

[View this email in your browser](#)

# A ROCHA

## LEBANON



---

## Nature conservation

### Land restoration

August is the heart of the summer. The sun beats down on earth and on the heads of the brave men.

Mekse. The site and his gardener suffered but resisted the peak of heat.

Qabb Elias. In this educational garden, a miracle happened that could have been a tragedy.

At least, it provoked long nights of sleeplessness and a meditation “[On Wildfires.](#)”

### Scientific work

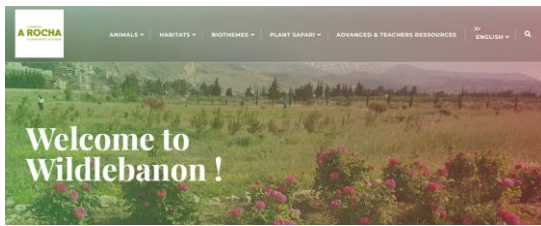
Guillaume de Vaulx met with Dr Mira Boustani in Paris to



Lebanon A ROCHA – August 2023

prepare an exhibition on the bees of Lebanon.

[Learn More](#)





Lebanon A ROCHA – August 2023

**Aana**



Above Aana – location of ARL’s office – a landowner, Carlos Eddé, enclosed a large area of land to raise gazal. In the same time, sheperds became a few in the area, limiting the grazing outside the protected area. It results in a contrasted landscape, with a grazed part with fast erosion and but fire, and a ungrazed part with limited erosion but frequent fires on the slope of Mount Lebanon.

**Mekse**



A new shelter: the Sannine hut



The path that has been opened by the hands of men is now ready for your walk around among the wild oat





Pine trees are finally growing up, offering their first cones, a shelter for sparrow's nests at Spring, and a stage for the cicadas' singing during the summer.





The cicadas spend between 1 to 9 years underground as a larva (up to 15 years for some North American species) before metamorphosis and a summer singing on pine trees.

Unidentified cicada



The art of waving is now mastered



Our new team of  
young fellows  
(Souher, Amar,  
Mona, and Daher)





Having taken benefit from the training on waving, Amar improvises a new design for the reception room





In August,  
the sun can knock even the toughest and bravest men out.  
It is time of all dangers...

... indeed...

**Qabb Elias**



*Qabb Elias educational garden,  
with the refugee camp in the  
background.*

This garden is the result of  
an ARL project of land  
restoration (2015-2018).  
After the handover, it  
remained closed. In July, we  
fixed the irrigation system  
and began negotiations with  
the municipality to find a  
solution, but one night...







Luckily, the fire was contained...

... and the garden found  
his guardian angel.  
August is the time of the  
brave men.

For more details on this  
epic event, read:  
[“On wildfires”](#)





See you next month