



Oman  
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Center

## Oman Animal & Plant Genetic Resources Center (OAPGRC)

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Under the patronage of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Affairs, the theme of Gulf Eco 2013 was: 'Clean Energy for Oman.'

Held under the auspices of HE Sheikh Saad bin Mohammed Al Saadi, Minister of Sports Affairs, the opening ceremony was attended by a number of VIPs.

Over 30 government, non-government and private organizations took part in the exhibition, presenting the latest information and technology on: preserving the environment; green solutions; and eco-friendly campaigns.

Accompanying the exhibition was the Gulf Eco 2013 Conference which covered topics including: climate change challenges; solar, geothermal, wind & hydro energy solutions to energy challenges; finance and investment in renewable energy projects; policy and regulatory issues in renewable energy; waste management and recycling.

### Oman Animal and Plant Genetic Resources Center

Following His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said's order to review Oman's opportunities in protection of its globally significant genetic resources, the Oman Animal and Plant Genetic Resources Center (OAPGRC) was established by The Research Council in 2012.



Our mission is to promote recognition, sustainable exploitation and valuation of genetic diversity inherent in Oman's animals, plants and microorganisms as a natural heritage resource. It is our vision to develop as a collaborative hub for all animal and plant genetic resources activities; promote the sustainable use of knowledge across economic sectors and social segments; create value from world-class research and practical innovation; share our work with the world of international science and build recognized local capacity in the field of genetic resources.

With policy, expertise and capacity building, and extracting value underpinning all our activities, we work with a variety of local stakeholders and partners - from farmers to scientists to government organisations - on twenty-eight programs that will help us fulfil our remit and achieve our goals. They include research, data collection, conservation, public awareness and community engagement.

We share our experience, expertise and best practice through participation in a variety of committees, conferences, workshops, seminars and training activities and we proudly promote OAPGRC through activities which include: school outreach, exhibitions, workshops, science cafés.

### OAPGRC at Gulf Eco 2013



OAPGRC used its participation at GAFAEX to present its mission, vision, programs and work to VIPs and visitors to the exhibition. It also took the opportunity to showcase Oman's biodiversity and unique wealth of animal,

plant, marine and microbial genetic resources and their immense value and benefits for humanity. OAPGRC reached out to younger visitors in particular and provided a selection of relevant activities to educate them on, and introduce them to, the importance of genetic resources. Dr. Nadiya Al Saady, OAPGRC Executive Director presented: "Harnessing the potential of Oman's Renewable Energy" at the Gulf Eco 2013 Conference.

### Outcomes

The OAPGRC stand attracted a variety of visitors, from private companies, schools and the general public. The OAPGRC stand attracted significant interest and was extremely well-received; it proved to be a valuable opportunity to raise the profile of the center. Thanks to the type of visitors to the exhibition, GAFAEX was a significant networking Feedback on OAPGRC participation was extremely positive especially from educational institutions and students.

