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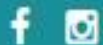
 Visual Journey

**Environmental awareness
from the virtual world to the real world**

Presenter: Ikram Quttaineh



Swift Conference – March 2018





The first web presence for the Palestinian nature reserves.

It aims at encouraging the Palestinian Society to conserve the nature reserves and promotes ecotourism.

Situation in Palestine

- 373 recorded bird species , 13 IBA's, 3 ringing stations
- 48 nature reserves, only 19 are handed over to the Palestinians (under Oslo Accords)
- Undeveloped trails
- Few flora and fauna specialists





Ecotourism in Palestine

- Ecotourism is a new form of free time activity in Palestine
- Just a hand full of trained ecotourism tour guides and birdwatchers exist in Palestine.
- Saed uses birdwatching in schools and universities for environmental education



All pictures by Saed Shomali

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Sirris

Wildlife in all its fullness



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Wadi Gaza

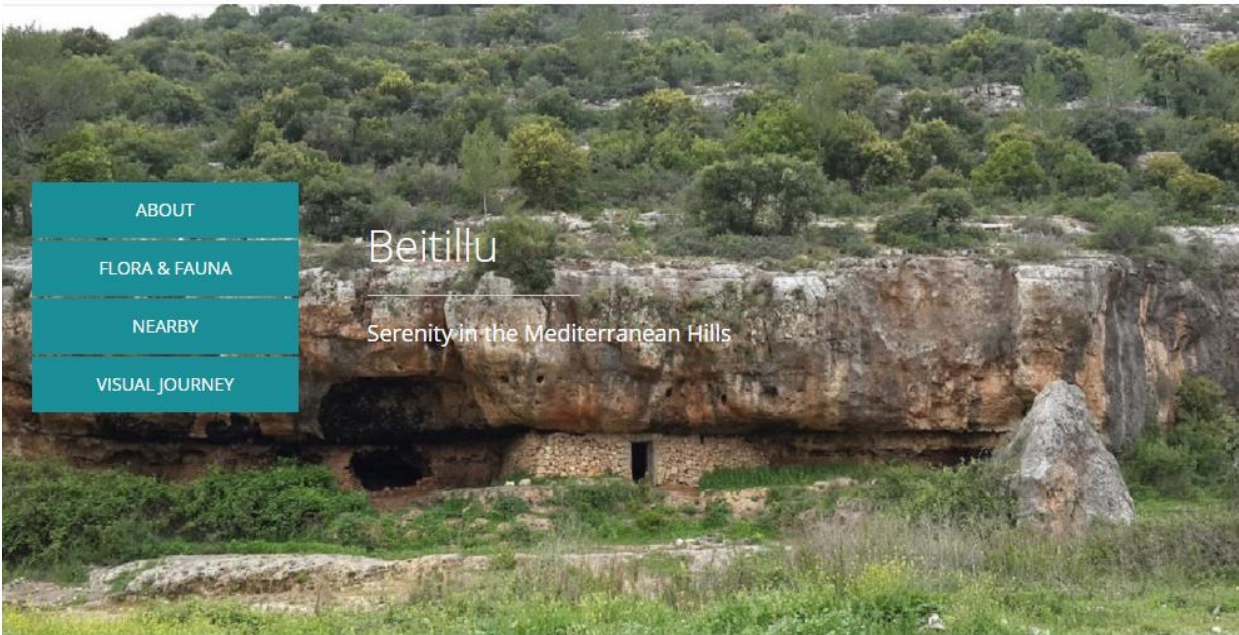
The only coastal reserve in Palestine



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Serenity in the Mediterranean Hills



Flora & Fauna Database

Keyword Search
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- ☐ Mammals (28)
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Flora & Fauna Database

Explore the Flora and Fauna species through our user-friendly filters on the left side of the page.


Species List:




Eastern Imperial Eagle




Greater Spotted Eagle




Golden Eagle




Pallid Harrier




Black Francolin




Song Thrush




Spur-winged Lapwing




Squacco Heron




Steppe Eagle



Turtle Dove



Great White Pelican



White-Spectacled Bulbul

- Information on flora and fauna
- Writers are all experts
- Useful information, identification help, fun facts
- For beginners and advanced nature lovers
- Still growing database


Ecotourism Database

Centers


- ☐ Institutions (5)
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Eco-tourism List:




Mar Saba Monastery




Freedom Theatre




Taybeh Beer Brewery




Cinema Guesthouse Jenin




Area D Hostel Ramallah




Battir: UNESCO world heritage site




Apricot season festival in Jifna village




Russian Orthodox Church: the only Christian site in Hebron




Aboud: the city of flowers




Attarah: village of aromatic plants




Aramaic inscriptions on stone in St. Mary's Church




St. Barbara's Day festival in Aboud



Qatrawani Shrine



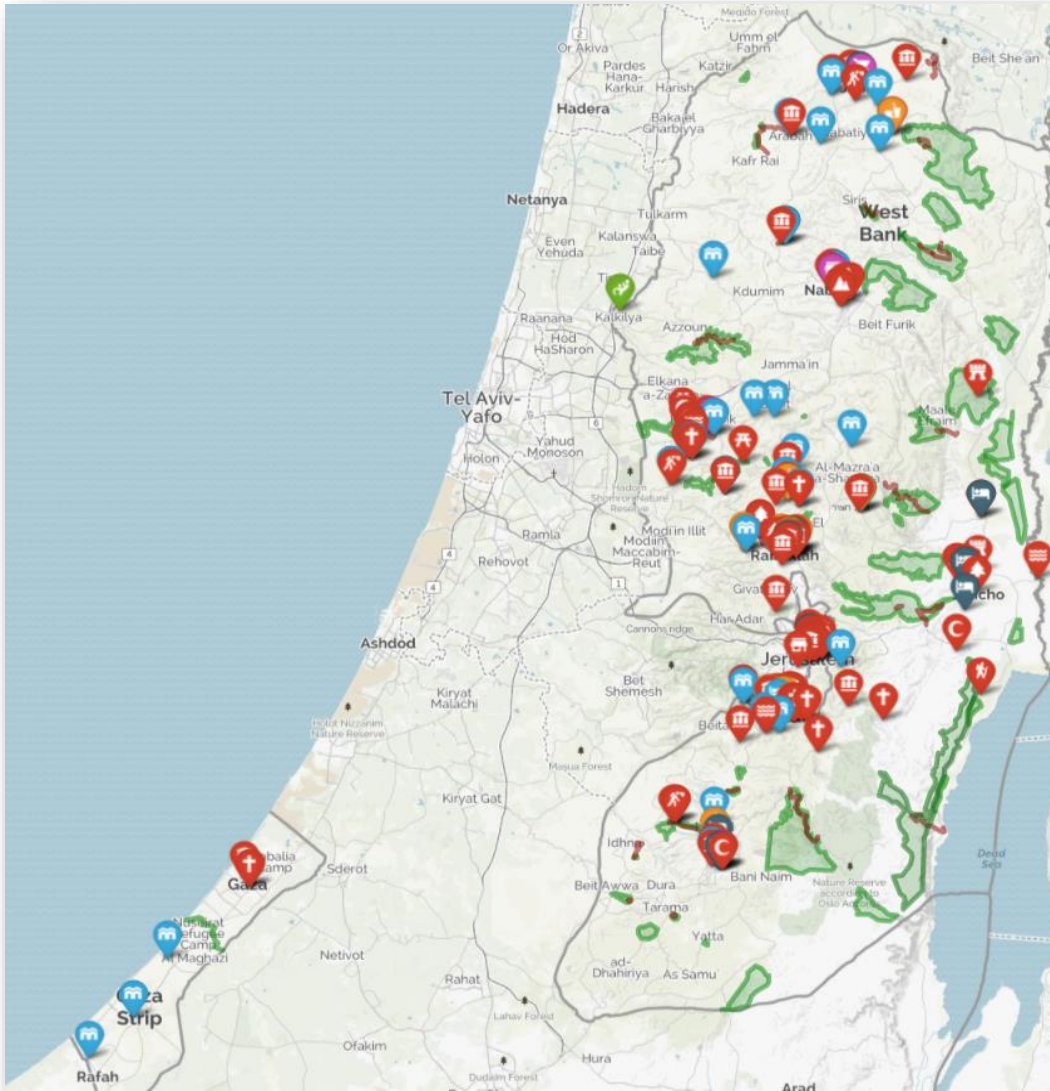
Sebastia Archeological Site



Beitillu Nature Reserve

- Shop local products like soap, olive oil, fresh fruit, crafts, olive wood Christmas decoration, ...
- Visit a museum on Palestinian culture
- Go cycling, rock climbing or cave climbing
- Possibilities are endless

Find your way through Palestine's Nature



- The interactive map on mahmiyat.ps shows you all the locations of interest concerning eco-tourism
- Find your next travel destination, guesthouse, place to eat or information on the village you just passed!

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Habitat: Oak woodland on limestone

Area: 363 dunams

Handed over: 320 dunams

Land owner: Government

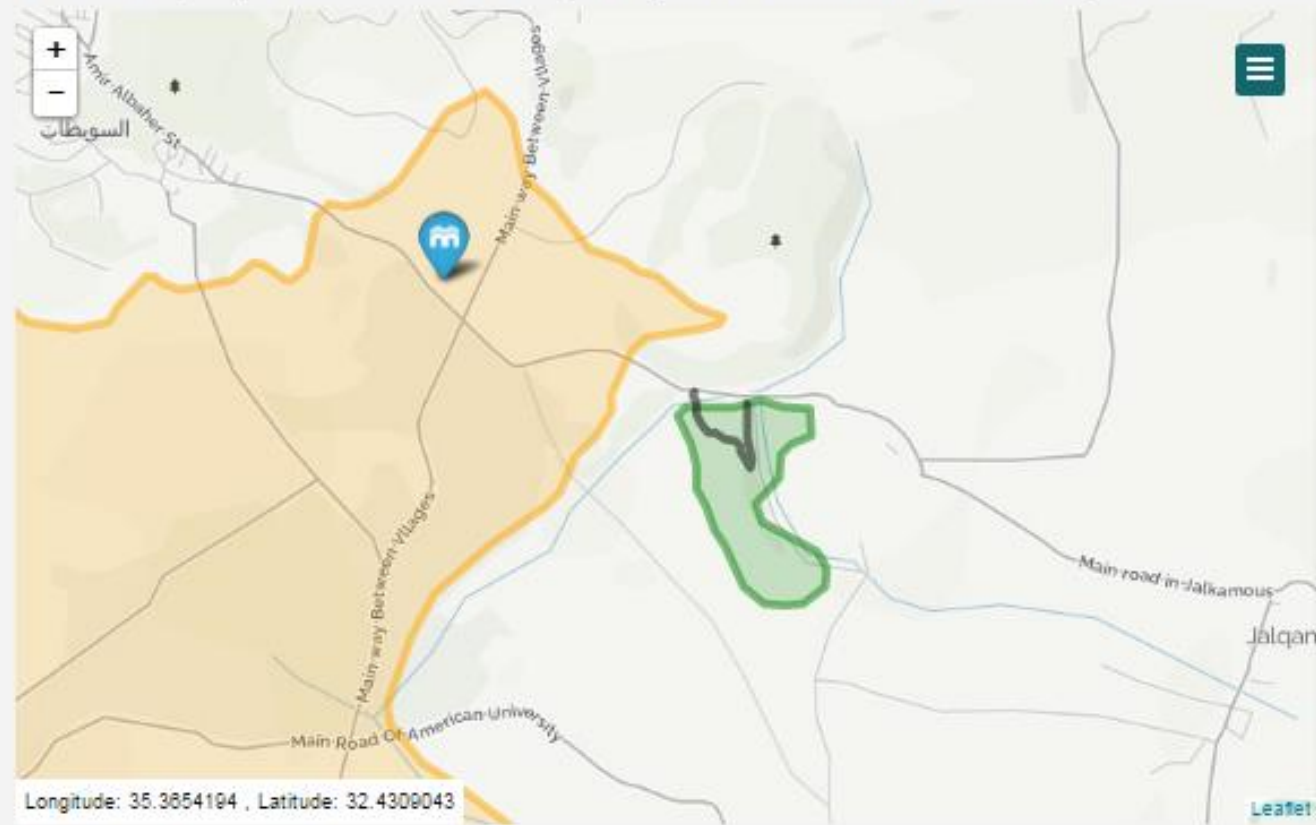
Ecozone: Eastern slopes

Annual rainfall: 400-500 mm

Nearby village: Umm at-Tut, Jalqamous

About Umm at-Tut

Umm at-Tut (أم التوت) Nature Reserve (Al-Marj) is located in the Jenin District, northern Palestine, with an area of 363 dunams. Nearby cities include Jenin, Nablus, and the village of El-Zebibdah. To access the reserve, visitors will drive past several local landmarks, including the Haddad Resort (hotel and amusement park), Arab American University and agricultural fields in the outskirts of Jenin.



Gentle Hills

On a clear day in Umm at-Tut, you can see the ancient city of Nazareth in the distance. The Nature

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Flora & Fauna of Umm at-Tut

To find more species at Umm at-Tut nature reserve you can use [Umm at-Tut](#) keyword in the Flora & Fauna database.



Mammals

Golden Jackal, Eurasian Badger, Indian Crested Porcupine, Wild Boar, Hedgehog, Beech Marten, Red Fox, Egyption Mongoose, Mountain Gazelle, Cape Hare



Birds

Black Kite, Common Kestrel, Common Swift, Eagle Owl, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, European Goldfinch, Blackbird, Glossy Ibis, Blue Rock Thrush, Cattle Egret, Chaffinch, European Bee-eater, Greenfinch, Honey Buzzard, Hoopoe, Little Owl, Palestine Sunbird, Crested Lark, European Robin, European Stonechat, White Wagtail, Wryneck, Chukar



Reptiles and Amphibians

Lebanon Lizard, Mediterranean Chameleon, Bridled Mabuya, Kotschy's Gecko, Variable Green Toad, Saw-scaled Viper, Latast's Snake Skink, Roth's Dwarf Racer, Müller's Two-headed Snake, Rüppell's Snake-eyed Skink, Mediterranean Spur-thighed Tortoise



Insects

Red Admiral



Wild Flowers

Poppy Anemone, Persian Cyclamen

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Nearby Umm at-Tut



Ancient sites

Ottoman Palaces of Arraba Village, Bal'ama and Bal'ama Tunnel, Church of St. George



Restaurants & Shops

Gelato- Organic Farm, Souk Jenin (Market), Canaan Fair Trade



Towns & Villages

Tal Dothan Village, Burqin Village, Zababdeh Village



Homestays & Hotels

Haddad Resort, Cinema Jenin Guesthouse, Hakoura Center, Northgate Hotel

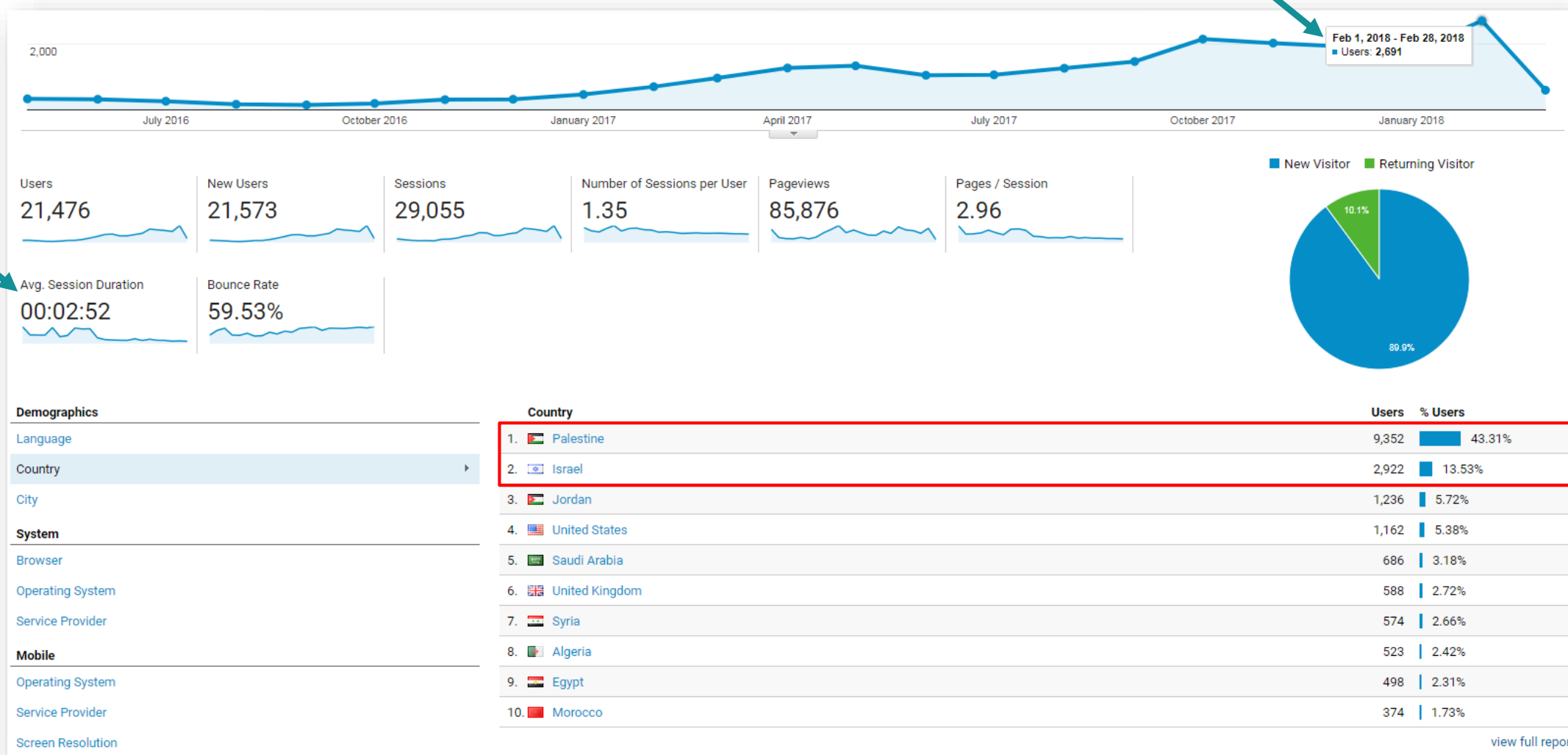


Other Natural Sites

Um Rehan Forest

Visual Journey through the nature reserves





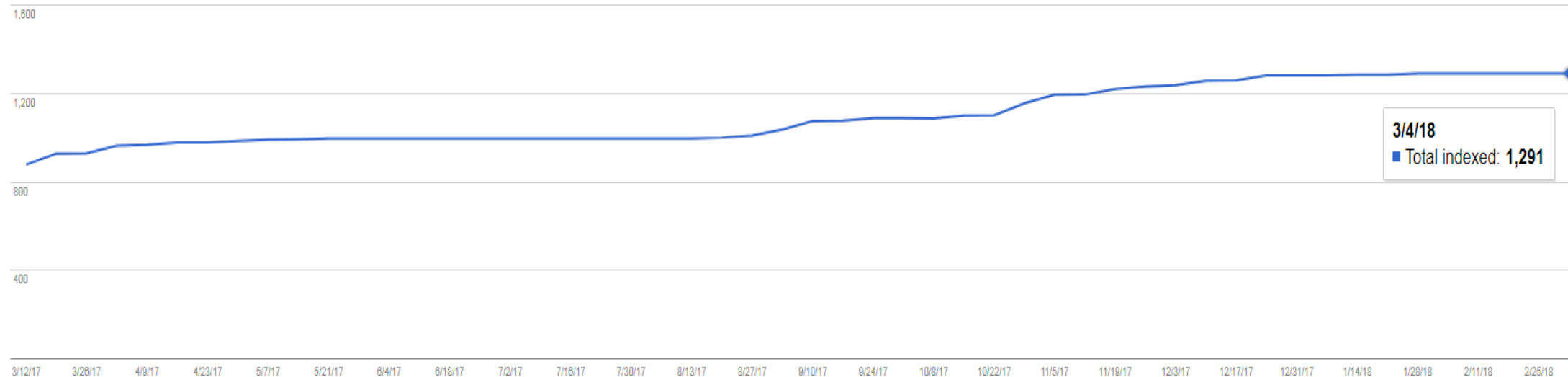
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Environmental awareness in the real world



Installation of the first Palestinian guidance signs in the nature reserves



Community Events in the nature reserves



Bird Watching with families



- Release hunted birds and snakes to the nature
- Cleaning campaigns in the nature reserves



- Learn about the flora and fauna
- Learn about the threats (grazing, agriculture, Israeli settlements, littering etc.)





And enjoy !



Media coverage for the events
(national TV. , newspapers, radio etc)

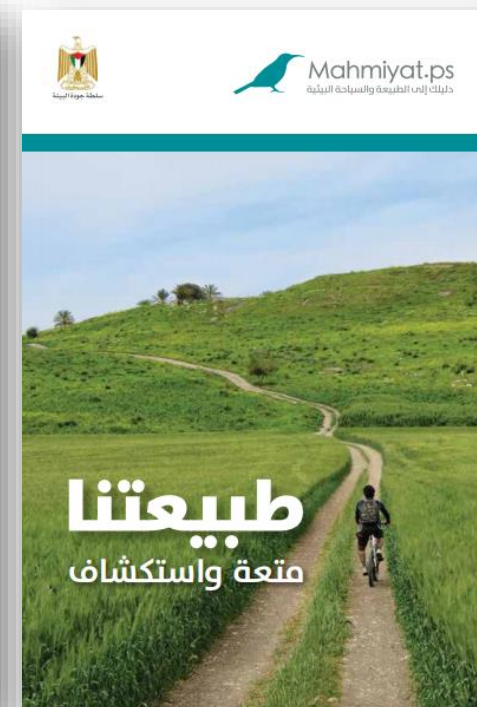
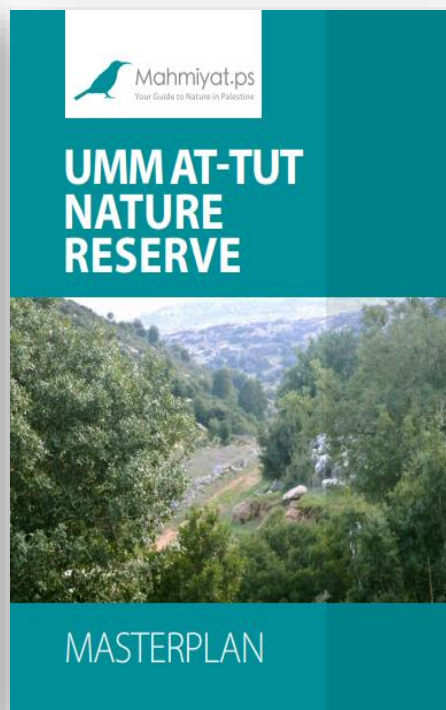
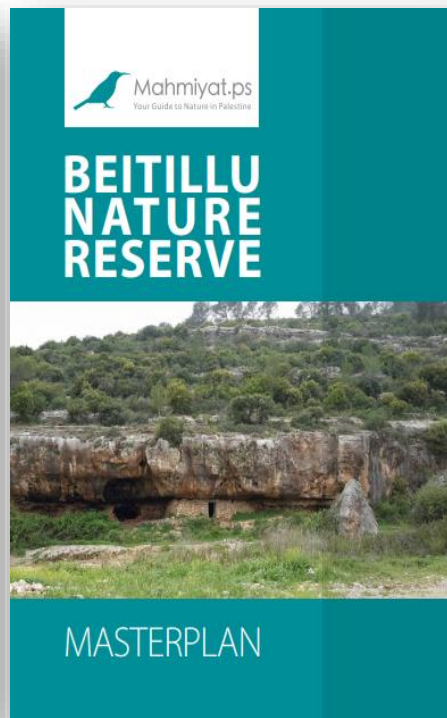


Implemented 15 community events

Visited 25 nature reserves in 2016 & 2017

Number of Participants : 3500

Publications



Planners Level

Community Level

Bottom-up Approach



Sponsoring The Palestine Sunbirders Team

Champions of the flyway 2016, Eilat



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