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A summary of our Q3 highlights across research, conservation, education and community engagement.



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### Plastic Free July

The Plastic Free July campaign and World Cleanup Day, launched in July 2024, aimed to address plastic pollution while encouraging community engagement in environmental conservation. Supported by Renaissance Services, the initiatives brought together diverse groups to reduce the use of single-use plastics and participate in local cleanup efforts. The campaign began with a membership talk, followed by an online social media campaign and a public activation in Dhofar, concluding in World Cleanup Day. Thanks to this initiative, over 300 individuals were engaged and empowered to adopt sustainable behaviors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Renaissance Services for their invaluable support in making this campaign a success.



### Marine Turtle Research and Conservation

The ESO field team recently concluded its annual loggerhead turtle surveys on Masirah Island, which ran from May to September during the turtles' nesting season. As these surveys wrap up, green turtle monitoring will continue through December.

Alongside the surveys, the team remains actively involved in rescuing disoriented, overturned, or trapped sea turtles to ensure their safety. We are deeply grateful to the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund for their generous funding, which has been instrumental in supporting these critical conservation efforts.



### Wa'ai Competition

In July, the Environment Society of Oman (ESO), in partnership with Bank Nizwa, launched the Wa'ai Competition, successfully concluding it in September. The online competition engaged Omani youth (aged 18-25), encouraging them to raise awareness of key environmental challenges, including climate change and plastic pollution. Participants showcased their creativity through various projects designed to inspire sustainable practices. Winners were recognized at a special awards event, where they presented their impactful work.

We extend our gratitude to Bank Nizwa for supporting this meaningful initiative and fostering youth engagement in sustainability efforts.



### Coral Reef Monitoring and Regional Collaboration

Globally, coral reefs face threats from climate change, with rising ocean temperatures and acidification, compounded by human impacts. In Oman, limited data exists on coral reef health, prompting ESO to launch a monitoring program in Muscat including Ad Dimaniyyat Island Nature Reserve. Thanks to support from the Environment Authority, Oman Sail, Extra Divers, and volunteers, this initiative guides conservation efforts. In September, Executive Director Suaad Al Harthi attended The Arabian Gulf Coral Reefs Workshop at NYU Abu Dhabi, where experts shared strategies for coral reef monitoring and discussed contributions to the 2025 Global Coral Reef Report.



### Young Explorers Initiative

ESO, in collaboration with Oman LNG, successfully launched the Young Explorers Summer Program from August 4th to 8th in Sur. Designed for children aged 6-11, the program used fun, interactive activities to build environmental awareness around topics like climate change, biodiversity, and plastic pollution. Through storytelling, games, and hands-on projects, participants explored sustainability concepts. ESO extends its gratitude to Oman LNG for supporting this impactful initiative.



Greater Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), Ghazi Al Balushi

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

### Oman Climate Dialogues

In May 2023, the Environment Society of Oman (ESO) launched the first edition of the Oman Climate Dialogues, a yearlong series dedicated to addressing critical environmental issues and fostering awareness of climate change. Featuring seven talks, workshops, and panel discussions, the series brought together environmental activists, industry leaders, and over 350 participants to explore sustainable solutions and the path to carbon neutrality by 2050.

The dialogues focused on key areas such as sustainable finance, responsible event planning, and careers in sustainability, equipping professionals and students to lead in these essential sectors. Participants engaged in discussions on Oman's climate commitments, biodiversity conservation, and the challenges of transitioning to green jobs and clean energy.

ESO extends heartfelt gratitude to ASYAD Group for their partnership in making the initiative a success. Additional thanks go to the European Union Commission, Muscat University, Sohar International, and all the speakers for their invaluable contributions.

With the first edition concluded in August 2024, ESO looks forward to continuing these essential conversations in the upcoming second edition, now under planning.



## ESO MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are proud to offer both corporate and individual membership programmes, providing the community in Oman the opportunity to get closer to the work of ESO. We organise regular lectures and events allowing our members to come together in support of the environment. Upcoming events are listed on our website (link), with recordings of previous events available on the ESO YouTube channel (ESOMediaChannel).



**July Activity**  
As part of the Plastic Free July Campaign in collaboration with Renaissance Services, ESO organized a public talk titled "Rethinking Plastic: Unveiling the Dual Nature of Plastic and the Urgency of Comprehensive Waste Management" with Dr. Raghav Dandapani. The talk explored the complex relationship society has with plastic, highlighting both its essential role in daily life and the need for effective waste management strategies. We extend our gratitude to the Youth Centre at Muscat Grand Mall for generously providing the venue for this insightful event.



**September Activity**  
ESO organised a "Biodiversity Collage" workshop in collaboration with Climate Fresk Oman, an interactive session led by Aisha Al Balushi that explored the vital role of biodiversity, its deep connections with human activities, and the challenges it faces. We express our gratitude to the Modern College of Business and Science for providing us with the venue for this workshop to take place.



**August Activity**  
The final workshop for Oman Climate Dialogues, held in partnership with ASYAD Group and Sohar International, focused on "Exploring Sustainable Finance and Investment." This half-day workshop covered various topics to deepen understanding of sustainable finance, including Oman's direction in adopting these practices and insights from experts on projects aligned with sustainable finance. We thank Sohar International for providing us with the venue for the workshop.



**September Activity**  
In celebration of World Cleanup Day, ESO joined forces with Oman Sail and Renaissance Services to host a community cleanup at Al Mussamah Public Beach. The event brought together participants from all walks of life to promote sustainable practices and care for Oman's natural heritage. Through collective efforts, the cleanup made a tangible impact on the environment, reinforcing our shared commitment to preserving the beauty of Oman's coastline. We extend our gratitude to Oman Sail and Renaissance Services for their invaluable partnership in this initiative.

If you would like to become an ESO member or renew your membership click on:

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Your support matters.

Thank you for believing in our commitment to conserve and protect the incredible biodiversity of Oman.

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\*Memberships are per year.

## Why support ESO!

Your support enables us to...

- Conduct **RESEARCH** on threatened and endangered species in Oman
- EDUCATE** communities on the importance of adopting more sustainable lifestyles
- ADVOCATE** for environmental sustainability
- BUILD CAPACITY** within the environmental sector in Oman
- CONSERVE** Oman's natural heritage for future generations

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## THANK YOU!

ABA International School for their kind donation

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Modern College of Business and Science for providing us with the venue to host our recent membership talk

Oman Sail for partnering with us on World Cleanup Day

Sohar International for providing us with the venue to host our recent Climate Dialogues workshop

TRACCS for supporting ESO's communication services throughout the 8-year journey

Youth Centre Muscat for providing us with the venue to host our recent membership talk

Egyptian vulture (Neophron percnopterus), Oman In Focus