

# Iraq Waterkeeper Environmental Law and Advocacy Project



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## Project of (Clean Safeguarding of Zalm Water) has been done

**Nature Iraq Advocacy project staff** On May 15th 2016, opened a project in the Zalm area, which belongs to Khormal sub-district and 16 KM far from center of Halabja 's governorate in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. The project is called 'clean safeguarding of Zalm water'. The purpose of this project is to keep the Zalm stream clean and to preserve the area as a tourist attraction.

Nature Iraq was founded in Iraq in 2004 and has started its work in Sulaimani and in the Kurdistan Region in general since 2007. The organization has been working continuously in various environmental areas and the implementation of its projects still continues. The Advocacy Project started to research and prepare a project for the purpose of preventing car washing on Zalm Stream. The project has been designed in a modern style in a way that it fits the nature of the region.



Before starting the project



Starting the project

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After completing research on the area, the implementation of the project initiated. It started with cleaning of the stream, then the raising of two sides of the stream up to 2 meters with rocks and sub base in compressed layers. Later, a wall was built called Gabion wall, which is a modern wall currently used in many developed countries. In addition, another part of the project was renovation and painting of the Zalm Bridge and building of a number of seating stairs with brick and their decoration. The final stage of this project was to increase the green space by planting saplings (trees) and growing flowers on top of the Gabion wall.

Zalm stream water is continuously used for agriculture and irrigation, and the stream contains a large number of fish. Therefore, contamination of this water will have negative impact on peoples' health as the fish make peoples' daily source of food. It was for the above reasons that we took seriously the implementation of such a project in this manner.



During work on the project

The support that we received from Halabja Governorate and the Directorate of Tourism is highly appreciated. They provided a lot of support and assistance to our organization for the implementation of this project.

The Project for Clean Safeguarding of Zalm Water was financially **funded by the European Union** and it was successfully executed by Nature Iraq Advocacy Project.



Opening the project