



Kuwait Dive Team

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Executive Director

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To whom it may concern

I am pleased to confirm that the Kuwait Dive Team reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of the Environment. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents. In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken over the past years.

In Kuwait and around the world, the Kuwait Dive Team seeks to build environmental awareness, promote environmental conservation, encourage voluntary work, and build local and global partnerships for sustainability. The networks created via the UN Global Compact are powerful way forward in our work with these goals, and we are grateful for the opportunity to join like-minded businesses and organizations in action. We are committed to continue supporting the aims of the UN Global Compact and its Principles. This CoE is drawn from: our annual reporting, and an overview of our actions and progress. We commit to sharing this information in relevant formats to those with a stake and an interest in Kuwait Dive Team's work, to whom we remain accountable.

Sincerely,

Waleed Fadel Al-Fadehl
President, Kuwait Dive Team

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Part II. Description of Action and Measurement of Outcomes

In this section below, we explain the most notable actions and achievements of the Kuwait Dive Team – Environmental Voluntary Foundation 2019-2021 along with the measurement of outcomes in terms of numbers.

The support of His Highness the late Amir, may God have mercy on him, and governmental and civil institutions.

- Leading local achievements and a distinguished global partnership.
- Protection and control of coral reefs and cleaning them from debris.
- Lifting tens of tons of waste, sunken ships and boats.
- Weekly campaigns to clean up the coasts of Kuwait and the islands.
- Comprehensive installation and maintenance of all marine anchors.
- The team accomplished (100) environmental and volunteer missions during this year

The Kuwait Dive Team (KDT) at the Environmental Voluntary Foundation (EVF) issued its annual report for the year 2020, reviewing the most prominent volunteer activities and activities carried out by its members as part of its environmental initiative "Baharna – Our Seas", in cooperation with several governmental and private agencies, through projects and programs that have effectively and distinctively contributed to the protection and rehabilitation of the marine environment and Kuwaiti coasts, in addition to spreading a love for volunteer and environmental work, and despite the Corona crisis, the team managed to cope with difficult conditions in line with official health requirements, and this blessed march has continued for more than 30 years since 1986, which included many achievements in several areas.

Support of His late Highness

The generous annual support of His Highness the late Amir Sheikh / Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may Allah have mercy on him, continued for the projects and activities of the Kuwaiti diving team for this year, which had a significant impact on the team's completion of its environmental work in our beloved country, and the team appreciated the support of His Highness the Prime Minister to the projects and works of the team Volunteer.

100 Environmental missions and activities with an average of one activity for every 3 days during the year

The KDT was able to accomplish its diligent environmental activities and tasks at a rate of environmental activity every 3 days during the year 2020, and through the perseverance of the team members and the supporting and supportive bodies, it was able to achieve this great amount of achievements to preserve the marine environment, secure the safety of coasts and shipping lanes, and increase environmental awareness among the various sectors of society.

16 Ships, boats, and marine crafts recovered

In order to preserve the marine environment, the safety and navigation therein within the project of recovering ships, boats and maritime vessels, during which the team was able to recover (16) boats, ships and marine pieces with a total weight of (177) tons from several sites as follows :

the CoralWatch program of the University of Queensland in Australia. Includes coral reef monitoring, periodic visits to coral reef sites, and monitoring of coral status.

Protecting Kuwait's Bay

The KDT attached great importance to the environmental situation in Kuwait Bay, represented in the continuous monitoring of the environmental status of the Kuwait's bay "Joun Al-Kuwait" and the implementation of practical measures to raise and remove waste to protect the components of the marine environment and secure navigation with the support of the Kuwait Stock Exchange.

Monitoring Marine Life

The team continued its periodic outings to monitor the state of coral reefs at their sites around the southern islands and coasts and in Jaber Al-Kuwait marine reserves and to conduct bottom surveys for the diversity, density and gradation of coral colors and the quality of the organisms in them, with the support and care of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, in addition to submitting reports to government agencies, international organizations and some Specialists and researchers interested in the state of coral reefs, led by the Environment Public Authority and the (CoralWatch) program of the University of Queensland in Australia, which includes monitoring coral reefs and periodic visits to coral reef sites and monitoring the status of coral reefs in them, according to the University of Queensland curriculum and reporting them periodically.

Community Awareness and Media

For the eighth year in a row, the team continued its distinguished campaign, "The Mobile Campaign to Clean the Beaches," for a period of (4 months) in cooperation with more than (9) entities, the most important of which are: the Ministry of Education, the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, the Kuwait Municipality, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, and the Authority. General Environment, Equate Petrochemical Company, Kuwait Gulf Oil Company, Tourism Projects Company, and the Eastern Market Administration (National Real Estate Company). The campaign has not been completed this year due to the Corona pandemic that hit the world, provided that it will be completed after the disappearance of Corona, God willing, and includes a program The campaign against an environmental forum and a field workshop to clean the coasts of Kuwait, a presentation of environmental information and competitions in interesting ways and methods for male and female students, with the participation of many Kuwait schools, universities, government and volunteer institutions, companies and civil society institutions, with the aim of spreading environmental awareness and the importance of preserving the coastal environment, in addition to the team giving many lectures He made visits and exhibitions in Kuwait's schools and universities. The team continued to develop and update its websites and achieved great success on social networking sites by publishing pictures and short films that highlight environmental problems and show the size of the great achievements that the team has achieved in serving the marine environment.

Gratitude

At the end of the report, the Kuwait Dive Team thanks all the contributors and supporters of this great success, on top of which was the support of His Highness the late Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, His Highness the Prime Minister, the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, government, private and private agencies and volunteers.

The team is looking forward to accomplishing many activities for the year 2021, Allah willing with the vigor and determination of its sincere youth and striving to achieve its vision in: Contributing to the creation of environmental awareness among the segments of society and the growth of the spirit of volunteer work locally and internationally. The law and that the concerned authorities initiate the implementation of projects and programs that contribute to preserving our environment, especially those related to Kuwait Bay and the islands.

Kout Marina	Fahaheel Marina	Juialia	Kuwait's Bay	Kubbar Islan	Sharq Marina	Asherij	Failaka Island	Fahaheel Marine Club
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100 Tons of discarded fishing nets and waste

The team raised (100) tons of discarded fishing nets and waste harmful to the marine and coastal environment, which included more than (20) sites along the coasts and the Sea of Kuwait, including the coast of Shuwaikh, the coast of Doha, the coast of Asherij, and Kuwait's bay with the support and patronage of Equate Petrochemical Company, and the coast of Al-Abraj, The coast of hospitals, Umm an-Naml Island, cleaning Fahaheel marina in cooperation with the Tamdeen Real Estate Company, as well as the removal of waste and fishing nets from the islands of Qaruh and Umm al-Maradim, and the lifting of neglected fishing nets from the south of Kuwait Bay off the coast of the towers, and cleaning the coast of peace with Burgan Bank.

(76) buoys for safe mooring of boats and yachts

The Kuwait Dive Team continued its marine buoys/anchors maintenance project in cooperation with the Environment Public Authority, the Environmental Protection Fund, Kuwait International Bank, and the Kuwait International Petroleum Corporation in the most important sites of coral reefs, and the team completed its comprehensive periodic maintenance of (76) marine moorings and the development of the stall parts from special materials more durable and durable To increase its efficiency to secure the safe mooring of boats and yachts around the islands and the most important coral reef sites, the team was keen to complete the purchase of modern equipment for the marine anchors and the team members took a training course to operate these devices.

Securing Maritime Channels

The team periodically monitored several sites in Kuwait to ensure the safety of maritime navigation, and followed up indicative panels in several locations, including the coast of the free zone, the coast of Abu Al-Hasaniya, and Ashirj in front of Umm an-Naml Island.

Joint Environmental Work and Cooperation

The team conducted joint awareness campaigns with the regional office of the United Nations Environment Office in West Asia to enhance joint cooperation within the global campaign (clean seas) launched by the United Nations Environment Organization to protect the seas from plastic waste. This cooperation contributed to the continuation and activation of the Kuwaiti diving team In order to protect and rehabilitate the marine environment, remove waste from the coasts, islands and coral reefs of Kuwait, and provide all services to help improve the environment of marine organisms, which are directly threatened by these pollutants, whether plastic waste, neglected fishing nets, sinking ships and boats, or any other business, and that Kuwait is a maritime country. It relies heavily on the sea in its economic, living and tourism life. It is necessary to take care of the environment and protect biological diversity. This cooperation also enhances the realization of common visions and aspirations aimed at protecting the local and global environment.

KDT also participated in several waste removal operations with the cooperation of many volunteers and entities in cooperation with the International Shore Protection Organization. The team also held an advanced environmental course for a group of Environment Public Authority employees with the necessary practical training for them about