
Duhok Governorate Wildlife Field Survey 2025

Field Survey Report

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Executive Summary

This report summarizes a field survey carried out across a set of selected sites within Duhok Governorate, undertaken to build a clearer picture of the species present across the governorate's montane forest, riverine, and agricultural habitats.

Survey visits were distributed across the season to capture both resident and seasonally present species, with particular attention to habitats bordering existing and proposed Key Biodiversity Areas.

Survey Methodology

Field teams combined direct observation transects, fixed camera-trap stations, and opportunistic records contributed by local community members familiar with the surveyed sites.

Sites were selected to represent a cross-section of habitat types found across the governorate, rather than an exhaustive census of any single location. Records were logged with location, date, and habitat notes for later review.

Key Findings

Field teams recorded observations across the surveyed sites, spanning a range of bird, mammal, and herpetofauna species, including several of conservation concern already tracked on the Climate.KRD Wildlife Map.

Riverine corridors and adjacent tree cover consistently showed the greatest concentration of activity, reinforcing their role as connective habitat between the governorate's more fragmented forest patches.

Recommendations

The survey team recommends continued seasonal monitoring at the highest-activity sites, closer coordination with local communities for opportunistic reporting, and consideration of the surveyed riverine corridors in any future protected-area planning.