

The Efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to a more sustainable hunting



Institutional development & Legislation



2016

The Ministry of Environment, Water & Agriculture (MEWA)

2017

A workshop with hunters to estimate Average number of illegal hunted of birds (Brochet et al. 2019)

2018

National Environmental Strategy
Royal Protected Area Council



2019

Special Forces For Environmental Security
Established



2020

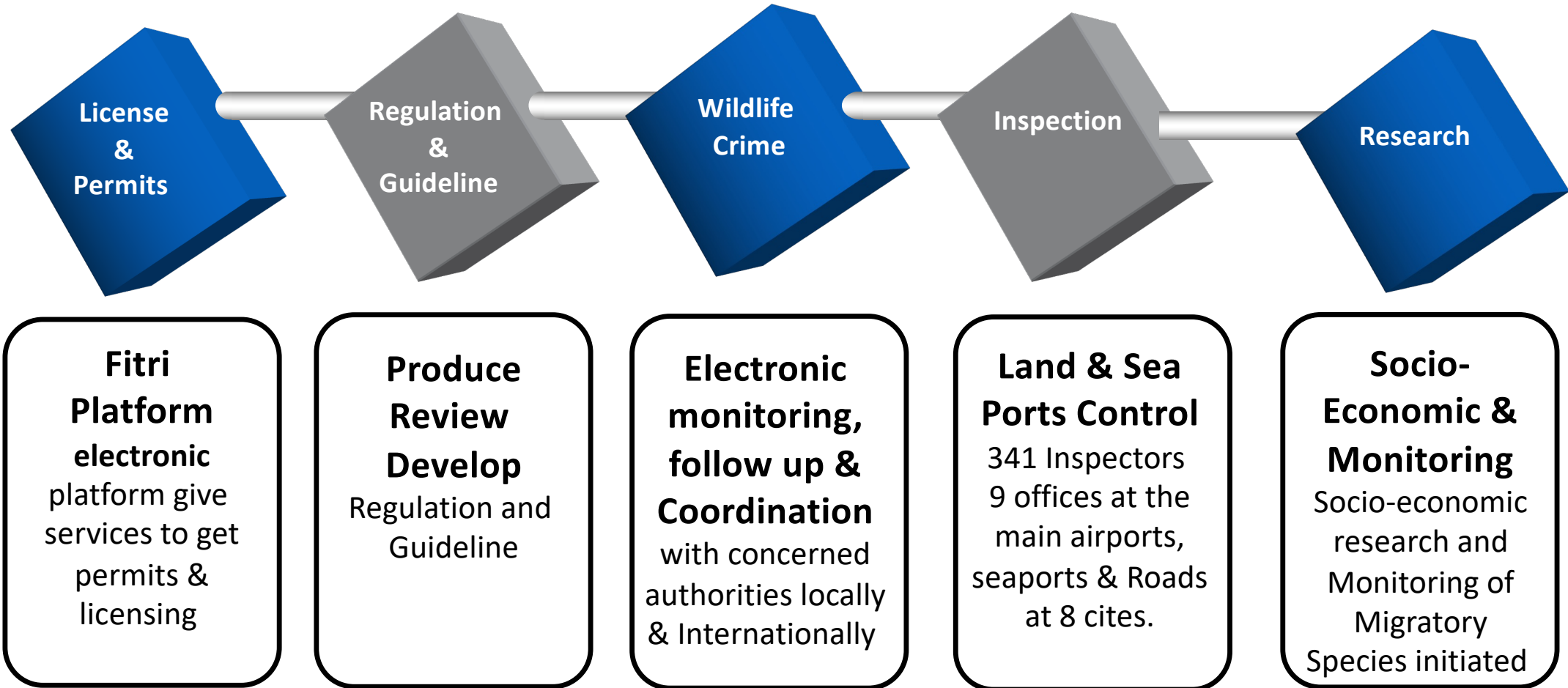
National Center for Wildlife (NCW) established along with other four Centers +
The Environment Legislation (Royal degree no. 165, Date: 10/7/2020)

2021

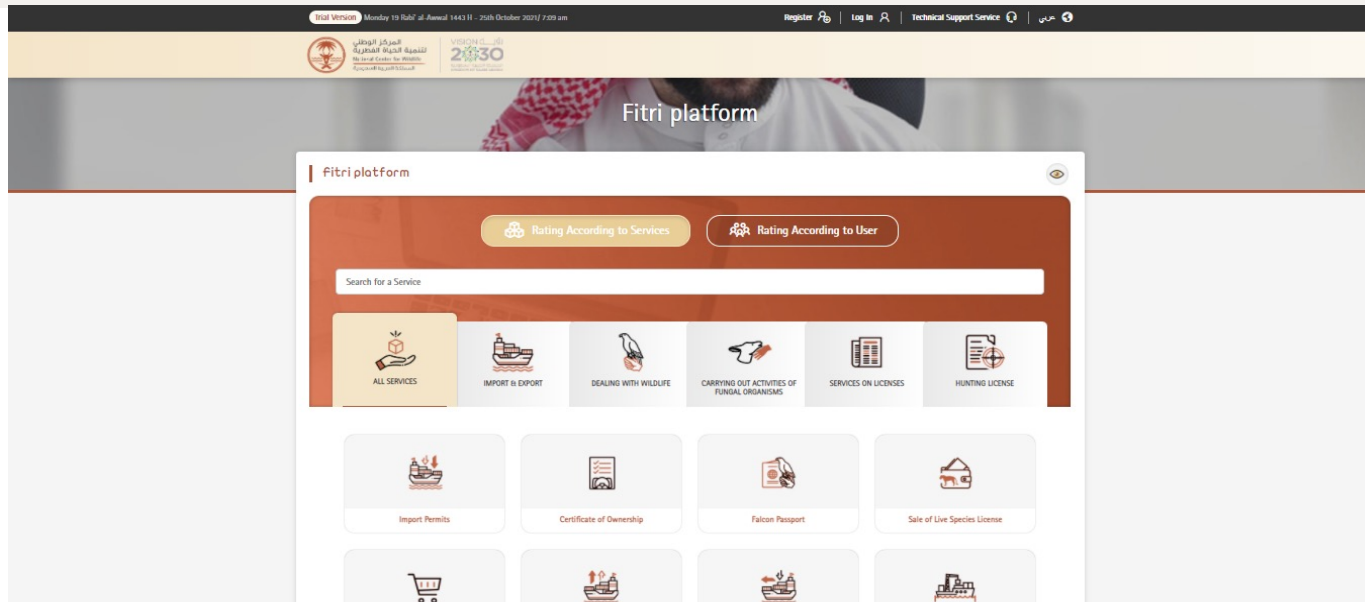
The executive Regulation (Bylaw) for
 ✓ Hunting of Wildlife Terrestrial Species no. 1442/1/312179, Date: 17/1/2021
 ✓ Trade on Wildlife and their Products act no. 1442/1/356344, Date: 8/2/2021
 ✓ Protected Areas act, no. 1443/45/67867, Date: 27/9/2021

Country	CBD	CITES	CMS	Ramsar	AEWA	Raptor (MoU)	Jeddah Agreement	ROBME	GCC Wildlife Agreement
Saudi Arabia	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Implementation of legislation at NCW



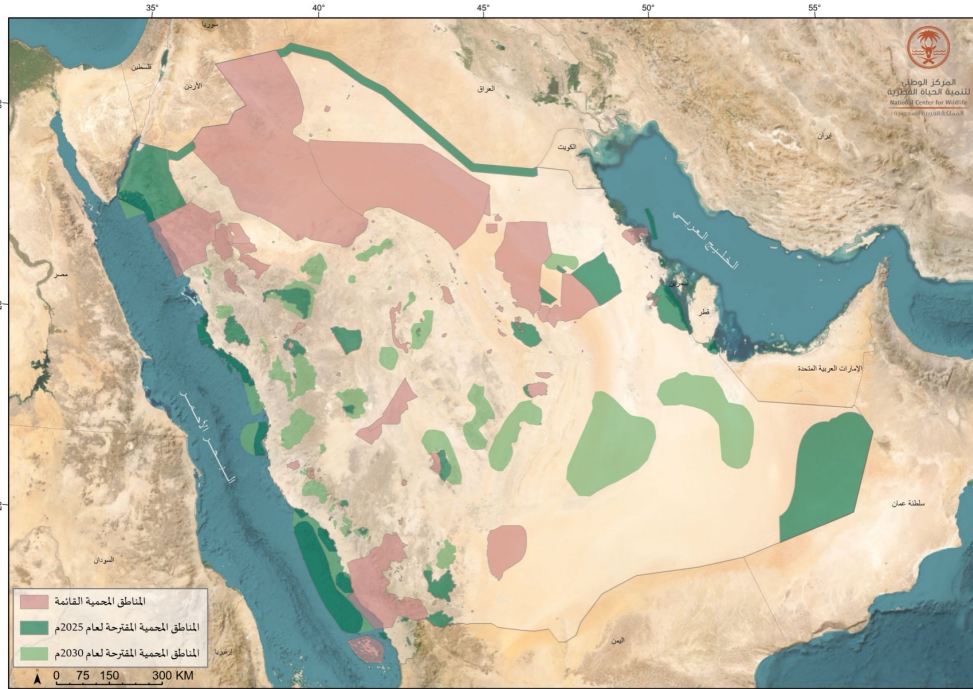
Permits and Violations



	Violation	Fine - first time
Hunting Violations		
1	Hunting without a license	10,000 (ten thousand riyals)= 2,650 \$
2	Hunting in prohibited places and areas	5,000 (Five Thousand Riyals)= 1,325 \$
3	Hunting in seasons and times in which hunting is prohibited	5,000 (Five Thousand Riyals)= 1,325

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Protected Areas Planning

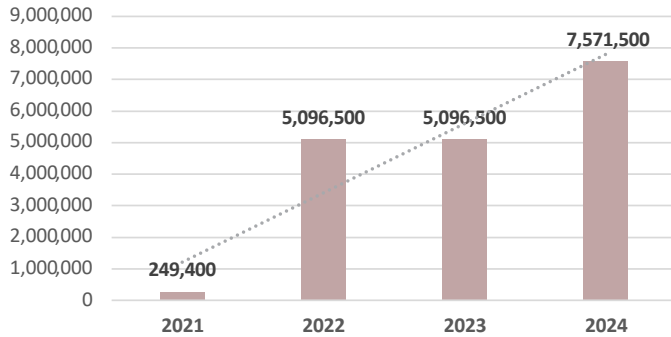


2016		End of 2023		2025		2030	
Terrestrial	Marian	Terrestrial	Marian	Terrestrial	Marian	Terrestrial	Marian
4.3%	3.5%	18.1%	6.48%	22%	24%	30%	30%

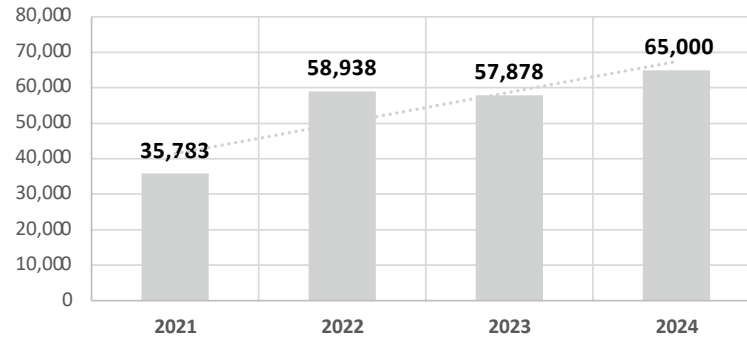
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Comparative Analysis

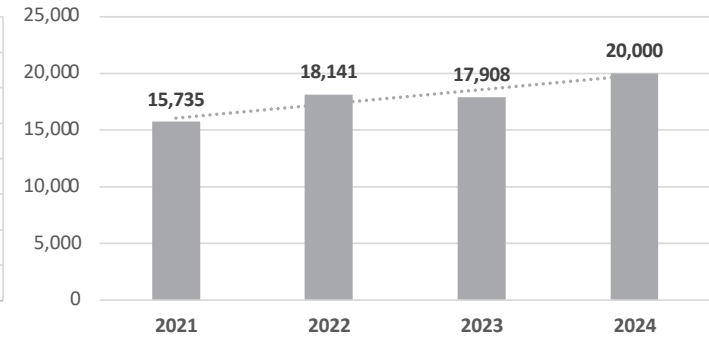
Number of Individual Licensed



Number of Licenses



Number of Hunters



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Hunting Season 2021

3 months from 1/8/ 2021 to 31/10/ 2022

Hunting Season 2022

5 months from 1/9/2022 to 31/1/2023

Hunting Season 2023

5 months from 1/9/2023 to 31/1/2024

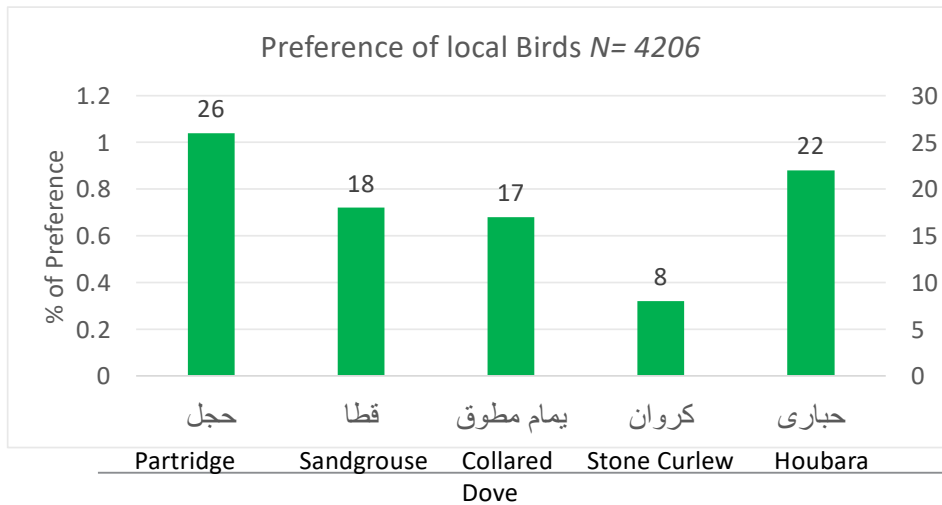
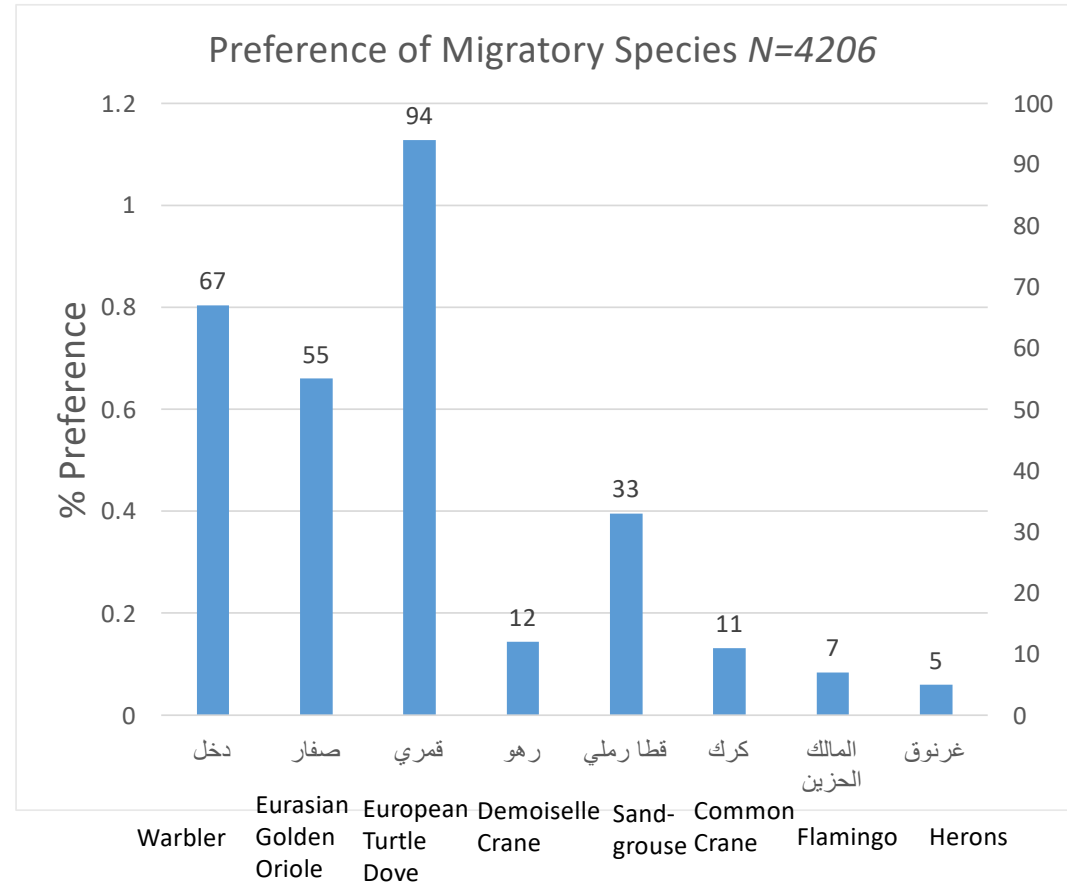
Hunting Season 2024

5 months from 1/9/2024 to 31/1/2025

Socio-economic assessment (Al Shayea in Press)

	Degree of Interest on Hunting			Sample Size	Province
	% Low	% Medium	% High		
50	30	20	496	Riyadh	
25	35	45	412	Qasim	
10	45	45	406	Ha'il	
30	35	35	377	Tabuk	
40	45	15	355	Al Jouf	
35	30	35	320	Northern Border	
45	30	25	310	Asir	
45	25	30	305	Najran	
40	35	25	270	Madinah	
60	25	15	265	Makkah	
35	30	35	264	Baha	
55	35	10	240	Eastern Province	
45	35	20	186	Jazan	

Socio-economic assessment



Socio-economic Assessment

Rehabilitated & Released Species captured with hunters

Species	Arabian Gulf	Red Sea
Black-headed Gull	55	5
Caspian Gull	6	6
Armenian Gull	1	
Grey Heron		4
Reef Heron		1
Slender-billed Gull	4	
Black-crowned Night Heron		3



NCW's Efforts

- The Breeding and Reintroduction of Endangered Wildlife initiative
 - **Supporting wildlife through the reintroduction of endangered species into their natural habitats.**
- Licensing system to improve the regulation of hunting activities to ensure a sustainable use of natural resources and effective governance over trade in wildlife & associated products.
- monitoring species in protected areas.



(Reintroduce red-necked ostriches hatched chicks)



(A fledgling Griffon Vulture)



The release of seabirds after rehabilitating them



Collaborations

Workshop
Saudi Arabia's Experience in Regulating Hunting

The workshop aims to support sustainable hunting practices in the region by reviewing regulatory systems and experiences, as well as exploring opportunities for regional cooperation to protect biodiversity.

Key Topics:

- Hunting regulations under Saudi Arabia's Environmental Law.
- The Kingdom's experience in achieving sustainable hunting: methodology and outcomes.
- Regional challenges of illegal hunting.
- Security efforts in law enforcement.
- Challenges and opportunities to strengthen regional sustainable hunting.

Recommendations:

- 01 Unifying Gulf regulations for hunting management.
- 02 Developing electronic monitoring systems.
- 03 Enhancing security cooperation to control violations.
- 04 Adopting Saudi Arabia's approach as a regional model.

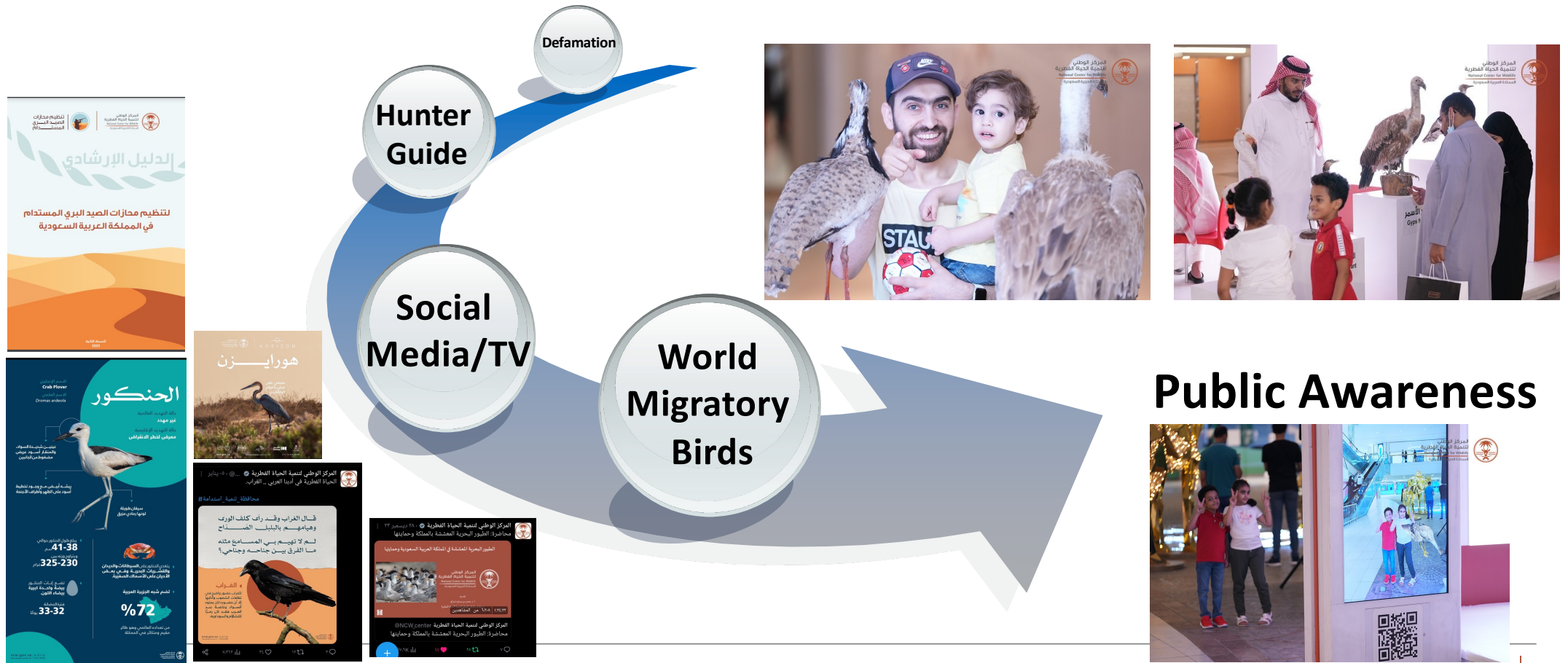
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- Workshop on the Experience of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in regulating hunting collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in NCW Headquarters hall (27-28 April 2025).



- With the participation of local and international experts, along with representatives from relevant parties and royal reserves in Saudi Arabia.
- The workshop concluded with a set of recommendations, which will be presented at the upcoming meeting of the Standing Committee for the Convention on the Conservation of Wildlife and its Natural Habitats in the GCC States.

Hunting Statement announce a month Before & after the Hunting Seasons, with information on regulation, violations & conservation awareness messages



Public Awareness



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