

SHARHABIL BINHASSNEH ECOPARK Jordan

LOCATION

North West of Jordan, in the Lower Jordan Valley, near Israeli border and Sea of Galilee

DESCRIPTION

- Freshwater forest
- Ecosystem of diverse Mediterranean bushland
- Includes the first dam of Jordan
- Surrounded by farmland and Bedouin goat herders

ECOLOGICAL VALUES

- *Acacia elpida* (only known population in the area)
- *Quercus ithaburensis*
- 53 species of birds

PROTECTION STATUS & CONSERVATION ACTIONS

- Eco Peace/Friends of the Earth Middle East

ORGANISATION

- Eco Peace/Friends of the Earth Middle East



THREATS

- Overgrazing
- Lack of budget
- Not classified nor protected

STRENGTHS OF THE SITE

- Good example of restoring (managing to minimize overgrazing impact) natural forest ecosystems in highly transformed areas
- Strong experience on ecotourism as a sustainability strategy to support conservation, management and restoration work

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