



Oxy Qatar launches new book on nature

Occidental Petroleum of Qatar (Oxy Qatar) has launched *Sea and Shore Life of Qatar*, the third title in the *Qatar Nature Explorer* book series.

Qatar Nature Explorer was published in collaboration with Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing and the author, Frances Gillespie. The full book set includes six illustrated books for young children on the natural history and flora and fauna of Qatar, and is available in both English and Arabic. *Sea and Shore Life of Qatar* was presented during the opening ceremony of the QP Environment Fair on April 23 to HE Dr Mohamed bin Saleh al-Sada, the Minister of Energy and Industry.

Since 2012, Oxy Qatar has launched a new book each year based on the theme of QP's Environmental Fair. Plants of

Qatar and Mammals of Qatar, the first two titles in the book series, were printed and distributed at the 2012 and 2013 fairs. The publisher says that *Sea and Shore Life of Qatar* "fits perfectly" with the 2014 fair's theme of water use and conservation. The book provides information on the marine flora and fauna native to Qatar.

Stephen Kelly, President and General Manager of Oxy Qatar, said, "We hope the books will provide value to all students and enhance awareness of Qatar's rich and diverse natural heritage."

If libraries in Qatar would like to have copies of *Qatar Nature Explorer* they may contact Oxy Qatar at 4445-9459.

Author Frances Gillespie, a British resident in Qatar since 1985, said: "During the past few years I've published several books aimed at adults, but I've now turned to writing for children



NOW AVAILABLE: Stephen Kelly, Oxy president and general manager, Frances Gillespie, the author, and Hassan al-Malki, Oxy deputy general manager at the fair.

as I think it's so important that the young people of this country learn to understand, respect and

take an interest in our natural and cultural heritage. Without the encouragement and sponsorship of companies like Oxy these publications would not be possible."



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