

About us

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This is the official page of the Environment Center at the Turtle Reserve, part of the Directorate of Environment in South Al Sharqiyah Governorate, Environment Authority. It brings together everything visitors need before and during their visit: the reserve's guidelines and regulations, where to watch turtles and where to camp, how to report, and articles about turtles and their protection. Every page can be downloaded as a PDF and shared.

About the reserve

The Turtle Reserve was established under Royal Decree No. 25/1996. It covers an area of 120 square kilometres, and its beaches stretch for about 45 kilometres, from Khor Jarama in the north to Al Ruwais in the south.

120	45	1996
km² reserve area	km of beaches	year established

Global importance

Oman ranks second in the world as a natural habitat for turtles, and first in the Middle East and the Indian Ocean for the number of turtle species nesting on its shores, with four species nesting here.

Remarkable nights

Every year thousands of green turtles come ashore from the Arabian Sea and the Sea of Oman to the reserve's beaches. Each turtle spends two to three hours digging her nest and laying her eggs before returning to the sea.

Protection all year round

Specialists at the reserve's Environment Center patrol the beaches every day to monitor turtles, respond to emergencies and remove threats.

About the Environment Authority

The Environment Authority was established under Royal Decree No. 106/2020 as a public authority with legal personality and financial and administrative independence, reporting to the Council of Ministers. It works to protect Oman's environment and conserve its natural resources by setting policies and running programmes that protect ecosystems and keep them sustainable for future generations.

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