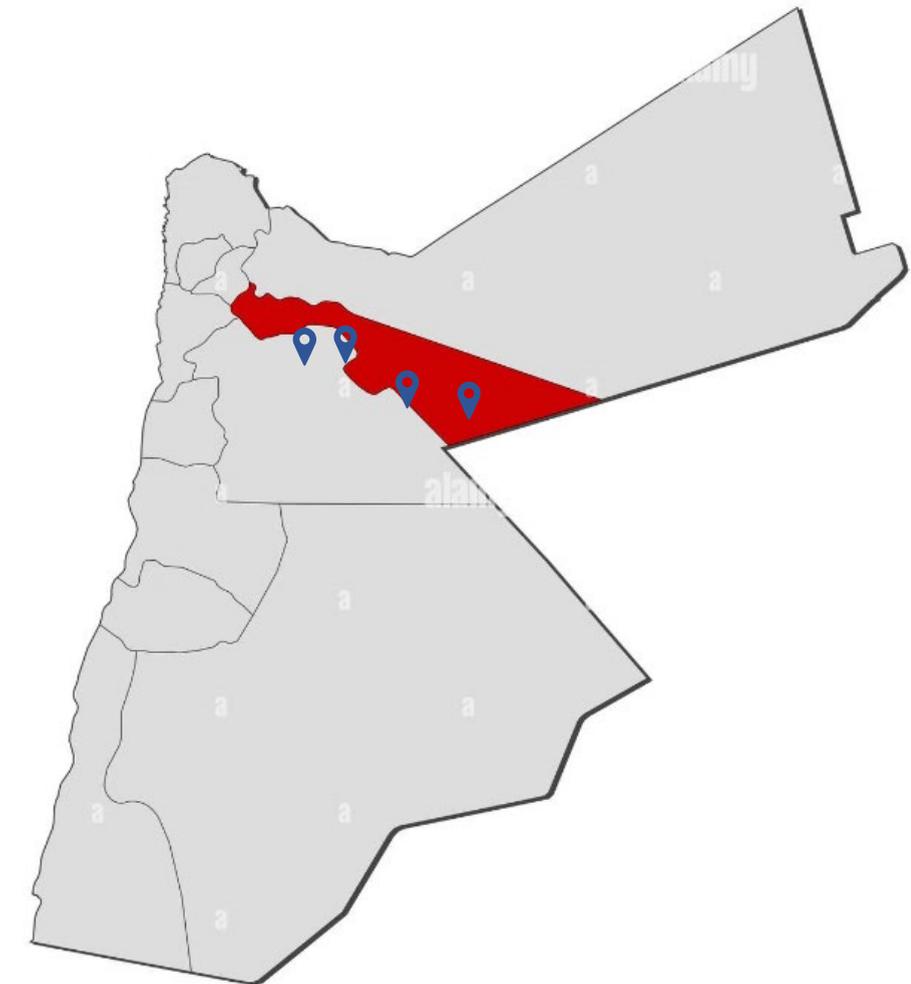


# Al Hima: A Sustainable Approach to rangeland restoration in Jordan (instead of ecosystem restoration)

*Possibilities are Endless*

## Location:

- Bani Hashem
- Hashmiyha
- Duliel
- Halabat





# Al Hima Approach - Overview

- The Jordan Badia extends over 90% of Jordan's landscape, **with Bedouins and other villages using it for livestock grazing as part of their main economic activity.**
- **Traditional grazing systems have declined** over the years, putting the lands at risk. Environmental pressures combined with other threats such as urbanization and unsustainable agricultural practices have led to land degradation.
- **Local community & key stakeholders playing a important role in re-introducing traditional grazing systems and adapting to environmental conditions:** the Hima system was revived. **The Hima system** allows communities to manage rangeland areas and conserve key resources in a way that the use of the resources is regulated. Improvements in rangeland biodiversity and fodder production were observed in as little as one year of establishing these Hima sites.
- Reviving the Al Hima approach is a time-honored, community-based land and resource management system that has sustained Jordan's natural environments for centuries. By reviving this traditional practice, we can empower local communities to protect their natural heritage.



# Understanding Al Hima

1

## Community-Based Approach

Al Hima is a traditional land management system that empowers local communities to sustainably steward natural resources.

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## Preserving Biodiversity

By protecting and restoring habitats, Al Hima helps maintain the rich diversity of flora and fauna in Jordan.

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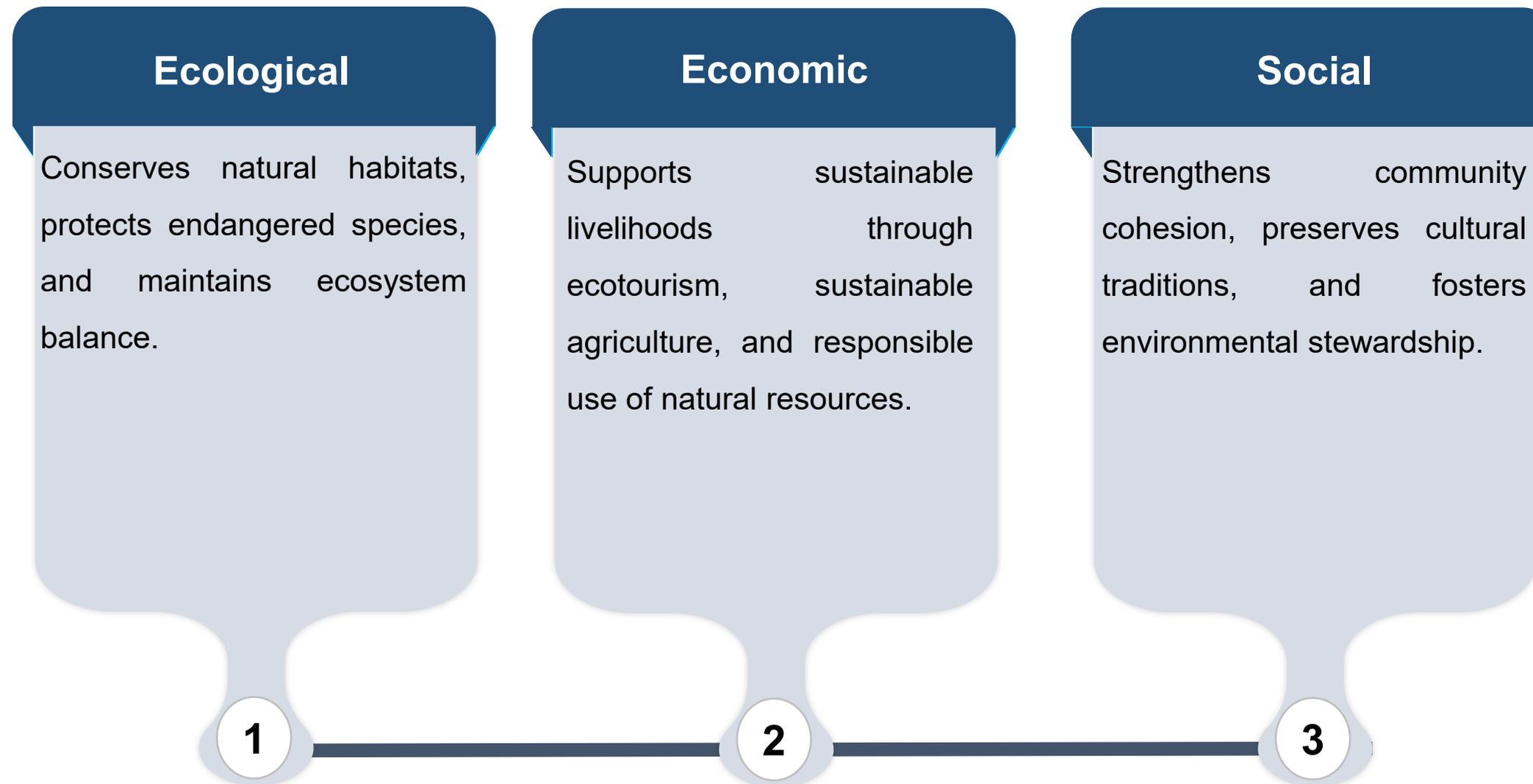
## Adapting to Climate Change

The flexible, community-driven nature of Al Hima enables it to evolve and address emerging environmental challenges.

# Key Benefits of Al Hima

The benefits of this approach are, among others, empowerment of local population, public participation, equitable use and sharing, preservation of indigenous knowledge, local customs and recognition of customary rights.

Additionally, Himas play a role as seed banks and in halting and reversing desertification.





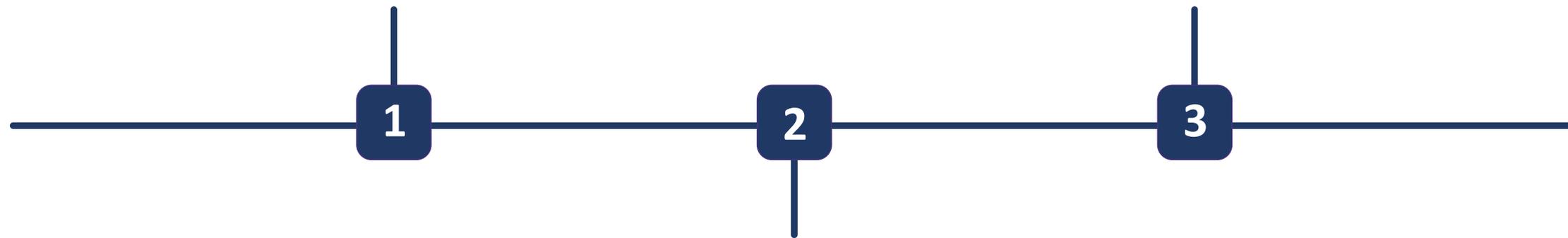
# Implementing Al Hima in Jordan

## Identify Priority Areas

Collaborate with local communities to designate specific areas for Al Hima management.

## Build Capacity

Provide training and support to empower communities to effectively implement Al Hima.



## Establish Governance

Develop inclusive decision-making processes and clear rules for resource use and conservation.



# Engaging Local Communities

## **Participatory Approach**

Actively involve community members in all stages of Al Hima implementation and decision-making.

## **Preserving Traditional Knowledge**

Integrate local expertise and customary practices to inform sustainable management strategies.

## **Fostering Ownership**

Empower communities to take responsibility for the long-term stewardship of their natural resources.

## **Equitable Benefit Sharing**

Ensure fair distribution of the social, economic, and environmental benefits of Al Hima.



# Collaboration and Partnership

1

## Government Agencies

Work closely with government agencies to align Al Hima initiatives and activities with national policies and regulations.

2

## Non-Governmental Organizations

Partner with NGOs to leverage technical expertise, funding, and resources to support Al Hima projects.

3

## International Organizations

Engage with international organization to share knowledge, access global best practices, and secure funding.

The Hima system in Jordan was first used in the Bani Hashem villages in Az Zarqa Governorate, the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) worked in cooperation with the IUCN ROWA and the Arab Women's Organisation (AWO), established a pastoral reserve project covering an area of 1,000 square feet. Managed by the local community and was named the Bani Hashem Villages Hima and launched at the end of 2011.

# Vegetation Cover before the Al Hima Project





# Vegetation Cover after the Al Hima Project





**THANK YOU!**