

Field Tour to Utomah Natural Reserve

As part of the activities that have been assigned by the Faculty of Petroleum and Natural Resources for the year 2024, the Department of Environmental Sciences conducted a scientific field trip to Utomah Natural Reserve, which is located in Dhamar Governorate on Thursday, February 1st, 2024. This field trip included third and fourth level students under the supervision of a number of professors in the department, in addition to a number of assistant faculty members. During this scientific field trip, students learned about the features of the natural reserve and the goals of declaring it as national natural reserve by the Yemeni government. The students were also briefed on the characteristics of this reserve and its biodiversity, as well as the environmental problems it suffers from, which cause threats affecting its beauty and disrupt efforts to preserve it.

From this field trip, the students learned several scientific field methods to study the environmental and biological diversity of a number of different trees and plants, taking measurements of them, and examining the fresh water that permeates the reserve for a number of chemical elements to determine their quality. The students also learned about its historical and archaeological landmarks, and the urban sprawl that threatens its nature and beauty, in addition to the transformation of vast areas of it into qat farms. The field trip ended with a return to the city of Sana'a, where the students expressed great satisfaction with the scientific and practical knowledge they had acquired, which they will definitely benefit from in their future professional career after their graduation from Sana'a University. The Department of Environmental Sciences takes this opportunity to express its thanks and gratitude to the University Presidency and the College Deanship for facilitating the procedures for this important trip.



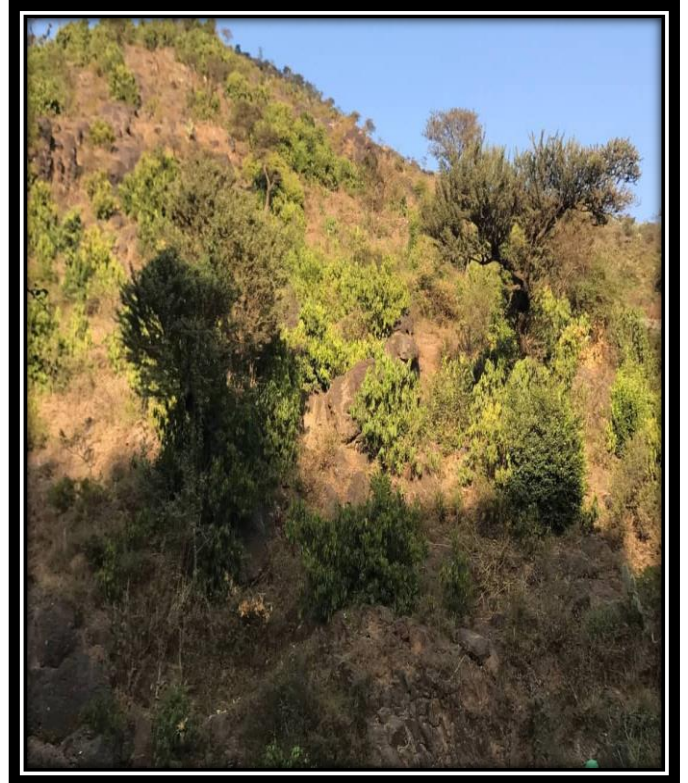
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