

## **Ammiq Park House**

### **Shouf Biosphere Reserve – Lebanon**

#### **Summary:**

- Owned by Al-Shouf Cedar Society and A Rocha
- Funded by Swiss Development Agency (SDC)
- Land for the Park House was granted by the Skaff Family
- Managed by a board from Al-Shouf Cedar Society, A Rocha and Skaff Family

#### **Description:**

- The Park House is an eco-restaurant and café located in the old village of Ammiq and features an eco-restaurant that serves fresh seasonal Lebanese food in a quiet atmosphere with no music or smoking
- It is located above the Ammiq wetland with a panoramic view of the Bekaa valley and includes an exhibition area, conference room, and terraces for outdoor activities
- The Park House is one of the greenest buildings in Lebanon and includes Canadian wells, specific isolation system, solar chimneys, green roof, and solar energy system
- It will serve as an information center for activities in the Biosphere Reserve such as hiking, biking, bird watching and agro-tourism in the surrounding area

#### **Capacity:**

- 20-30 persons in the café (on the green roof)
- 80-100 persons in the eco-restaurant (with inside and outside seating)
- Over 200 persons throughout the building (for special events/occasions)

#### **Management:**

The eco-restaurant will be managed by a local operator with technical support from a tourism expert and the Royal Society for Nature Conservation in Jordan