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The Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage ARCWH
(Under the Auspices of UNESCO)

Requests the pleasure of your company to attend
A charity event for

THE PEOPLE OF SOCOTRA and their Natural World Heritage Site

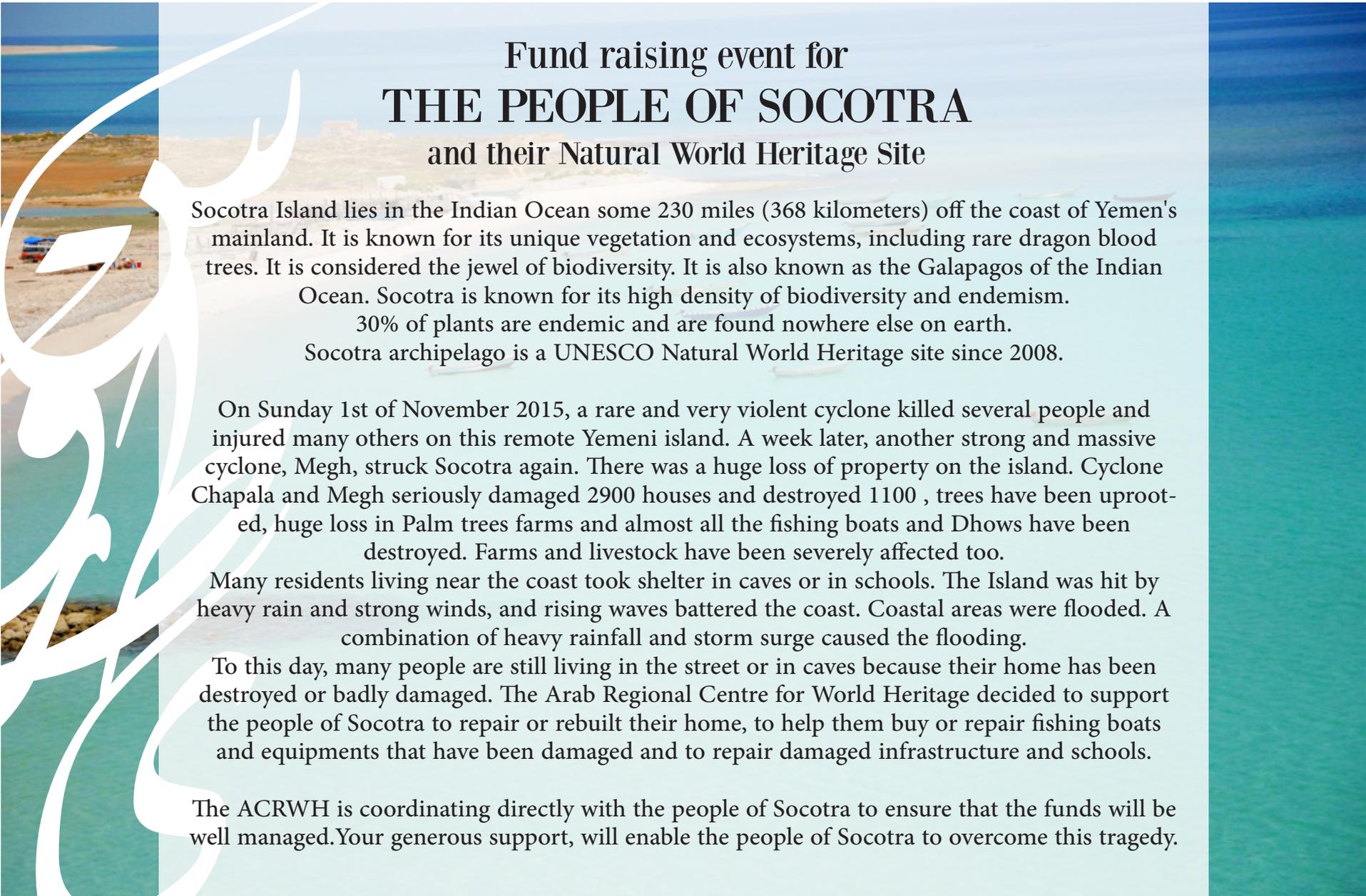
On Wednesday 3rd of February at 6pm
At The Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage

Tickets are on sale at the entrance of ARCWH

Program

Oud concert featuring Saad Mahmood Jawad
Exhibition of photos & sale of posters of Socotra





Fund raising event for **THE PEOPLE OF SOCOTRA** and their Natural World Heritage Site

Socotra Island lies in the Indian Ocean some 230 miles (368 kilometers) off the coast of Yemen's mainland. It is known for its unique vegetation and ecosystems, including rare dragon blood trees. It is considered the jewel of biodiversity. It is also known as the Galapagos of the Indian Ocean. Socotra is known for its high density of biodiversity and endemism.

30% of plants are endemic and are found nowhere else on earth.

Socotra archipelago is a UNESCO Natural World Heritage site since 2008.

On Sunday 1st of November 2015, a rare and very violent cyclone killed several people and injured many others on this remote Yemeni island. A week later, another strong and massive cyclone, Megh, struck Socotra again. There was a huge loss of property on the island. Cyclone Chapala and Megh seriously damaged 2900 houses and destroyed 1100 , trees have been uprooted, huge loss in Palm trees farms and almost all the fishing boats and Dhows have been destroyed. Farms and livestock have been severely affected too.

Many residents living near the coast took shelter in caves or in schools. The Island was hit by heavy rain and strong winds, and rising waves battered the coast. Coastal areas were flooded. A combination of heavy rainfall and storm surge caused the flooding.

To this day, many people are still living in the street or in caves because their home has been destroyed or badly damaged. The Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage decided to support the people of Socotra to repair or rebuilt their home, to help them buy or repair fishing boats and equipments that have been damaged and to repair damaged infrastructure and schools.

The ACRWH is coordinating directly with the people of Socotra to ensure that the funds will be well managed. Your generous support, will enable the people of Socotra to overcome this tragedy.

Please call Pascal for further details: 17003218