ANIMAL TRADE & HUNTING IN IRAQ
Iraq with its major River Systems

- Euphrates
- Tigris
- Karkheh
Kurdistan, Iraq

Iraqi Kurdistan is located in the northern, mountainous areas of the country with species associations adapted to alpine, mountain-forest, mountain-steppe and river riparian ecosystems.

Irano-Anatolian Hotspot
Central & Western Iraq

Central & Western Iraq contain deserts and semi-arid grasslands and species as well as riparian habitats along the Tigris & Euphrates River. There are also large reservoir/lake systems that are important to migratory species.
Southern Iraq

Southern Iraq is an area known for deserts and arid lands but also for the vast fresh and brackish water wetlands of the Mesopotamian marshlands formed by an extensive in-land delta system created by the Tigris & Euphrates.
The Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Project

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Methods of obtaining information on animal trade & hunting in Iraq
Trade Threats seen in the KBA Surveys

- City & Village Animal Markets
- Direct from hunters
- Formal & Informal Zoos
Routes of the animal trade
Hunting Threats seen in the KBA Surveys

Hunting
- Trapping & Netting
- Firearms
- Falconry
- Poisons, Electroshock, & Explosives
Next Steps

- Advocating for Species
- New laws and enforcement
- Public Education & Raising Awareness
- Joining Cites
- Training
- Research
Thank you

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