



2008 - Participant Activities in West Asia

Participants can be Members  or Guests . Members can provide an Activity Summary report in addition to creating activities.

CYPRUS

Limassol

Cyprus Marine Environment Protection Association (CYMEPA)

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CYMEPA is an association formed under the initiative of the International Shipping Community of Cyprus with the support of the commercial community on island. By engaging both seafarers and commercial ventures in activities to prevent all forms of ocean pollution, CYMEPA conducted a number of small scales clean ups involving schools, clubs and other organizations, from March to November. A total of 400 volunteers collected more than 80 tonnes of waste. Aluminium waste collected from the events was sent to recycling facilities. To compliment the clean up activities, both tree planting and environmental education campaigns were carried out by CYMEPA. Thanks to the collective efforts of participants, the sand and pebbles area on the beaches are cleaner and an increased awareness of the need to dispose of waste properly has created a healthier coastal environment for the local communities.

IRAQ

Samawa

Work for Peace

Participating in the Clean Up the World campaign for the first time, Work for Peace undertook a project that involved cleaning and filling pools of stagnant water with sand and mud. As stagnate water is often a breeding ground for bacteria and parasites (e.g. mosquitoes), the activity was carried out in efforts to improve community health levels. The group has plans develop the filled pools into quadrangles to be used for playing football or a similar activity.

ISRAEL

Jerusalem

KKL-JNF

Three separate events were organised by KKL-JNF for their participation in the Clean Up the World campaign. Thanks to a national "Clean Up Day" being established to take place every March in Israel, various activities were organised around this day. In total, an estimated 100,000 volunteers removed 820 tonnes of waste from forests, parks, campgrounds, and communities throughout Israel. The first event was a clean up of Jerusalem Forest. More than 200 volunteers, worked together to clean the forest and forest trails. All waste collected was placed in green biodegradable garbage bags provided by KKL-JNF. The Minister of Education, Yuli Tamir, KKL- JNF World Chairman, Efi Stenzler and James Larsen, the Australian Ambassador to Israel attended the event and in a ceremony held following the clean up, they praised the volunteers for their efforts in getting involved in the day. A second event, a clean up of Ben Shemen Forest in central Israel, was held on November 26. The event organised in collaboration with JNF America, saw more than 2,000 volunteers cleaning the forest ground and roadsides. The final event for the year took place on the summit of Har Achim Mountain, near Galilee. Volunteers climbed the mountain to take part in the activity. The KKL-JNF group from Australia collaborated with the group to organise this event. As part of the day, a special ceremony was held on the day in remembrance of the late Steffen Rath - a member of JNF Australia who was one of the original founders of the Clean Up the World Campaign in Israel.

JORDAN

Amman

Australian Embassy - Amman, Jordan

The Australian Embassy in Amman celebrated the Clean Up the World campaign this year in cooperation with the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN). Australian Embassy staff joined by the RSCN director and members carried out a clean up in Um El Kundum public picnic area at the airport road and were later hosted by the Duke of Mukheiba, Mr Mamdouh Bsharat, in an historic house in the area belonging to his family. The Duke gave a small presentation about the old homes and families of Jordan and stressed the need to preserve cultural heritage as well as the environment to last for the coming generations.

Local support provided by: The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature.

Jordan Environment Society (JES)

The Jordan Environment Society (JES) launched their Clean Up the World campaign activities with a clean up on August 16 along Dibeen and Jarash Roads. In association with The Jordan Telecom Group, the 500 participants demonstrated their care and concern for the environment by wearing unified T-shirts and caps bearing clean-up logos and the logo of JES. More than 15,000 people in other locations in Jordan also participated where JES branches exist. Mr. Michel Ghusain, the Executive President of JTG, delivered a speech for the participants to clarify the importance of the campaign and the role of the local community and private sector in showing their support. JES said that the activities raised awareness and encouraged the local community to participate in future waste collecting and recycling programs.

Local support provided by: The Jordan Telecom Group.

The Royal Marine Conservation Society of Jordan (JREDS)



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A variety of activities were undertaken in Aquaba City from the 28 - 30 of August, by The Royal Marine Conservation Society of Jordan (JREDS) involving students, local community members and divers. On August 28, an estimated 800 students from 20 schools participated in a city clean up. Approximately 400 kgs of waste was collected. Another large event, a beach clean up held at Al Ghandoor beach, occurred on the same day with 600 volunteers collecting 580kgs of waste. The clean up activities were complimented by two environmental awareness raising events; the Cycle for Green activity, involving 30 participants cycling through the city to promote healthier transportation alternatives and the following day, a public lecture entitled the "Environmental Family Evening", was attended by 2,000 people, whom participated in games and activities concerning environmental issues. The weekend activities concluded on August 30 with a dive clean up taking place. 75 divers removed 850 kgs of waste from three sites in Aquaba Marine Park.

Other members in Jordan are:

Petra

 **Crowne Plaza Resort Petra**


PALESTINIAN TERRITORY(OCCUPIED)

Gaza City

 **Al Quds Scout Group**


SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH

 **Asdiqaa Alamana (Jeddah Municipality Friends)**

 **Fainak.com**

 **Nazeeh & Wartan Campaign - Al Baik**

 **Nesma Holding Company Limited**

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Damascus


 **UNRWA (Syrian Arab Republic)**

TURKEY

Ankara

 **Scouting and Guiding Federation of Turkey**

Fethiye

 **Scouting Group of Fethiye Municipality**

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Istanbul

 **Seyyah Scouting and Outdoor Sports Club**

 **User Dis Ticaret As**

 **Zirve Dagcilik ve Doga Sporlari Kulubu**

Konya

 **Dort Mevsim Scouting and Guiding Club**

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Dubai

 **Dubai Municipality**

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In 2008, 20,550 volunteers from several government and non-government organizations, community groups, schools and private firms collected more than 4,150 tons of waste in the biggest ever campaign organised by Dubai Municipality in support of Clean Up the World during November 18-21. During the 4-day campaign, volunteers from private companies, government departments, NGOs and several community groups cleaned up beaches, streets, open areas and several key sites under the supervision of staff from the Waste Management Department. In addition, students from government, private schools and universities have participated in the campaign by picking up debris from open areas. Various community groups have participated in the campaign with more enthusiasm this year. "The Indian and the Filipino community's participation in the campaign was praiseworthy, as they sent in the largest number of volunteers in cleaning Nad Al Sheba and Al Mamzar Beach areas. There were at least 7,000 members of the Indian Community in Nad Al Sheba and 1,300 members of the Filipino Community in Al Mamzar. Other communities living in Dubai have also made significant contributions to the campaign's success. As part of the campaign's awareness programmes, workshops were organised for general public on recycling and reducing waste. Other events included environmental workshops on making usable materials from waste, broadcasting campaign programmes on school radios, collection of used materials, lectures in schools on the importance of waste reduction, and arranging visits for students to waste recycling factories.

 **Emirates Marine Environmental Group (EMEG)**

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EMEG joined forces with Dubai Municipality in its 16th year working with Clean Up the World. On November 21, they gathered 89 volunteers to pick up litter from the shores of Jumeirah Beach. The Dubai Municipality representatives supplied the volunteers with T-shirts and caps as well as gloves and rubbish bags. Posters were handed out by Dubai Municipality displaying the challenges the Dubai community face with litter and how to combat these problems in different areas to educate the UAE community and increase awareness. With the population of Dubai growing steadily every year, this event was an effort to change social perceptions and to keep local environments litter free for both tourists and local communities.

Lightform International Filipino Photographers Guild

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International Filipino Photographers Guild (IFPG) held its 7th annual environmental awareness photo competition on November 28, in Dubai. The event aimed to raise awareness of Climate change issues and the damage being done to the environment through the medium of photography. They also organised a clean up at Al Mazamar beach on November 21 where over 1,500 volunteers took part in removing 669 bags of waste.

Local support provided by: Canon, M.E., JK & Sons National Stores, Dubai Duty Free, Western Union, Advance Media Imaging, Giordano Fashion, M.K. Trading.

Other members in United Arab Emirates are:

 **Emirates Diving Association**

 **Emirates Environmental Group (EEG)**