When we look with eyes of faith at the wonders of all that Allah has created: at the strength of the lion, the beauty of the gazelle, the swirling patterns of the birds of the air and the fish in the waters. When we see the colours and smell the sweet scents flowers of the field we should rejoice that Allah diminished by our sin, greed and foolishness, we should rejoice that Allah has placed us in the midst of such a glorious world. Therefore, when we see this glory diminished by our sin, greed and foolishness, we should be horrified and speak out against this wanton destruction of the wonder that Allah has created. We should both repent and seek to do all in our power to protect all that Allah has created and placed within our care.

In the light shed by the Holy Quran and by the hadith we call upon all the Ulumma of the faithful to remember that on the dreadful day of judgment, we must answer for any wasteful use of creation, any destruction of a part of nature that was not necessary.

We therefore ask all the faithful to protect those species in our own lands that are most threatened, such as the elephant, gorilla and rhinoceros, and to assist in the prevention of poaching and the illegal wildlife trade in order that on the Dreadful day of Judgment, when the community of creatures stand before Allah, we will not be condemned by their words.

The wealth of this world is a gift and a blessing from Allah. May we in turn be a blessing to all that Allah has made and given to our care.

In the Holy Quran 22:65 “Do you not see that Allah has made subject to you humans all that is on earth”

Unfortunately human beings have instead resorted to shamelessly polluting the air, water with toxic waste as well as wanton distraction of wild animals for monetary gains. This has had negative impact and toil on the planet, the animals, the plants and humans that inhabit it. Humans have failed to adhere to the noble responsibility of taking care of the planet for the present and future generations. It is incumbent upon all since humans to protect the planet since it belongs to all of us.

NB: Above all the significance of the environmental issue to the Islamic teachings can be attributed to the authentic teaching of Islam which places a lot of significance and weight on the fact that even during an outbreak of war “No person is allowed to cause destruction to trees” among others.

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