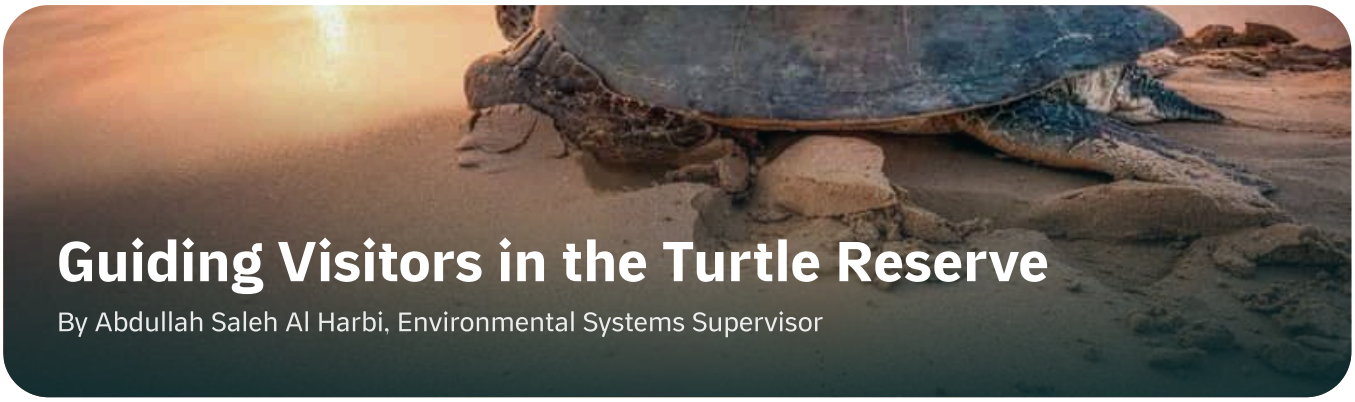


Guiding Visitors in the Turtle Reserve

By Abdullah Saleh Al Harbi, Environmental Systems Supervisor

The Turtle Reserve is a unique environmental destination that combines natural beauty with rich wildlife, and its beaches are home to one of the most important endangered marine species. As more visitors come looking for a special experience, guidance and awareness become essential for balancing enjoyment of nature with its protection.

The role of guidance in the reserve

Guidance in the Turtle Reserve is more than an organisational task. It is an educational effort that helps visitors understand the importance and environmental value of the reserve. It begins with clear information about sea turtles, their life cycle and the importance of protecting nesting areas, and then guides visitors to follow specific rules that reduce the reserve's negative environmental impact.

One of the greatest challenges facing sea turtles is protecting their nesting areas, since beaches are essential for breeding and laying eggs. Guidance helps visitors understand the need to:

1. Stay away from nesting areas.
2. Avoid walking or sitting on nests.
3. Avoid using bright lights at night, as they can confuse hatchlings.

Messages for visitors

- Stay on marked paths to avoid harming the natural environment.
- Respect the reserve's rules, which protect the turtles and keep marine life sustainable.
- Help spread awareness of why turtles must be protected.

Why do awareness and guidance matter?

Sea turtles face many threats, such as climate change, overfishing and pollution. By guiding visitors and showing them how to interact responsibly with the environment, we can reduce

these risks and help this remarkable animal continue its vital role in the ecosystem.

Hotline **1991** Reports **80071999** WhatsApp **+968 7272 0700**