



A Timeline of some Major Events in the... GENESIS AND EVOLUTION OF THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ARABIAN LEOPARD IN YEMEN

"Working to ensure an expanding population of wild Arabian leopards in Yemen"

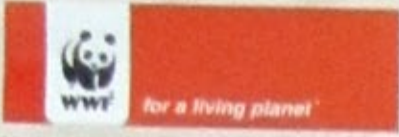


Fig. 1: Between 1996 and 2006 Students at Sana'a International School raised more than \$30,000 for conservation in the WWF's annual Walk for Wildlife. WWF decided to cancel the walk in 2007.



Fig. 2: August 2007 - Melissa Stanton, a former intern with the BCEAW, suggested raising funds for Arabian leopard conservation. (Photo by David Stanton)



Figs. 3 and 4: November 11, 2007 - 1st Annual SIS Walk to Save the Arabian Leopard. Students raised more than US\$6,000 in startup funds for the Yemeni Leopard Recovery Program (YLRP). (Photos by Ahmed Nabil Saeed)



Fig. 5: February 20 to 22, 2008 - YLRP's First exploratory visit to Wada'a, Amran. (Photo by David Stanton)



Fig. 6: February 27, 2008 - YLRP's First public speaking engagement, held at the Desert Wildlife Centre in Sharjah. (Photo by David Stanton)



Figs. 7 and 8: March 12, 2008 - HE Abdulrahman Al-Eryani, Yemen Minister for Water and the Environment, in Wada'a with Dr. Abdul Karim Nasher and area residents to discuss the formation of 'Wada'a Leopard Sanctuary.' (Photos by David Stanton)



Fig. 9: April 29, 2008 - Yemen Council of Ministers declares the Arabian Leopard as Yemen's National Animal. (Stock photo)



Figs. 10 and 11: May 1, 2008 - Students from the Arabian Leopard Club at Sana'a International School redecorate the Sana'a Zoo Awareness Centre. (Photos by David Stanton)



Fig. 12: June 5, 2008 - Third YLRP visit to Wada'a. Residents mix cement in order to install trail camera in Wadi Lefaj al Yemin. (Photo by David Stanton)



Fig. 13: June 28, 2008 - SETBACK! Trail camera is stolen from Wadi Lefaj al Yemin by detractors of the protected area. (Photo by Ben Saell)



Fig. 14: August 2008 - Arwa Mineral Water Co. distributes 5,000,000 bottles of "Shamlan" mineral water with special Arabian leopard labels.



Figs. 15 and 16: November 12, 2008 - Students at Sana'a International School raise an additional \$6,000 in the 2nd Annual SIS Walk to Save the Arabian Leopard. (Photos by Jasmin Mufarreh)



Fig. 17: November 11, 2009 - SIS students demonstrate continuing support for leopard conservation in the 3rd Annual SIS Walk to Save the Arabian Leopard. (Photos by Shatha Al-Hothy)



Fig. 18: November 18, 2009 - YLRP is registered with the Yemen Ministry for Social Affairs and Labor as The Foundation for the Protection of the Arabian Leopard in Yemen (FPALY). (Photo by Shireen Beatty)



Fig. 19: December 11, 2009 Foundation's first official visit to Sana'a Zoo. (Photo by Fadhi Al-Eryani)



Fig. 20: December 26, 2009 - Foundation's first unofficial visit to Taiz Zoo. (Photo by Fadhi Al-Eryani)



Fig. 21: December 28, 2009 - Unofficial visit by FPALY and Dr. Saad and Dr. Azhar from Al Ain Wildlife Park and Resort to Sana'a Zoo. (Photo by David Stanton)



Fig. 22: Dec. 30 to Jan. 2, 2010 - Rapid Assessment of Jebel Milhan, Mahwit. Nasser Ahmed Yehya Qassem studies letter from MoWE permitting him to operate a trail camera on Jebel Milhan. (Photo by Dr. Gerhard Lichtenhaler)

The Future - Pending the receipt of sufficient funding and following a cooperative training program conducted by staff at Jebel Samhan Nature Reserve in Dhofar, Oman, the Foundation for the Protection of the Arabian Leopard in Yemen has planned a rigorous program of leopard surveys for 2010. Some sites under consideration for surveys include:



Fig. A: Wadi Lefaj Al Yemin in Wada'a, Amran has the most recent confirmed reports of Arabian leopards in Yemen (Photo by Ben Saell)



Fig. B: The foothills of Jebel Bura' are ideal leopard habitat; leopards may be re-colonizing the area (Photo by Simon Aspinall)



Fig. C: A camera survey is currently underway on the eastern slopes of Jebel Milhan, Mahwit (Photo by Dr. Gerhard Lichtenhaler)

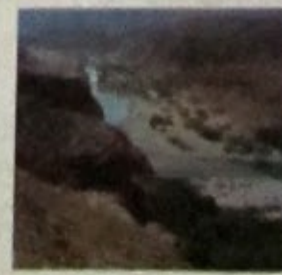


Fig. D: Wadi Hajr, Shabwa was believed to harbor leopards in recent decades and may still do (Photo by David Stanton)



Fig. E: Wadi Masilah, Hadhramawt could harbor leopards and is in urgent need of surveying (Photo by Shireen Beatty)



Fig. F: The proximity of Hawf Protected Area to Jebel Samhan Nature Reserve in Oman makes it an ideal candidate for a TBCA (Photo by David Stanton)

