

# Iraq Waterkeeper Environmental Law and Advocacy Project

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## WORLD WATER DAY, LOVE THE WATER

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Waterkeepers Iraq took it to another level on World Water Day – 22 March 2015. They built a paddle board out of empty water bottles and paddled it downstream from the Dukan Dam to the Qashqoly area where many Nawruz picnickers were gathered on 22 March 2015. It was a very successful event and there was a great reaction from the public. Nabil Musa, the Iraq Upper Tigris Waterkeeper, was on the Kurdsat TV Magazine program and spoke about World Water Day and these activities. They wish to thank the builder of the paddleboard, Aqil Musa, who used only recycled materials



, and Kak Rebin for helping in this activity. You can find out more about this project on the

Iraq Upper Tigris Waterkeeper Facebook Page or get in contact with the Waterkeeper at

+964 (0) 7722987653 or by emailing [info@waterkeepersiraq.org](mailto:info@waterkeepersiraq.org)

## Earth Hour Events in Kurdistan

### NGO

On 28 March 2015 Kurdistan joined the global environmental movement Earth Hour event, which was organized by the Green Environment Organization and was sponsored by Lafarge Iraq. The aim of this activity in Kurdistan is to tell the global community that Kurdistan protects its nature and that they are part of the global movement to address climate change. Their mission was to connect the Kurdistan people with global efforts to take action to address climate change. This important environmental day is celebrated in 172 countries. Two activities took place in the morning and

evening to reflect the core goals of the event.

The first activity was a tree planting at a refugee's camp to encourage greening of the camp. A total of 70 trees were planted in the kindergarten and the primary school. The event was attended by Lafarge employees, the General Director of Environment Department at Nature Iraq, Waterkeepers Iraq, media outlets and the camp management team.

The second event took place in the courtyard of the governorate building where the Governor of Sulaimani, Lafarge employees, local government staff and NGOs representatives gathered. The electric power was cut off for



60 minutes to reflect this year's slogan of "Use your power to change climate change". For more information, visit:

<http://www.earthhour.org/kurdish-region-northern-iraq> or <https://www.facebook.com/EarthHourKurdistan>