

# Iraq Waterkeeper Environmental Law and Advocacy Project



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## What is Iraq Waterkeepers?

We are Waterkeepers, advocates and voices for the protection of rivers and waterways of the Tigris-Euphrates Basin. Started in May of 2011 with the hiring of the first Waterkeeper in Iraq and the Middle East, the Iraq Upper Tigris Waterkeeper (IUTW) the program was sponsored by the Iraqi Conservation Organization, Nature Iraq. Nabil Musa, is the countries first Waterkeeper and has its home base in Sulaimani in Kurdistan, northern Iraq.

The program is also affiliated with the international Waterkeeper Alliance, which has over 200 river, bay, sound and coastal advocates across the globe.

Though initiated in Iraqi Kurdistan, Waterkeepers Iraq encourages and welcomes all interested individuals and groups throughout Iraq who are concerned with protecting and restoring Iraq's water quality, fisheries, aquatic diversity and natural functions of streams, lakes, bays and rivers to become the eyes, ears and voices that monitor and advocate for their local waterways. Together we can expand the Waterkeepers throughout the river basins of the Tigris-Euphrates.

Though the Waterkeepers Iraq Program was sponsored by Nature Iraq, it plans to separate and operate as an independent organization registered with both the Kurdistan Regional Government and with Baghdad.



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