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A walk on the wild side in United Arab Emirates

**Marine Environment & Resources of Abu Dhabi
Terrestrial Environment of Abu Dhabi Emirate**

Background:

The Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) is launching two new publications exploring the wealth of species and habitats of Abu Dhabi. Each book is compiled with breathtaking photography and the combined knowledge of many experts in terrestrial and marine environments.

Key Issues:

- A preview before the official launch that takes place in the United Arab Emirates on October 14, 2008.
- **Terrestrial Environment of Abu Dhabi Emirate:**
A fascinating and comprehensive appraisal of the Emirate's terrestrial environment with dedicated chapters on: geology, soils, climate, water, flora, birds, reptiles, terrestrial mammals and anthropoids.
- **Marine Environment & Resources of Abu Dhabi Emirate:**
This book provides an insight into the marine resources and coastal habitats of Abu Dhabi Emirate. Covering a wide variety of subjects and beautifully illustrated with photos, charts and diagrams, it will appeal to a wide audience interested in the natural world.

Where:

- Wednesday, October 8, at 13:00 in the Species Pavilion at the World Conservation Congress, Barcelona.

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