



# Virtual Winter Meeting

Saturday 23rd January 2021

Programme times are Greenwich Mean Time

**10.30 Introduction & welcome – Rob Sheldon,  
OSME Chairman**

**10.40 Iraqi Kurdistan: Conservation in a time of war  
- Hana Raza**

**11.10 Mobilising stakeholders at Talimarzhan for  
the brighter future of Sociable Lapwing - Oleg  
Kashkarov**

**11.30 Barr Al Hikman: The wetland jewel of the  
Arabian Peninsula - Suaad Al-Harthy**

**11.50 - 11.55 Comfort break**

**11.55 The ecology and conservation of the birds of  
Egypt - Basma Sheta**

**12.15 The OSME Youth Development Fund -  
discussion with Tomas Haraldsson**

**12.45 Closing comments – Rob Sheldon, OSME  
Chairman**

## All welcome!

Free to attend

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### Hana Raza

Hana is a conservation biologist with more than a decade of experience working in Iraqi Kurdistan, specialising on the leopard and its prey species. Her talk will shed light on the importance of the country's biodiversity and the resilience of its conservationists, despite decades of conflict.



### Oleg Kashkarov

Working for Uzbekistan Society for the Protection of Birds/BirdLife Uzbekistan, Oleg's talk will cover the current environmental and social situation at the priority KBA 'Talimarzhan reservoir' that supports over 4,000 Sociable Lapwings during their autumn migration through Uzbekistan.



### Suaad Al-Harthy

Suaad Al-Harthy is the Executive Director of the Environment Society of Oman. Her talk will focus on the environmental conservation efforts of Oman's only environmental NGO and highlight the ecosystem importance of the Barr Al Hikman Peninsula, the most important wetland for wintering birds in the Middle East.



### Dr Basma Sheta

Dr Basma Sheta is an Assistant Professor of Animal Ecology. Her talk will discuss the birds of Egypt and their conservation and ecology.



### Tomas Haraldsson

Tomas is an OSME Council member and Youth Development Officer leading. This interactive session will highlight the projects we have implemented in the last few years, and seeks participants ideas and suggestions for the future of this important work.



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