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Shouf Model Forest - Lebanon

Updates on the activities and way forward to enter the Network

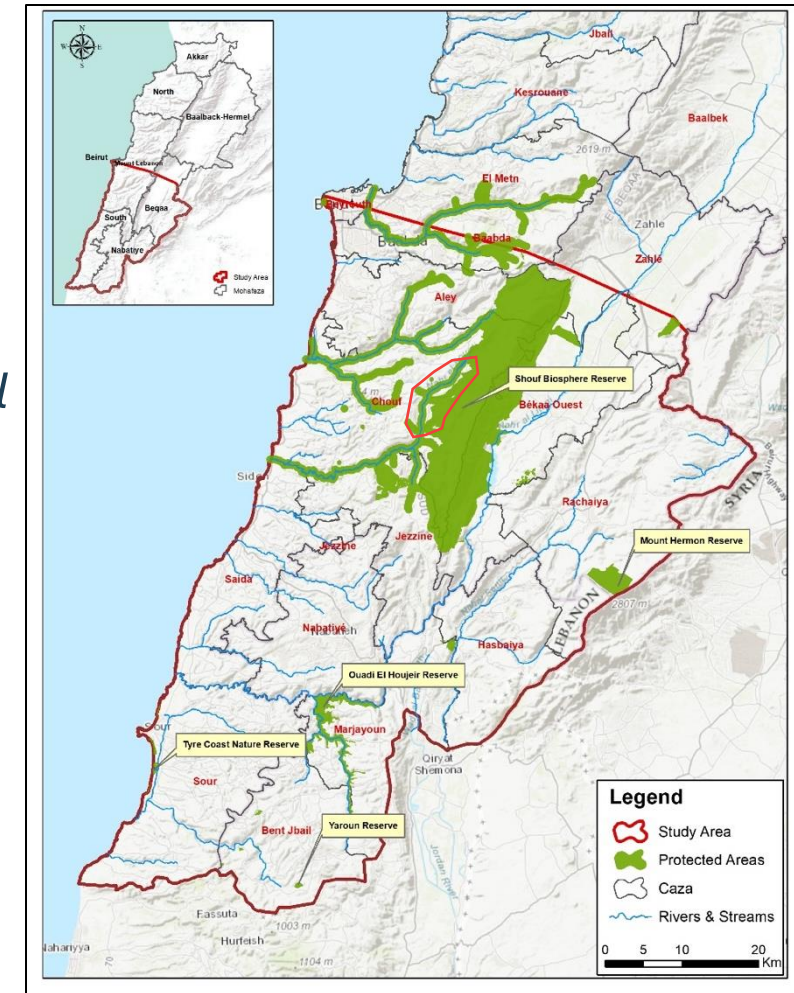
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General overview

Shouf Model forest is located at the Development zone of Shouf Biosphere Reserve (the largest reserve in Lebanon), and it is considered an important area for connectivity between different ecosystems (Mountains, Rivers, and Valleys), The size of the area is around 810 hectares, and it is within 5 villages where a very important river basin crosses the valley inside this model forest.

The lowest elevation of the MF is 900 and the highest point reaches 1350M above sea level, and it includes Oak forests, Pine forests, and very important biodiversity (Fauna and Flora) some of which are endemic, rare, and red-listed.

The importance of this MF is to ensure ecosystem connectivity, to expand conservation, and lead to better management and control of natural and cultural practices.



Update on the activities (slide 1/2)

Meeting with Stakeholders



Assess Biodiversity and key elements of the MF

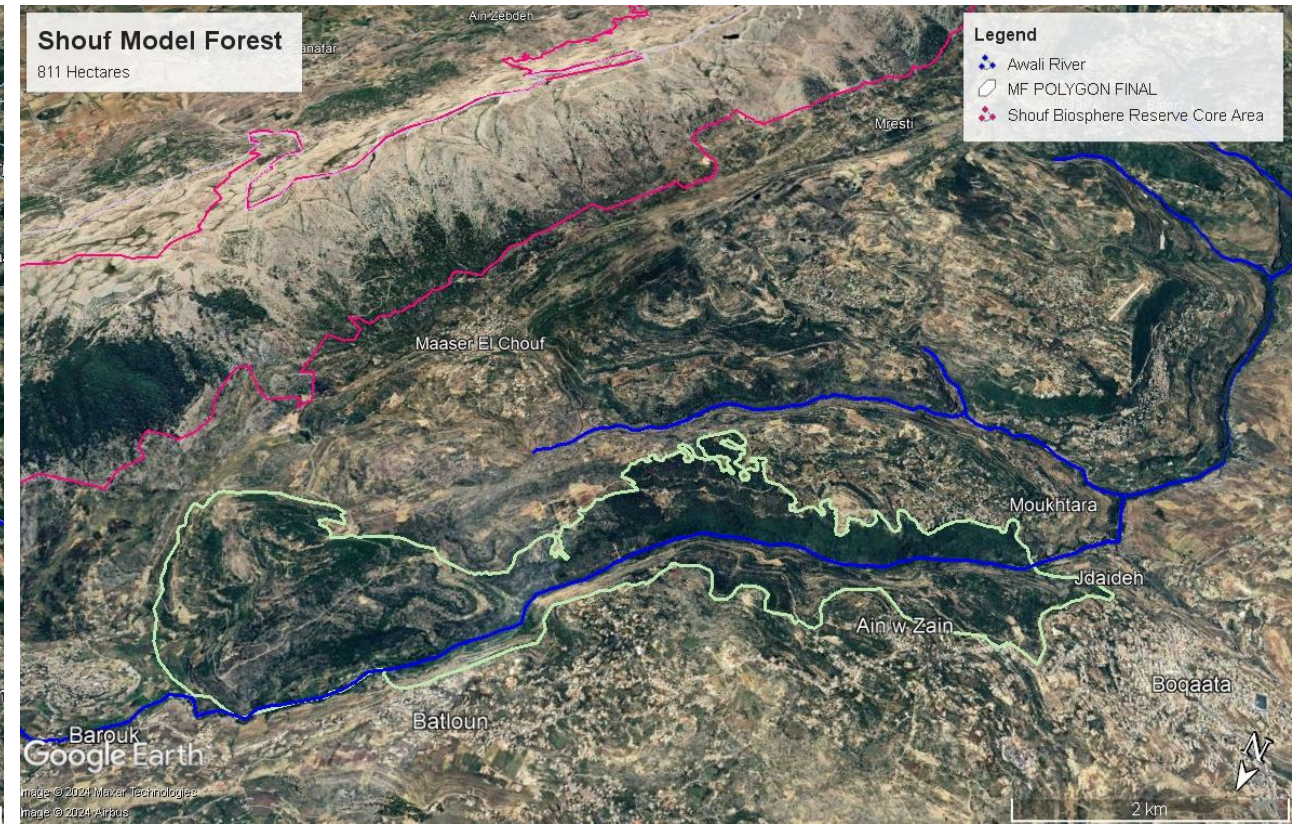
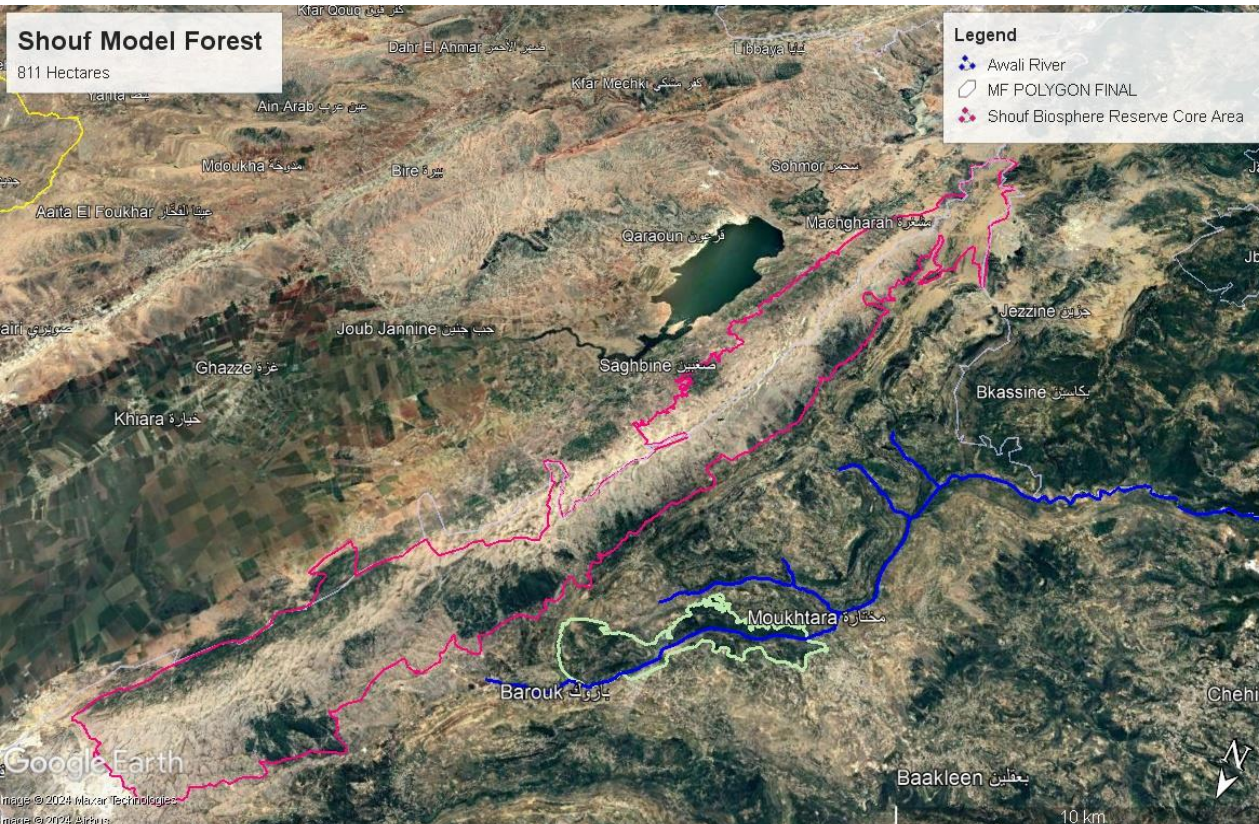


Proceed with the strategic plan of the MF



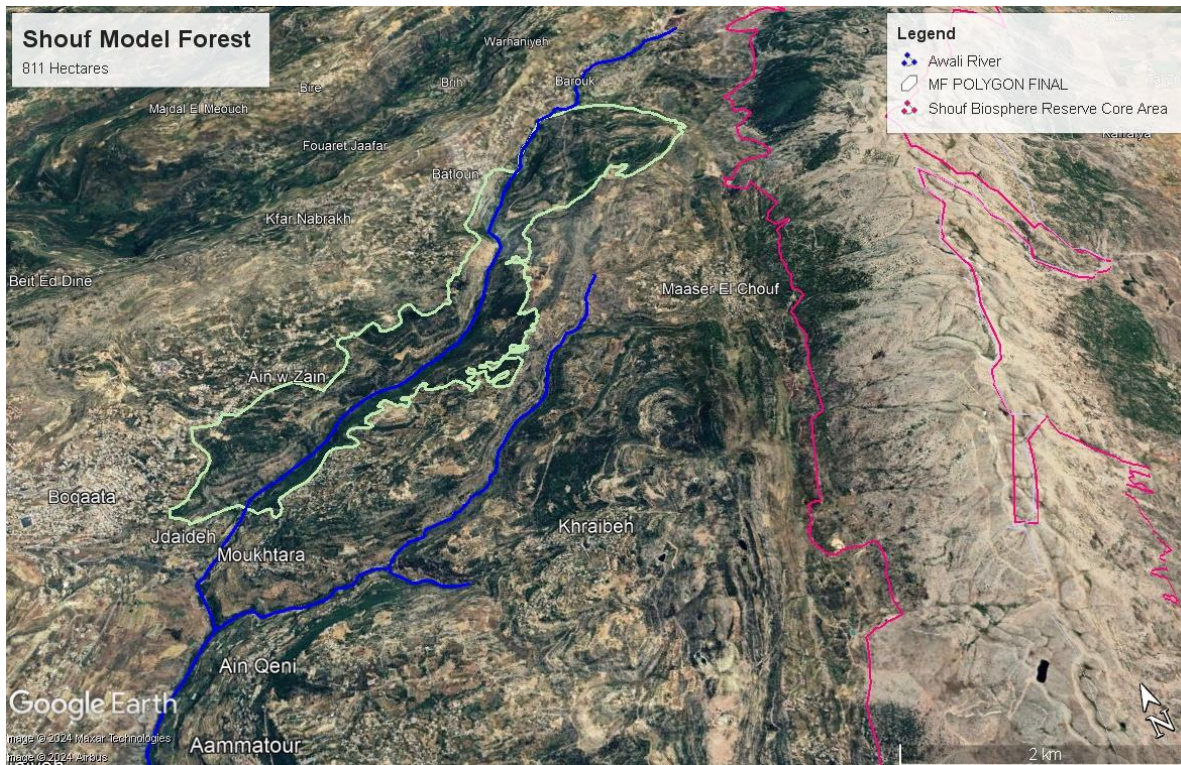
Update on the activities (slide 2/2)

Setting up the boundaries



Update on the activities (timeline)

Validating the boundaries



Finalizing the strategic plan of the MF



Challenges and way forward

*The main challenges is the current situation in the country and the instability due to the current war
Other challenges is the lack of resources (Technical and financial resources at the local authorities (Mainly Municipalities)*

Lack of strategic planning – Urban planning law enforcement

Scientific studies for the area

Boundaries at some areas of the MF

Forest fires, river water quality and other violations (Hunting, Logging, Picnicking, etc.)



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