strategy** that is implemented now in 2022 and we are working on it to generate increased impacts and successes. To strengthen its position amidst the global environmental challenges in addition to local political and economic instability. The Strategy had been discussed

across all levels of the organization to ensure an inclusive and consultative process, collective consensus, and smooth implementation.

Additionally, many aspects of SPNL operating structures have been reviewed to ensure stability and resilience of its operation. Following the revision of its strategic functions, SPNL has adopted a new organizational chart where departments and teams' high-level activities as well as individual staff roles and responsibilities were clearly outlined and adopted.

To address gaps in Human Resources Management (HRM), SPNL is establishing an HRM system with functional procedures that support the organization and staff. In an initial step, a new salary scale has been set to provide an objective determination of staff compensation, based on position level, years of experience and academic qualifications. Additionally, a Personal Review Talks (PRT) process has been adopted and implemented to track the personal and professional development of staff and in the long term engage them, accelerate their performance and retain them. Last but not least, SPNL's Employee Handbook which details all the policies and procedures and clarifies the rights



Hima Anfeh safe haven for migrating birds



LHHH rescue center - Hima Kayfoun

and responsibilities relevant to personnel employment at SPNL.

Our main goal for the next three years is to have a support for two important projects that focus on the local community in Lebanon by resolving potential conflicts over the sustainable use of the natural resources and promoting the revival of the Hima system to develop community-based protected areas, ensuring direct measurable benefits for both communities and nature.

The two projects we are aiming to focus on are “Hima for Peace” funded by Robert Bosch Stiftung and “Hima Revival” by Hans Wilsdorf Foundation

Conservation Capacity

SPNL 2030 Strategy has fixated Nature Conservation at the core of its operation, building on its long and successful track record in this work area.

In 2022, SPNL's conservation department continues to undertake biodiversity assessments at its priority Hima sites to research and monitor new species and threats like the wild cat and Rock Hynax in Ras el Matn, and implement new management plans to further build SPNL Biodiversity Database.



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and HR

A pillar to our conservation work is embracing citizen science to ensure the sustainability of our current projects and activities. Ultimately, SPNL's conservation work at its Hima sites contributes to enhancing connectivity between the protected areas of Lebanon whereby new Himas were located in Mansourah, Beib Mereh, and Chekif Sour.

SPNL team is working closely with local community members especially students from 8 to 13 years old to raise their knowledge in nature and build pro-environmental behaviors in a fun and educative way through SNOW Program (School with no Walls) and SPNL was able to target more than 1500 students all over Lebanon

The Conservation team is also gaining capacities in diversity monitoring in order to be more efficient and hire consultants only for analytical tasks. In addition to that several proposals have been submitted by the team to cover several strategic goals.

Financial Viability

A main concern for SPNL was the phase-out of a key funder of global conservation, which at years covered over 70% of SPNL's

budget. MAVA is an exceptional donor which values and carefully understands the needs of partners, beneficiaries, and the natural ecosystem. As a noble partner, MAVA did help with open hands at crisis times through several emergency funds. Despite this record of partnership and connection to MAVA, SPNL has been able to secure its future plans with new projects and donor relationships.

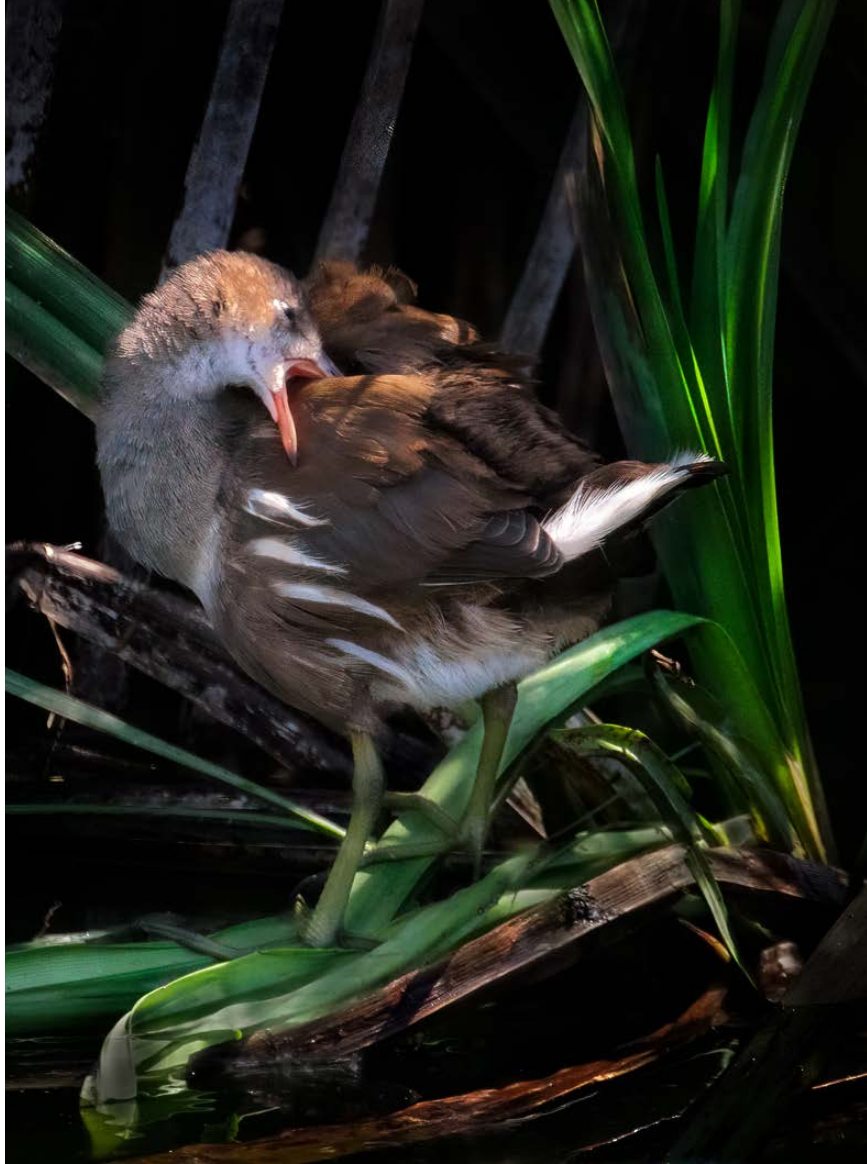
With the anticipated closure of MAVA Autumn 2022, SPNL has sought a proactive approach towards financial sustainability on different levels. Since 2020, SPNL has been focusing on enhancing its fundraising effectiveness to fuel the delivery of its Strategy.

Proudly, by late 2021, SPNL has secured two new mega projects with the EU, detailed below, and targeting the areas of biodiversity conservation and climate change. The two awarded contracts create a record in grant-based income to the organization, increasing its annual turnover rate well above the previous years.

The first is a 6-million euros project, which aims at measurably increasing climate mitigation, adaptation, and quality of life in four municipalities, in Lebanon through implementing their existing sustainable energy action plans (SEAPs/SECAPs) with a focus on community-based urban ecosystem approach for local management of natural resources. The 3-year project will be implemented with IUCN ROWA and SCF along with local actors. As a leading partner, SPNL is awarded a \$1.5M contract with an additional 0.5M as co-funding.

The second is a 4.5-million euros project, which targets promoting the conservation of biodiversity through enhancing the management and governance of ecologically important areas in Southern Lebanon as well as for the establishment of new protected areas. As a co-partner, SPNL was awarded a \$800,000 contract, with a small amount as co-funding to implement this 45-month project.

Additionally, SPNL secured several projects with some in the pipeline. Below we have listed the main ones.



Water Hen Prunning © Mohamed Haimour

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Robert Bosch Stiftung	February 2022-2024	Approved
Global Commons Accountability Accelerator (G C A A)	September 2023 - 2025	Submitted for approval
Japanese Embassy	2023-2024	Approved
Hima revival H W F	2023-2026	Approved

SPNL's Achievements

SPNL is an independent CSO that has completed >120 projects to conserve biodiversity in Lebanon. We have experience in biodiversity research, protected areas management, participatory planning, and building understanding and individual capacity.

We value our strong working links with ministries, municipalities, universities and CSOs, and vital donor relationships with EU, CEPF, Foundation MAVA, UN Women's Fund for Gender Equality, USAID, and UNDP amongst others.

Our notable achievements include:

- ◆ Helping develop Lebanon's first biodiversity project ('Protected Areas Project')
- ◆ Identifying 15 'Important Bird Areas'
- ◆ Advocating to establish the Ministry of Environment and 15 State Protected Areas
- ◆ Thought Leadership in reviving the ancient Hima system of community management to protect natural resources
- ◆ Advocating so Hima became the fourth management category under national law for Protected Areas 130
- ◆ Devising methodologies to assist communities and municipalities to establish 25 Himas covering >8% of Lebanon
- ◆ Empowering >500 young adults from rural communities as Homat Al Hima young leaders, helping support rural economies through training and livelihoods
- ◆ Training in leadership, collective working and microenterprise to >100 women in 5 Himas
- ◆ Cooperating with hunting organizations, promoting responsible hunting, and representing CSOs on the governing Hunting Higher Council
- ◆ At IUCN's 2012 World Conservation Congress, SPNL and Government of Austria co-sponsored Motion 122 promoting community-based resource management & conservation (e.g. Hima)
- ◆ In 2018 SPNL General Director received the Midori Prize, and Lebanese President Michel Aoun honored Assad Serhal with



SPNL anti-poaching unit on the field



SNOW program at Hima Hammana

the Silver Order of Merit Medal in recognition of his contribution to the environment through Hima

♦ As sole Lebanon Partner of BirdLife International providing invaluable data on birds, migration, flyways and community-based conservation

♦ The Advanced Renewable Energy Training for Women Empowerment from 2 to 5 August 2022, This Training for Women Empowerment covered the Renewable Energy status in Lebanon, the key policies for promoting RE projects, the financial and fiscal incentive mechanisms, and the gender dimensions in the energy sector with a special focus on the Lebanese case.

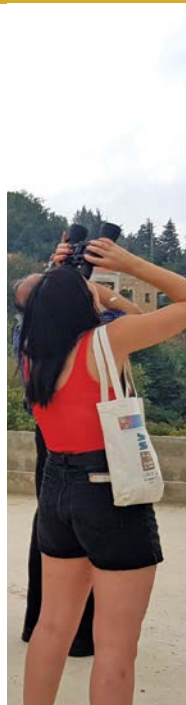
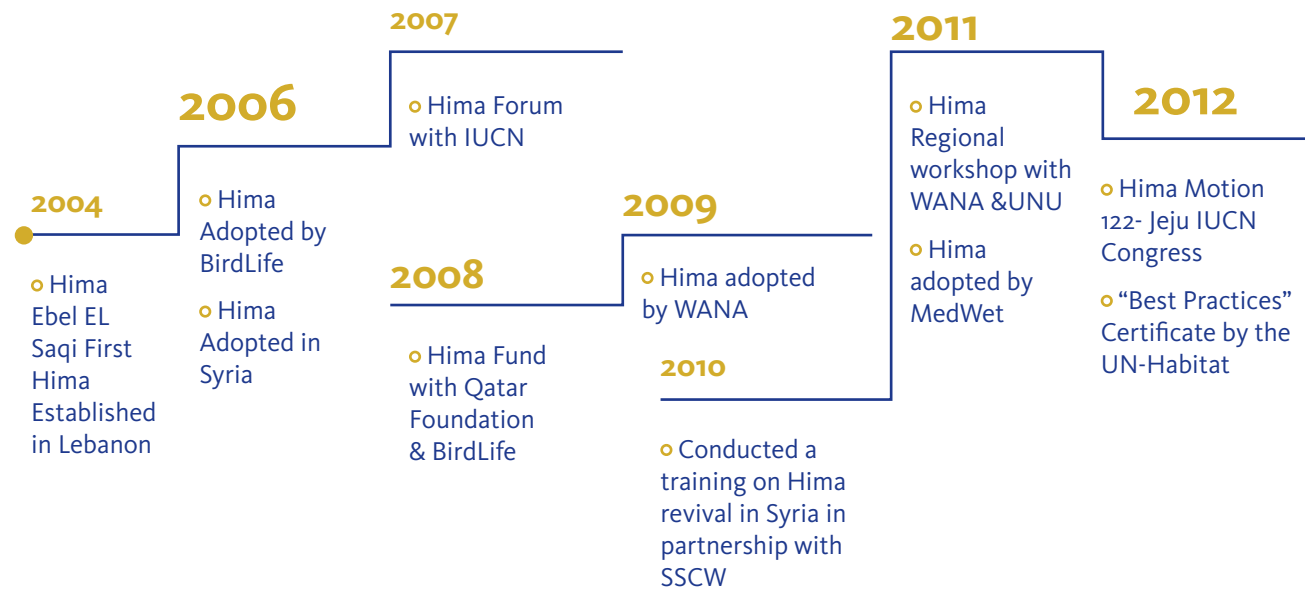
♦ SPNL General Director Assad Serhal was awarded an Honorary Membership by BirdLife International in September 2022 for Enduring commitment to reviving, practicing and spreading the traditional Hima conservation approach locally, nationally and globally, and being a strong champion and advocate for the BirdLife Partnership in the Middle East and globally, and contributing to the advancement of BirdLife programmes in Lebanon.

♦ Under Hima for Peace project two gardens were inaugurated; “the Quranic Garden” in Keyfoun and “Biblical Garden” in Shemlan; these event strengthens the concept of Hima for peace and the treasure of balance between people and nature”





HIMA TIMELINE



2013

- BirdLife Hima Award
- Hima a part of Birdlife strategy
- SPNL initiated Homat al Hima, SNOW & Souk al Hima

2014

- Hima Adopted by UN-Women for Gender Equality

2015

- Hima adopted in Cyprus & Greece

2016

- Hima Guideline Manual & HH Guide-line Manual Published

2017

- 19 Himas established in Lebanon
- Initiated Luc Hoffmann Hima Home (LHHH)

2018

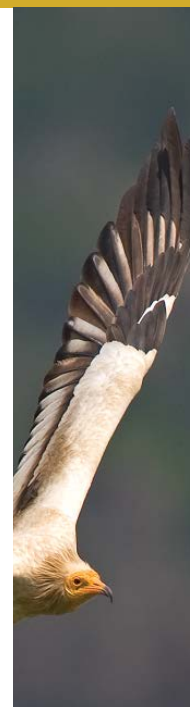
- 22 Himas established in Lebanon
- Hima West Baalbak First Regional Hima Established in Lebanon
- AEON MIDORI Prize for Hima Revival
- Hima For Peace, Tokyo, Japan

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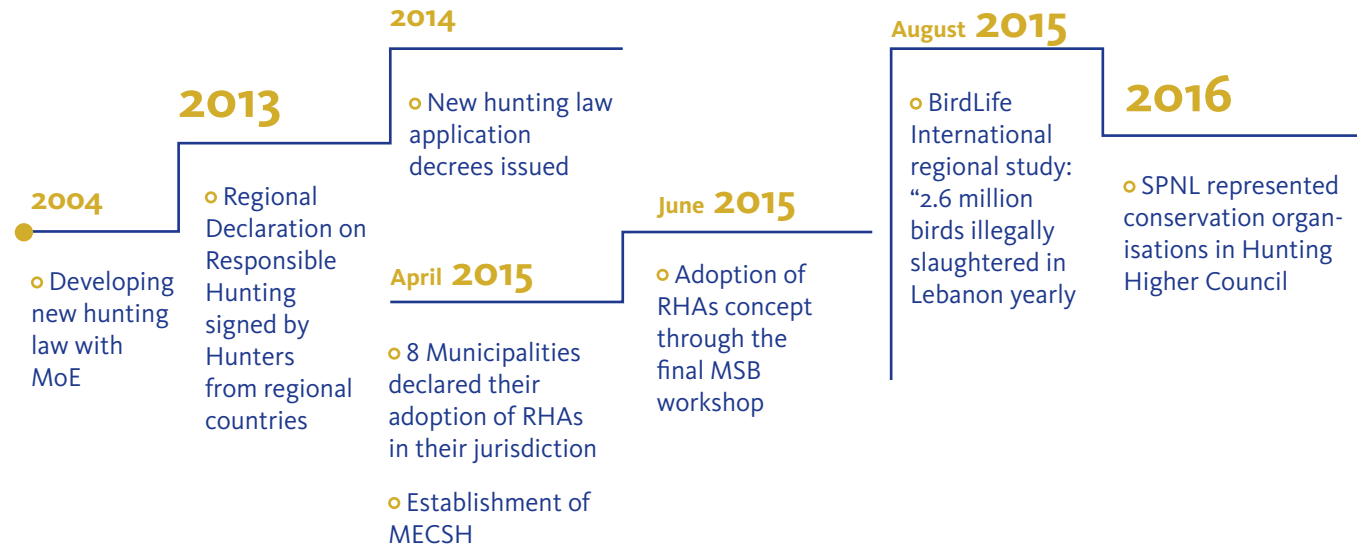
- Lebanon passed a new protected areas Law 130, Year 2019
- 25 Himas established
- Hima to Stop Nature Bankruptcy, Yancheng, China

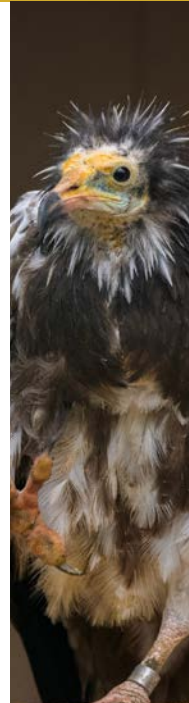
2020/22

- SPNL established the HH Center in West Beqaa, LHHH in Mount Lebanon and Hima Farm in Hammana



RESPONSIBLE HUNTING TIMELINE











Data collection at Hima Kfarmatta

A MILESTONE STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENT

By Bassima Khatib



Bird monitoring at Hima Kfar Zabad

SPNL has been established 40 years ago to address the impact of humans as a result of war situation – Israeli invasion in 1982 – on nature. SPNL establishment was based on two pillars: promotion of protected areas concept in Lebanon, and contribution to hunting management in the country. For forty years, SPNL work was the culmination of common vision and strategic decisions from its founders. All this was built on discussions and brainstorming, but never well documented.

With the support of BirdLife Hatch programme funded by MAVA, a milestone achievement was realized. A 10 year strategy for the period 2020 – 2030 was developed coupled with a three years operational plan in spite of all the challenging circumstances in the country: political, security, monetary and economic.

The strategy was the result of internal facilitated workshops that firstly reviewed the operating context of SPNL, then identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of our organisation. As SPNL is evolving and growing, workshop participants then reflected on and refined our **Vision, Mission, and Values**. Participants identified high-level **Strategic Development Goals** in the themes of *Nature Con-*

ervation and **Community Based Sustainable Development** and underpinning both, **Organisational Development**. Within each strategic development goal, participants then determined medium to long term objectives.

Nature Conservation

Nature Conservation has been the basis of SPNL work since its inception. It has helped in the development of main nature reserves with the Ministry of Environment. Since 2004, SPNL is using Hima community based approach for conservation of IBBA/KBAs in collaboration with municipalities. SPNL concentrates on conservation and monitoring of both species and habitat. SPNL targets the conservation of terrestrial and freshwater species, on national basis with priority work around Hima sites. Special focus targets species threatened by unsustainable cultural or economic practices. SPNL will continue to work on reducing threats to birds, especially migratory soaring birds, from illegal hunting and various sectors to ensure their safe passage over Lebanon's strategic flyway.

Strategic Goal A

Enable conservation action for terrestrial and freshwater species focusing on those for which Lebanon is globally responsible that are threatened by unsustainable cultural or economic practices

Strategic Goal B

Strengthen conservation and restoration of priority natural habitats and High Nature Value agricultural land within Lebanon's Hima

Community Based Sustainable Development

SPNL experience made us learn that best approach for conservation is through community involvement which ensures its sustainability and ownership. The three distinct workstreams of community based sustainable development are Hima Revival; capacity building and experiential learning as well as nature-friendly microenterprise products and services.

Hima Revival: After twenty years of experience working with nature reserves



Hima Ebel es-Saqi



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Conservation Dept.

through government agencies, SPNL is now reviving and advocating the Hima community based conservation approach that has been prevalent in the Arabic region for more than 1500 years. This approach concentrates on the involvement of local communities in decision making, promotes sustainable use of natural resources, and supports poverty alleviation through providing alternatives for income generation.

Strategic Goal C

Advance and promote the revival of the Hima system to develop community-based protected areas, ensuring direct measurable benefits for both communities and nature

Capacity Building and Experiential Learning: Awareness and education are an important pillar towards developing positive attitude and behavior towards nature.

Strategic Goal D

Build a community of environmentally aware citizens through capacity building and experiential learning to develop attitudes and behaviours that support nature conservation

Nature-friendly Microenterprise Products and Services: SPNL concentrates on preserving cultural practices and upgrading livelihood in parallel to conservation; thus the support for local microenterprises and their products and services.

Strategic Goal E

Support identification, development, production and marketing of nature-friendly microenterprise products and services to strengthen livelihoods in Hima communities

Strategic Goal F

Launch and implement the Hima Village model around Hima sites, in partnership with the private sector, to build sustainable communities through addressing pillars that are core to nature conservation and community based sustainable development

Organisational Development

In order to achieve the above goals, it is important to raise the capacity of the organization. The different workstreams to deliver core organisational development are defined as: Operating Structures, Tech-

nical Expertise, Development Structures and Carbon Neutrality.

Operating Structures: SPNL aims at revising and updating its governance and management structure to ensure sustainability and resilience of its operation.

Strategic Goal G

Review and strengthen all aspects of the governance, management, operations, and financing of SPNL to ensure that it is a robust, resilient, and sustainable organization

Technical Expertise: To ensure proper delivery of strategic goals, it is crucial to raise capacity and skills of SPNL employees.

Strategic Goal H

Acquire and apply essential technical skills in Nature Conservation and Community Based Sustainable Development to facilitate effective delivery of the Organisational Development Strategy

Development Structures: To fuel the delivery of key focus areas, SPNL aims at strengthening its profile, branding, and fundraising efforts, supporting its operation, growth and sustainability.

Strategic Goal I

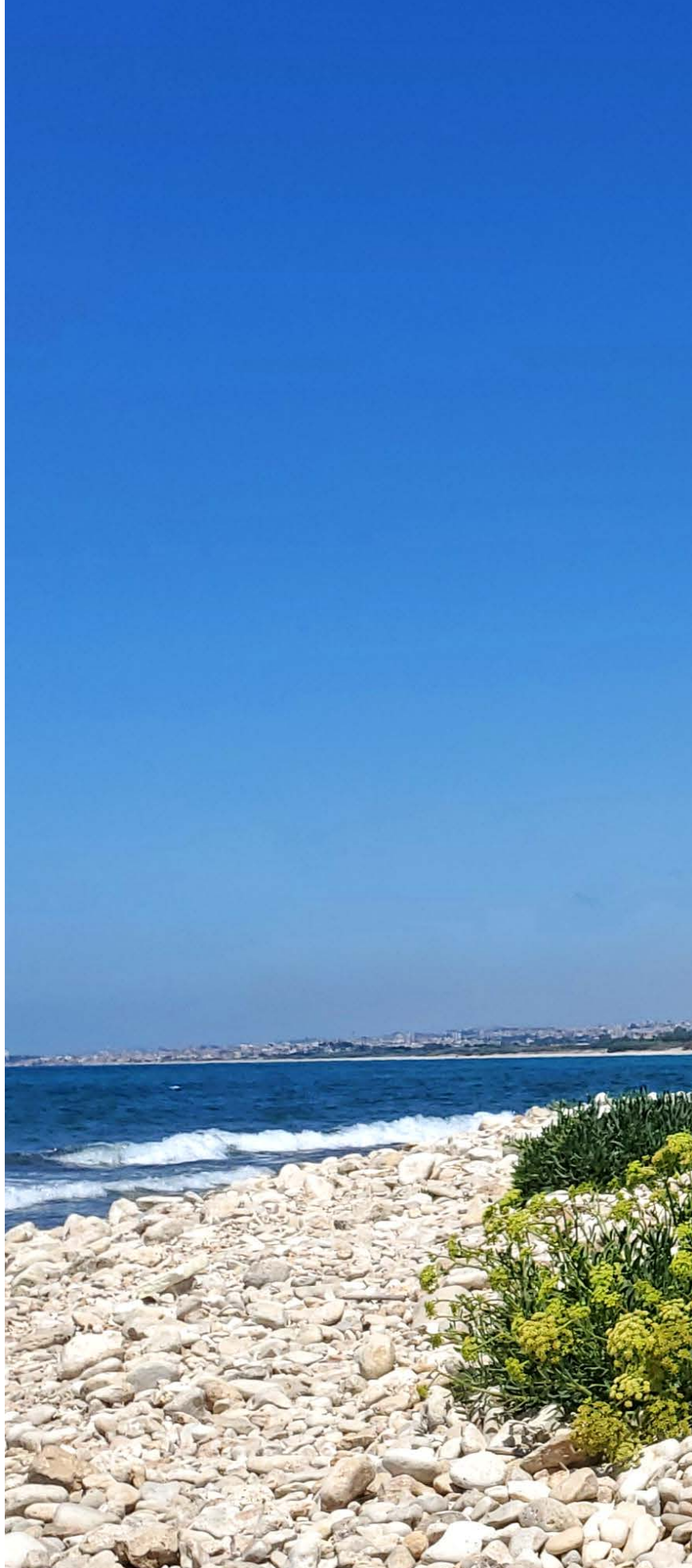
Strengthen the brand, profile and fundraising effectiveness of SPNL to maintain SPNL's recognition and access, and fuel the delivery of Nature Conservation and Community Based Sustainable Development priorities

Carbon Neutrality: SPNL realizes the impact of climate changes, thus takes decision to establish climate change department.

Strategic Goal J

Create a measurable carbon footprint baseline for SPNL and develop SPNL Climate Action Plan to reduce Carbon Emissions to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2030

All high level objectives complement each other to achieve SPNL set strategic development goals. The operational plan highlights Key performance Indicators-KPI for progress and achievements.







Biodiversity Monitoring with the engagement of the local community to increase their capacity and benefit from their knowledge of the area

LANDSCAPE CONNECTIVITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - KEY TO MORE EFFICIENT NATURE CONSERVATION

By Elie El-Haddad

“As we develop more protected areas, we must consider how animals will piece them together” - Frances Stewart

Nature has unlimited ways to help us thrive through its diverse ecosystems and different resources, but to ensure that our nature will stay this haven for all living creatures, we need to protect it, and we need to act now!

SPNL and through different projects is working on a big strategical aim, which is promoting the Hima concept as tool to ensure landscape connectivity between existing Protect Areas in Lebanon. Starting with a science-based situation analysis for the natural and socio-economic components, then going to the engagement of the local community members so they can be Himat Al Hima, the main entity to sustain the conservation action within the established Hima sites.

From Mount Lebanon, passing by the Beirut River valley, to the Litany River basin, going through the West Bekaa to arrive to the peak of Mount Hermon, the Hima will be this natural and social bridge,



Mammal Monitoring - Dr. Mounir Abi Said



Red Fox - Photographed during field visits © Dr. Mounir Abi Said

built and maintained by the Hima Leaders from all regions to ensure that nature will always have a safe way to bloom.

This is a long journey, but for sure it's a very interesting and exciting one. These last couple of years (2021 – 2022) SPNL team, namely the Nature Conservation department has achieved significant milestones towards the realization of the big dream:

- A GIS mapping system is being developed to ensure a proper visualization of different layers within the Hima sites all over Lebanon. Land-use, Landcover, Soil, Geology, and water bodies, were considered for the development of maps. This will help creating a comprehensive data base where different elements could be integrated for a better decision making.
- Biodiversity monitoring protocols for Birds, Plants, Mammals and Herpetofauna are being conducted in different Hima sites for an updated assessment for the ecological health of the targeted sites. This will help establishing efficient management plans as well as prioritizing sites where the



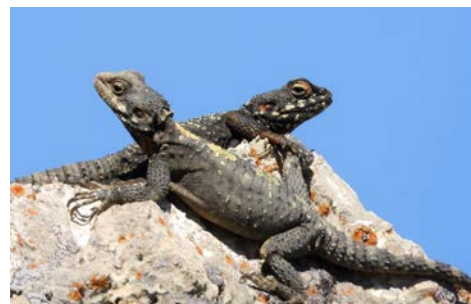
Elie El-Haddad
Research and
Conservation
Manager

establishment of a new Himas could be the key for an improved conservation.

- A citizen-science manual for Biodiversity monitoring is being developed to increase the engagement of local community groups in monitoring and conservation activities.

Nature has no boundaries, and the Hima revival has no limits once the community is engaged and onboard for a beautiful journey to conserve nature and ensure the needed connections between Protected Areas. This way People and Nature will be thriving together in a greener country.

Starred Agama © Husein Zorkot

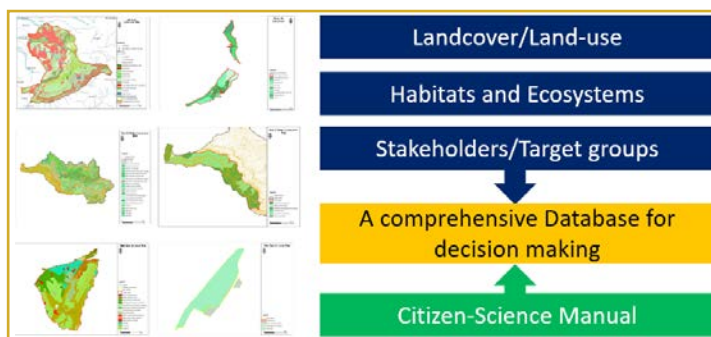




Biodiversity Monitoring with the engagement of the local community to increase their capacity and benefit from their knowledge of the area

Porcupine - Caught on Camera trap

Wild Cat - Caught on Camera trap



The multi-layered mapping systems with recorded data from field visits and citizen-science tools will contribute in building a clear database for decision making





SPNL Director General Assad Serhal at the IUCN Congress, Malaga
Reintroduced Nbian Ibex at the Chouf Biosphere Reserve (right)







Egyptian vultures at the LHHH aviary - Hima Kayfoun © Elie Karam

4 ADULT EGYPTIAN VULTURES WERE TRANSPORTED FROM LEBANON TO PRAGUE, BRINGING NEW HOPE FOR THE SPECIES' RECOVERY

By Louis Jr. Saad

During 2022, four gorgeous adult Egyptian Vultures were successfully transported from Lebanon to Czech Republic. The newcomers will join other Egyptian Vultures and will become part of the European Endangered Species Program for the Egyptian Vulture managed by Prague Zoo. In the zoo the vultures receive an opportunity to find partners and breed. One they mate, their offsprings will be released in Bulgaria as part of the reinforcement program which aims to save the species from extinction in the Balkans. The transport was organized by SPNL and Prague zoo with the support of BSPB.

In April 2022, based on various tip-offs the SPNL's Anti-Poaching Unit was able to confiscate the four Egyptian vultures from a local farm in the north of Lebanon where they were held. The raid was conducted in cooperation with the Committee Against Bird Slaughter (CABS), who were implementing their yearly bird camp with SPNL. The vultures were transported to SPNL's rehabilitation center in Luc Hoffman Hima Home, Keyfoun where they spent over 150 days under the careful care of SPNL's team.



Members of SPNL's Anti-Poaching Unit and the Committee Against Bird Slaughter (CABS) while on mission

The vet examinations and the expert's assessment revealed that the birds could not be released back in the wild. As such, SPNL team were provided needed care from continuous examination and proper dietary intake to ensure optimum results and health. Afterwards, it was decided to transport them to Europe where they will enter the Egyptian Vulture captive-breeding program within EAZA which is coordinated by the Prague Zoo. Same as, Anahita was the first to make the flight from Beirut through Istanbul to Prague, such events show how constructive partnership and collaboration among various partners leads to good results. In the frame of the Egyptian Vulture New LIFE project 6 Egyptian Vultures were transported from the Middle East to Europe and included in the captive-breeding program of Prague Zoo and two other individuals were released in the wild after rehabilitation. Six of these individuals were rescued by SPNL's APU unit in Lebanon. As one can imagine, the transportation of a live vulture is not an easy task. The preparations, the required paper-

work and veterinary examinations take long time, but we proved that united, we can achieve more and fight for a brighter future of the magnificent Egyptian Vulture!



Louis Jr. Saad
IKB Manager









Active listening in Hima Kherbet Kanafar. Learning happens outdoor



SNOW A PROJECT TOWARDS A PROGRAM

By André Béchara

**SNOW is in the mouth of all schools,
SNOW is snowballing!**

SNOW, an acronym for School with no Walls, is an educational and environmental program initiated by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon in 2013. It includes fun activities, conferences and field trips, through which students live a real experience of nature.

The SNOW program has become a must in public schools. On October 27, 2021, the Minister of Education signed an agreement giving access to SPNL educational teams to give SNOW sessions in all of Lebanon's public schools. Private schools also actively participate in the program, which is nationwide in scope, working closely with mayors and school administrators.

The topics covered are varied and of direct concern to humanity. They include climate change, water and pollution, migration and hunting, how to behave in nature, biodiversity, hima and protected areas, first aid in case of accident, to name but a few.

The program is flexible and can be adapted to various age groups.

Since 2013 hundreds of students, scouts and associations have participated in this informal education program, but a big change has taken place since this program was endorsed by the Ministry of National Education.

More than 2000 students between the ages of 7 and 15 have already attended SNOW sessions and this in all Lebanese regions, namely Mt Lebanon, the Bekaa, Tripoli, South Lebanon, Rachaya, and Akkar since October 2021.



2 Students discovering the beauty of an artichoke flower

The testimonies of school principals, teachers and students alike show how this simple and accessible program has had a positive impact and created an environmental dynamic in schools.

The director of a large public school recounted in her testimony *"at the end of the session, the students asked me to create an environmental club at school"*, another said *"the impact on the students is excessively positive and important and it shows."* These testimonies are numerous and encourage the SPNL educational team to always go further and into the remote regions of Lebanon. In southern Lebanon the UNIFIL (United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon) collaborates with SPNL to attend SNOW sessions in public schools, and distributes small kits to the students, for use in nature. SNOW works with various institutions to make students discover the importance of Nature and its biodiversity, SNOW is what is called in English an *"eye opener"* to the beauties of Lebanon.

SNOW is not only an educational approach but also a vector of communication and peace.



André Béchara
Head of Hima
Centers / SNOW
Education Manager



Students engaged and eager to answer to a question

SNOW in numbers:

Schools / Nb of Sessions / Sum of Students / Male / Female

Al Marj School	3	189	118	71
Al Wafaa School	3	99	49	50
Baakline Public School	1	43	23	20
Boustani Public School	1	31	0	31
Carlos Slim Summer Camp	8	260	144	116
Grande Lycee Franco-Libanaise	1	16	7	9
Hammana Public School	8	140	68	72
Jdeidete El Chouf-Bakaata Public School	1	29	16	13
Kberbet Anafar Community	1	21	14	7
Keyfoun Public School	2	42	14	28
Lycee Montaigne	1	65	23	42
Mansoura Municipality	1	29	20	9
Rachaya Public School	3	173	75	98
Ras el Maten Public School	2	44	20	24
Sacre Coeur Hammana	3	205	109	96
Shouf National College	2	86	35	51
St. Francois D'Assises	4	211	104	107
St. Jean School	1	36	20	16
Tahaddi	6	148	65	83
West Hill College	1	58	35	23
Women Association/ MESD	1	16	8	8
Zouk Mikeal Summer Camp	1	34	17	17
Grand Total	55	1975	984	991
Percentage (%)	-	100	49.8	50.2



"HIMA FOR PEACE"

By Dalia Malaeb

Lebanon is a very centralized country; strategies, plans, and decisions in relation to natural resource management in the country is mainly done by the central government, with little consideration to potential local tensions related to these natural resources. Therefore, local communities rarely participate in the decisions related to the management of their natural resources. Governments also tend to avoid their involvement in order to avoid sectarian dynamics, that can negatively affect the process. The use of natural resources often leads to increased tension among different communities. Such problems are likely to increase in the future because of the effects of climate change. Additionally, in Lebanon, the current economic and political crisis has led to an increase in sectarian tension, as more and more people rely on communal resources to meet their basic needs.

The Hima for Peace concept aims at using the Hima approach that focuses on the direct involvement of local communities, benefiting from their knowledge and expec-



Dalia Malaeb
Hima for Peace
Project Manager

tations, which contribute to sustainable peace. In addition, the Hima approach is a key element in promoting social cohesion, for it's a common ground for all, regardless of their social, cultural, and religious differences. It strengthens social and cultural capacities to resolve disputes and conflict and promotes inter-group interaction and dialogue.

The Hima for Peace concept can be used in two ways. It can connect people in conflict around the use of a common natural resource; or can use nature and natural resources to connect people in conflict around the same common goal of conserving nature. Therefore, it can address conflict between human and nature on the use of natural resources; and it can address conflict between people within the same village or between villages by using nature. The source of conflict in the second situation could be based on ethnic, religious, political, economic or other reasons.

Therefore, the Hima for Peace concept is to use the Hima approach to connect people together through nature as a common neutral ground. The concept builds communication channels between conflicting groups using common natural resources; thus, resulting in ownership and resilience. Hima for Peace upscales the Hima approach from a concept for biodiversity protection into a tool to resolve conflicts and increase cohesion between local communities.

HOMAT AL HIMA LET US BUILD A BETTER WORLD TOGETHER!

By Rania Khalil

We all know that the youth are the future and that they represent hope and power. With them we build the new path of tomorrow on strong pillars and shared values: *Integrity, Respect, Solidarity, Belief, Enthusiasm, Equity, Engagement, and commitment.*

The Homat Al Hima Program is an environmental education program for young men and women. Through education and awareness, the objectives are to advocate a better, more sustainable way of life for them and their villages, empowering them to live in harmony with nature, teaching them to protect their own Himas and connecting them under their common values.

After training different communities in Hammana, Ras El Matn, Mansoura, Quaroun, Kayfoun, Shemlan, Baysour, Anfeh and elsewhere, this year the plans are bigger: To organize small, active Homat Al Hima groups in different Hima: to teach them how they can be actively involved in the protection of their respective villages. They will be meeting monthly and be involved in the village and its activities, which will reach not only the local community members, but also students of schools and universities.

Themes we focus on include: Nature conservation, Hima revival, Flora and fauna, Bird identification and monitoring,



Homat Al Hima training sessions

forest management, sustainable agriculture, harvesting and grazing, time management, leadership and teamwork, biodiversity values, and nature photography.

Quote from Homat Al Hima:

"This workshop opened my eyes to so many different things that surround us daily. It helped me understand the beautiful connections that happen between every living organism included in an ecosystem. Now I understand the importance of biodiversity and the importance of working together to preserve the little biodiversity and natural ecosystems that we have left." - Sama

"The Homat Al Hima training was definitely very interesting & informative. I learned so much and had the chance to meet SPNL team: Rania and Elie who were dedicated and patient. And it was a pleasure to meet many Homat Al Hima members, we shared so many ideas and we worked as a team together, it was a fun/ learning workshop." - Lara

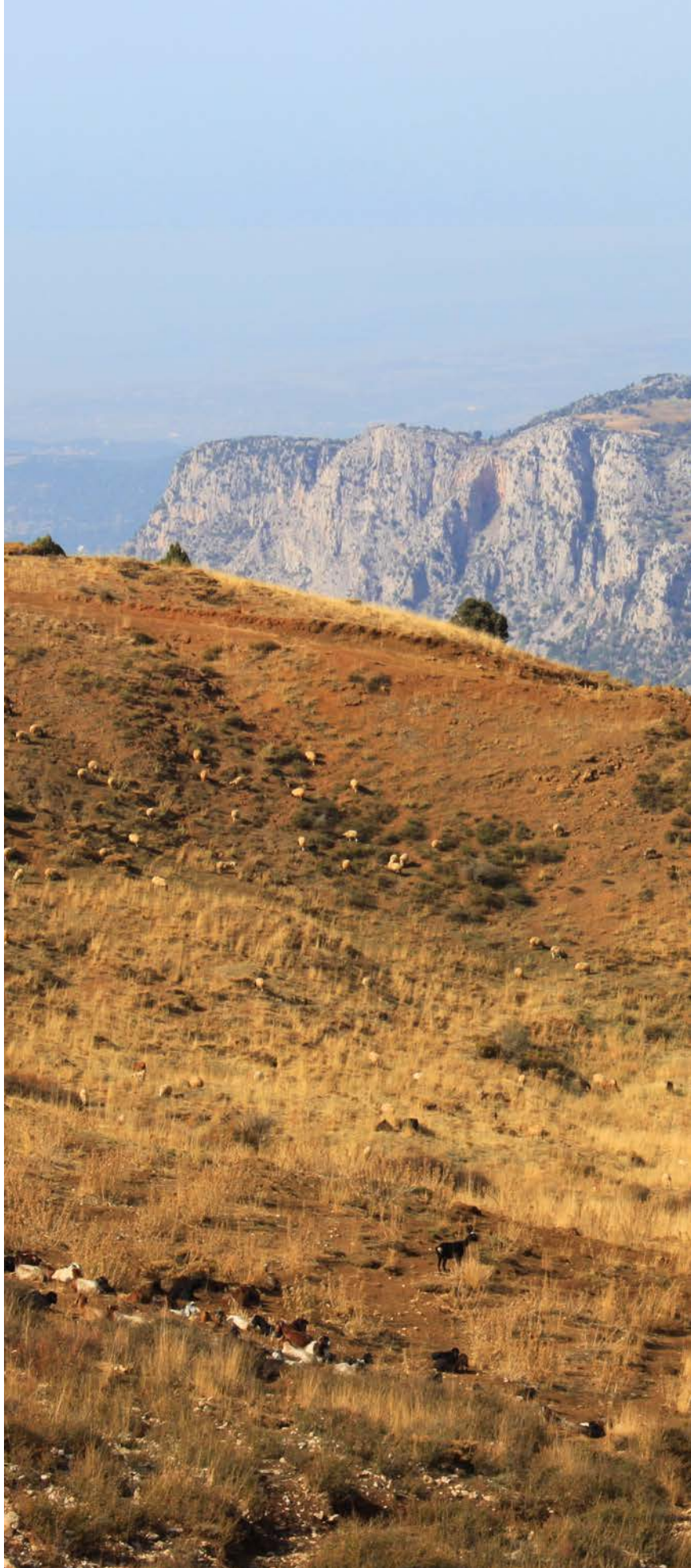


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HIMA TO HIMA PROGRAM

By Louis Jr. Saad

Within SPNL, one of its programs, known as Hima-to-Hima, serves a connection among all other programs within the pillars of the organization. Hima to Hima concept. The Hima-to-Hima program aims to connect himas together, by showcasing the uniqueness of every hima, thus presenting the diversity within the areas where SPNL operates. This program is presented to help tour operators provide a very exquisite and enriching experience for nature tourists, who would like to have an enriching taste of various categories within the same country. As such, SPNL along with on-going projects worked with local community members of the established himas, on proper branding and improving existing structures to better adhere to international standards while maintaining the identity. In other words, initiated by SPNL, aims to link the different Hima sites from the Bekaa region, to the North, and South. It highlights the natural, cultural and social values embedded within the hima areas which are managed by the local community, the custodians of the land. This tour snapshots several ecotourism packages that tour operators can tailor for individuals and groups to enjoy within the himas. SPNL envisions "From Hima to Hima" model to connect all sites that SPNL is working on. From within the 28 himas, SPNL has supported in establishing, people can visit the lovely salt mills in Anfeh, North, and then head to the himas within the Bekaa to try hike along agriculture fields and meet the local farmers, and finally visit the Mansouri area in the South to check the turtles and enjoy sandy clean beaches within the orange trees. There are plenty of things to keep people busy and entertained while visiting





all these villages, from walking to canoeing and fishing to snowshoeing. The biodiversity of those villages provides enthusiasts with an opportunity to explore its different ecosystems and spot some unique wildlife. From bird watching, to agriculture cropping, to hiking, reaching the enriching culinary experience exclusively and unique per every region. Packages within this program can be tailored from a one-day excursion up to a full week, as per the needs and interests of people.





SHAKING HANDS WITH NATURE!

By Rania Khalil

I saw an old farmer climbing a long slope with a large bag of cabbages on his back. And I waited for him and when he arrived, I just asked him:

"How could you carry this heavy bag.

I am so young and just arrived without breath walking 5 minutes."

And he replied with a wide smile:

"This land is what keep me strong and young. I walk with passion and come each day with unbreakable happiness."

Hima Farm is a way of living, a way of growing crops with love and passion. The aim is to promote sustainable agriculture while preserving traditional land-use practices.

Mixing between the old practices and some practices that are better for Nature and human beings.

The farmers in the villages are attentive to this new approach. You can see how much they are attached to their lands and with help they are ready for some change to protect their territories.

◦ We worked this year with 6 farmers in Hammana and Ras El Matn in around 4 hectares:

Each farmer has its own way of planting and taking care of his farm.

We worked following the Hima Farm Best Practices to promote sustainable agriculture and protect the natural resources.

The main activities that we implemented:

- Water management and irrigation system
- Integrated pest management and usage of biopesticides
- Planting native crops and crop rotation
- Regeneration of the soil

- This was along the organization of several workshops in different Himas about: sustainable agriculture, sustainable harvesting and grazing, crop management, and crop rotation. To create awareness for the farmers and local communities in the villages.

- And for the next year we are working with 6 farmers from Ras El Matn, Hammana, Kherbet Kanafar, and Ain Zebdeh. We will work in the same way but with different farmers and different planted crops.

The aim is to extend as much as possible this Hima Farm approach and attract each year more farmers in the wave.

All the farmers are very happy to work on new approaches and to have a new vision for their agricultural activities. And this what push us forward to work more with them.

As Mounif said one of the farmers from Ras El Matn: "I will always plant organically, without using any pesticides. I want to use this land with consciousness, harvesting healthy crops for me and the consumers." The multiple conversations with local farmers reassures us for the future. We will continue promoting the sustainable agriculture in the Himas to show the local communities how much the lands can give them when they are maintained in the best way possible.



Hima Farm Practices (on the left)

Blooming cherry tree at Hima Farm Hammana

Seedlings' distribution for local farmers at Ras El Matn





"La Bokra" Kitchen in Ras el Matn



SOUK AL-HIMA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

By Karim Yassine



Karim Yassine
Procurement &
Logistics Officer

Souk Al-Hima is a program established by SPNL in 2014 aimed at conserving traditional cultural skills and practices of local communities and to improve livelihoods in rural communities.

We are working on a new educational policy by digitizing our books & publications that will grant us quick access and easy distribution. In addition, the policy is cost effective and environmentally friendly. Marketing our products as a contribution to local communities such as bird houses, pins of threatened birds and wildlife, as well as soap and food products.

Under the MAVA and Allianz project, a model kitchen has been created in Ras el Matn by the name of "La Bokra", with the participation of local community members. More than 42 local products are made and sold and all materials used are local materials that were grown and cultivated using sustainable farming practices.

SPNL has already started with the marketing initiative, whereby several fixed outlets have been established and used to market Souk Al Hima products. The outlets are:

1. SPNL HQ in Hamra, Beirut
2. Mount Lebanon Hima Center (Luc Hoffman Hima Home) in Kayfoun, Mount Lebanon
3. Homat al Hima International Center in Kherbet Kanafar, West Bekaa



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(from SPNL's A FIELD GUIDE TO THE MARINE BIRDS OF LEBANON AND THE EASTERN SHORES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN)







Honey Bee, WBCC © Mohamed Haimour

ACTIVATING SPNL'S VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

By Amer Saidi



Amer Saidi
Volunteers
and Outreach
Coordinator

As SPNL's Volunteering and Outreach Coordinator, my job is to liaise with interns and volunteers, as well as potential volunteers, from both Lebanon and abroad. It is heart-warming to see the number of people who wish to volunteer and make a difference for the environment, despite the difficult times Lebanon is currently going through.

Indeed, as the country has grappled with an economic and financial meltdown, exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic, the number of people wanting to volunteer and make a difference has only increased. We have both local and foreign volunteers interning in different capacities with our various project managers, and they have all shown tremendous passion and dedication. It is a given that the conservation of nature is pivotal to human survival and wellbeing. It is very rewarding to be involved in this kind of work, as it is of real benefit to my country and beyond.

MEET THE REST OF SPNL'S TEAM



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Migrating White storks © Fouad Itani

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SPNL Director General Assad Serhal
received BirdLife International
Member of Honour Award 2022



Lesser Whitethroat © Fouad Itani

FINANCIAL SITUATION FOR YEAR 2022

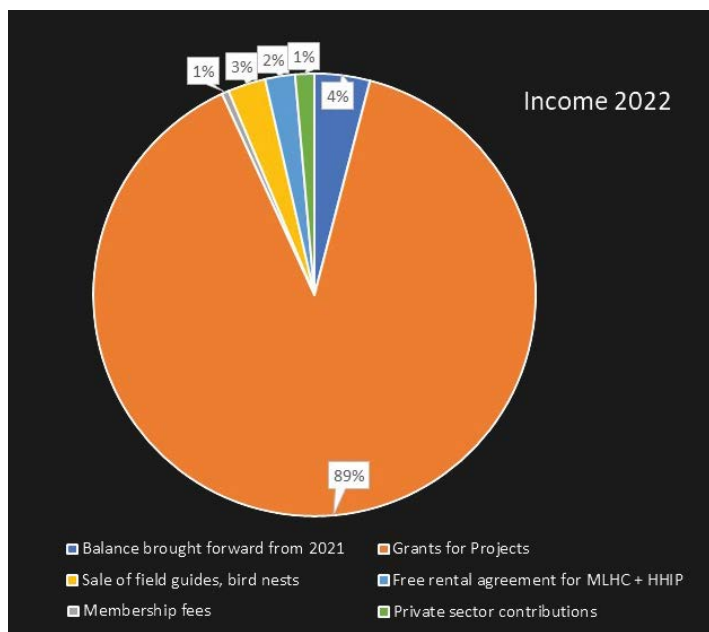
By Bassima Khatib & Mazen Yassin

Income

In 2022, SPNL regular donors continued their support to SPNL conservation and community efforts in Lebanon, as well as capacity building, awareness, and environmental education. Donors included European Union, MAVA Foundation, Global Environment Fund-GEF, Agence Francaise De Developpement-AFD, Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial - FFEM, Bosch Foundation, Sigrid Rausing Trust-SRT, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund – CEPF and Foundation Hans Wilsford.

In addition to annual membership fees, Sale of field guides and bird nests; and private sector contributions which supported SPNL conservation work through cash and in-kind contribution.

As displayed in the figure below, 89% of SPNL is restricted funding kindly funded by our donors.



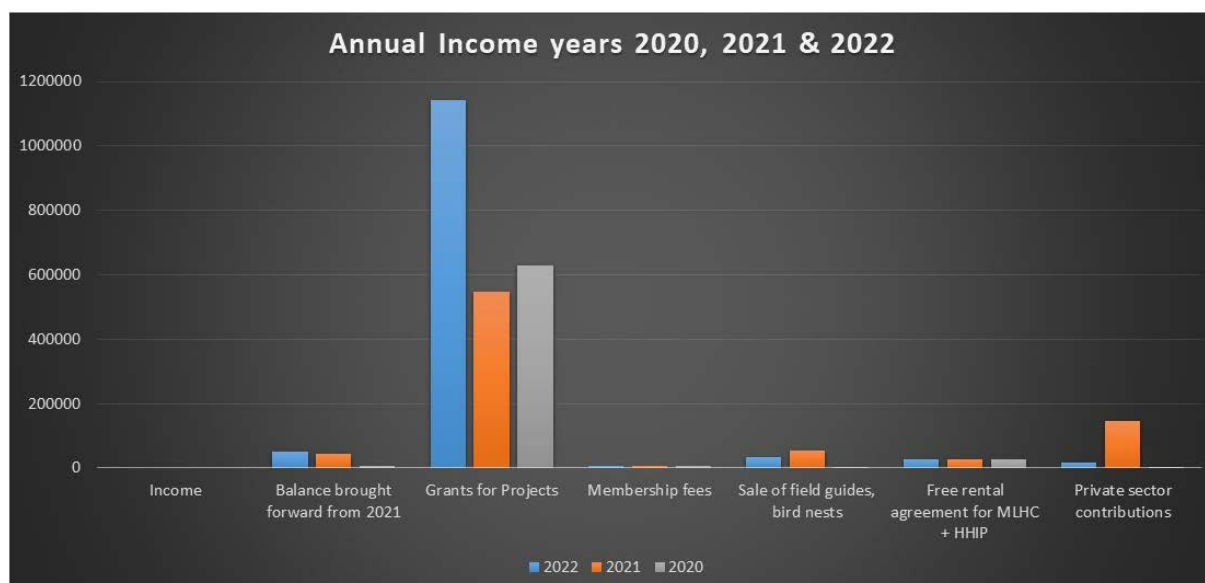
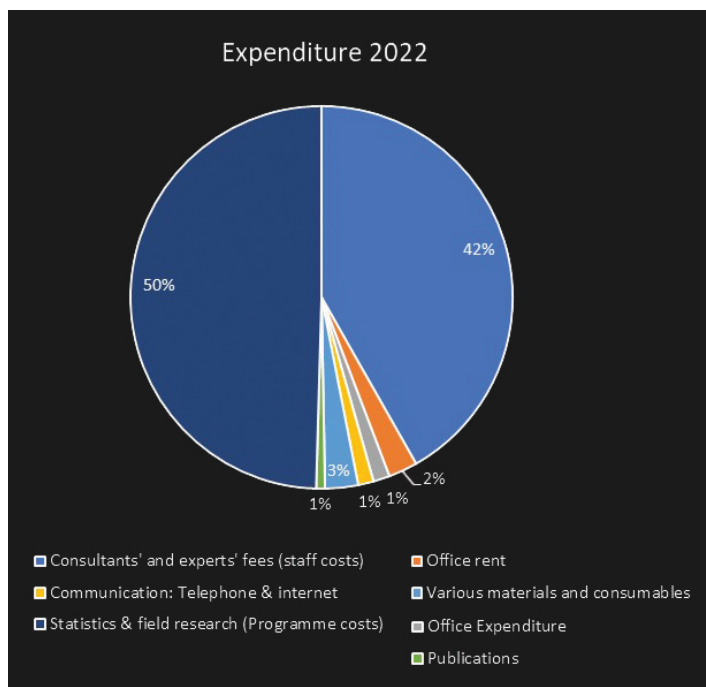
Expenditure

Human resources, research, conservation and community livelihood efforts are the essence of SPNL work. Thus, the main shares of expenditure cover community work and research (50%), in addition to consultants and expert fees (42%). In addition to minor percentage on administrative running costs.

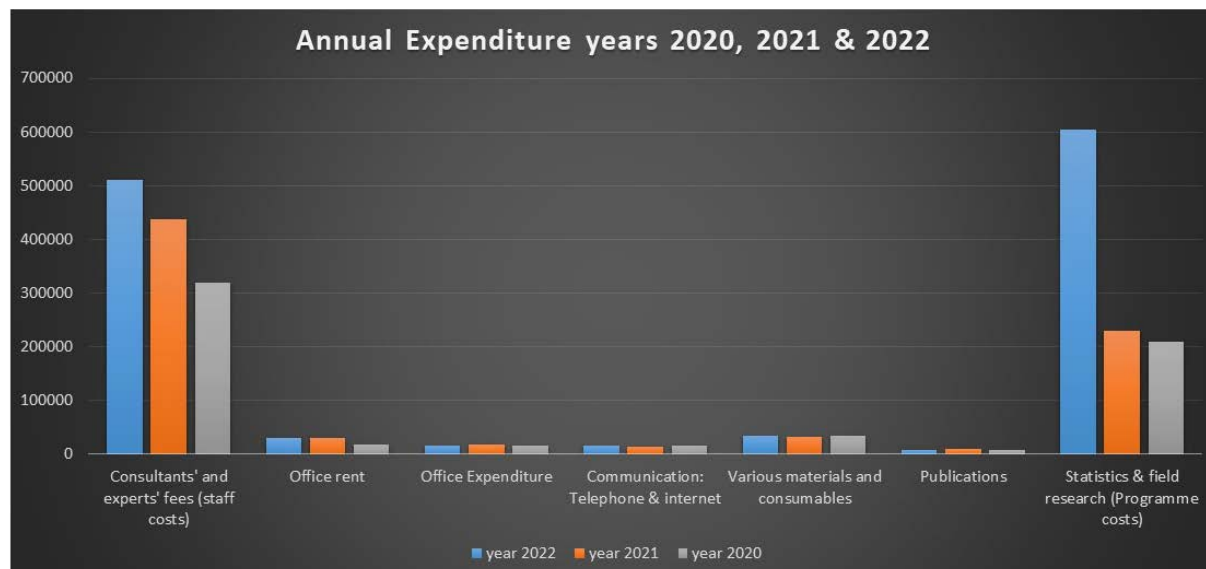
Trend in Financial Stability

Looking at the trend between 2020 & 2022, an increase in “Grants for Projects” has been mobilized. This was mainly materialized through kind support from European Union for 2 new projects.

Income from un-restricted funding is still in small amount (membership fees, sale of field guides, free rental agreements, and private sector contributions). Unrestricted funding remained small in year 2022 due to the overall stressful situation in Lebanon (political & security problems, financial restrictions, COVID 19,...) which affected the smooth launching of the centers operation and evolution of SPNL programmes.



The increase in income has supported growth in our conservation programmes and the plans for our financial sustainability.



Future Plans for Financial Sustainability

SPNL has realized that funding for conservation has experienced fundamental decrease in the latest period. Social issues were more supported within the current status of insecurity, war, refugees, COVID 19,...especially within the Mediterranean region. Based on the above, SPNL had taken strategic decisions in order to plan for financial sustainability including the establishment of 2 new centers- with Free rental agreements:

- **Mount-Lebanon Hima Center-MLHC, Kayfoun – Aley district (half an hour from Beirut), concentrating on Hima programme, and Hima School.**
- **Homat Hima International Park-HHIP in West Bekaa, including butterflies garden, Homat Al Hima Academy, etc... (an hour & a half from Beirut).**



Mazen Yassin
Head of
Finance and
Administration
Dept.

our plans, the construction of Homat Al Hima International Park- HHIP and rehabilitation at Mount Lebanon Hima Center-MLHC are finished.

Unfortunately, year 2020 - 2022 carried with it a lot of pressing problems in the country including social uprising on October 2019, political & security situation, government resignation, financial restrictions on foreign currency, in addition to COVID 19 drastic pandemic outbreak. All these factors have impacted our plans for our centers & decreased our aspirations for mobilizing unrestricted funding.

With special thanks for the **MAVA Foundation** and **Sigrd Rausing Trust** for their belief in SPNL work and the feasibility of

Success Stories

Based on the above, SPNL concentrated on the evolution of its internal departments & programmes:

- Throughout the past two years, SPNL has successfully completed and endorsed its 2020 - 2030 Organisational Development Strategy, to strengthen its position. Additionally, many aspects of SPNL operating structures have been reviewed to ensure stability of its operation. SPNL has adopted a new organisational chart where staff roles were clearly outlined.

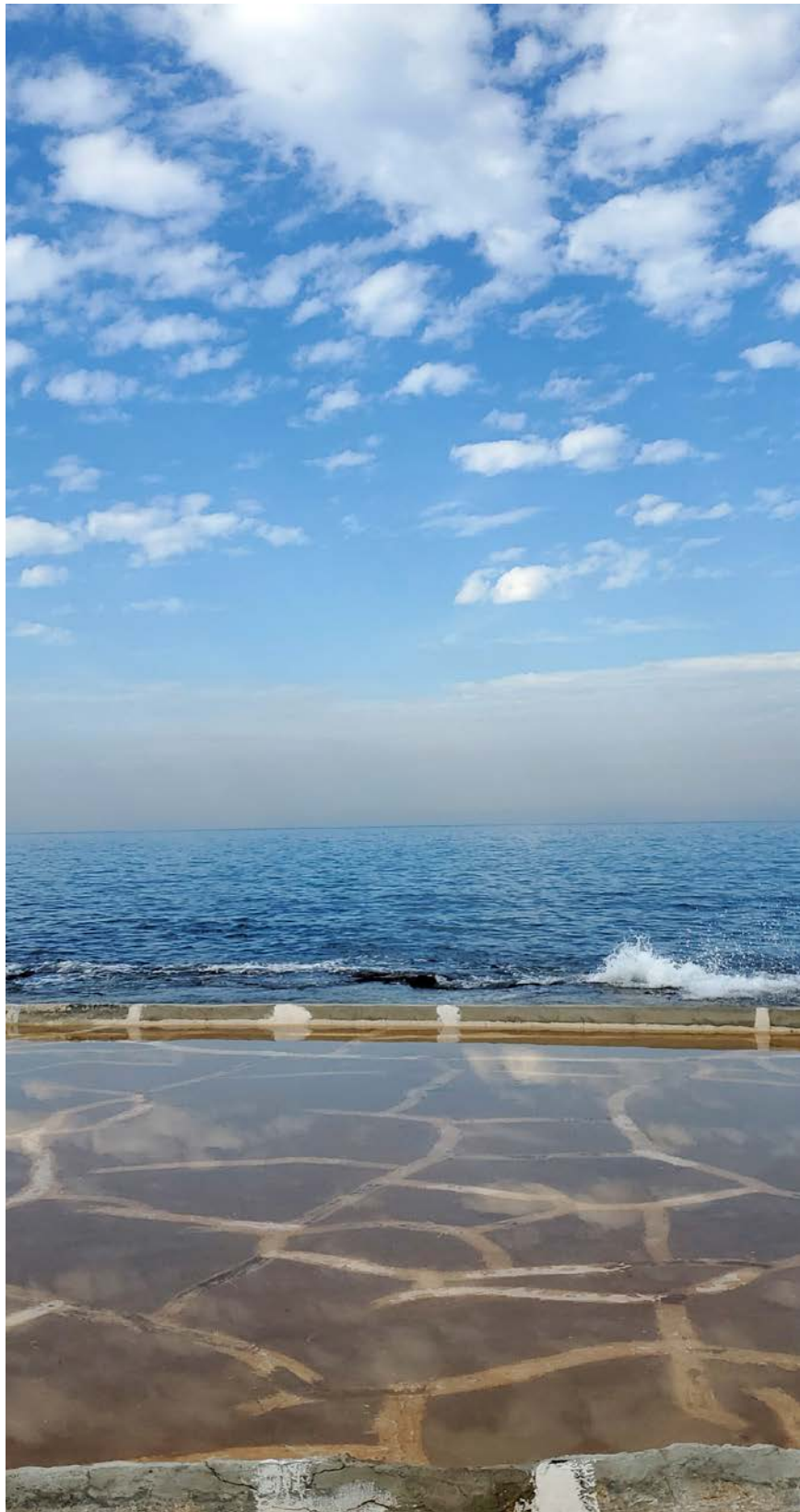
- SPNL 2030 Strategy has fixated Nature Conservation at the core of its operation, building on its long and successful track record in this work area. The new EU grants has helped SPNL strengthen its conservation department to lead on the planned activities of its 2023 operating plan.

In 2022, SPNL's conservation department continues to undertake biodiversity assessments at its priority Hima sites to research and monitor new species and threats and implement new management plans to further build SPNL Biodiversity Database. SPNL team is working closely with local community members to raise their knowledge in nature and build pro-environmental behaviours through School with no Walls program.

- SPNL concentrated on the evolution of SNOW – Hima School programme where year 2022 witnessed the adoption of the programme by the Ministry of Education and the realization of outreach to more than 1500 students enjoying nature in Lebanon.

All these efforts aiming to decrease SPNL dependence on project based restricted funding, and to diversify its sources of funding.

But SPNL will always continue project development & seeking funding from donors (for realizing its conservation and community objectives).



Salines - Hima Anfeh

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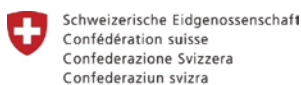


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The symbolic adoption is a strong commitment: through your donation, you contribute in a sustainable way to the projects that the SPNL carries out for the survival of the species and/or Hima site you have chosen, and you support our essential nature conservation work in Lebanon.

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