## Biodiversity Financial Resources and Mechanisms in Egypt





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#### **Lessons Learnt**

- Political support is essential
- Economic benefit is important
- If necessary: "Protect now and study later"
- Building consensus is vital
- Local community involvement is critical for long term success
- PAs are the most effective conservation tool

#### **Lessons Learnt**

- Dedicated well trained staff
- Self financing
- Economic benefit to the wider community is a must
- Protected areas are an effective regional planning tool
- Expert opinion is valuable
- Early avoidance of conflicts

#### **Lessons Learnt**

- Adaptive Management and Flexibility
- Not all protected areas are equal
- Establishing models
- Selecting the appropriate staff is crucial
- Partnerships are key for sustainable management
- Successful participatory, precautionary and ecosystem approaches

#### **Future Priorities**

#### Based on:

- Biodiversity strategy and action plan (2017).
- Emerging issues (invasive species, GMOs, mainstreaming biodiversity, 2010 biodiversity target).
- Millennium Development Goals.
- Egypt's commitment to international / regional conventions
   / agreements.
- Egypt's social / economic / environments needs.

A- Development / management of PAs.

B- Biodiversity Monitoring.

C- Supporting Measures for biodiversity.

#### A- Development / management of PAs

- Improve PAs system plan.
- Effectiveness evaluation as indicator for biodiversity targets.
- Local community development.
- Improve infrastructure.
- Declare more PAs.
- Recruit/ train staff.
- Self financing of PA.

- PAs economics.
  - GEF project.
  - Ecotourism.
  - Medical plants.
  - Ecosystem services / products.
  - Captive breeding of endangered species.
- Natural History Museum

### **B- Biodiversity Monitoring**

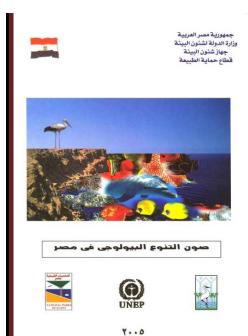
- Biodiversity challenge in :
  - Data availability.
  - Information needs.
  - monitoring changes (indices)
- Biomap of Egypt:
  - trends in biodiversity.
  - Red data book (to measure progress towards 2010 target)
- Indicators for biological invasion
- Biosafety implementation (GMOs)

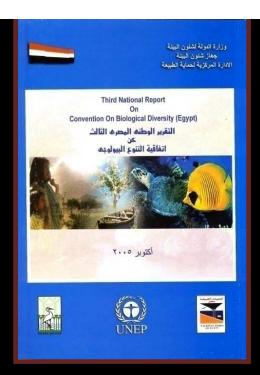
### C- Supporting Measures

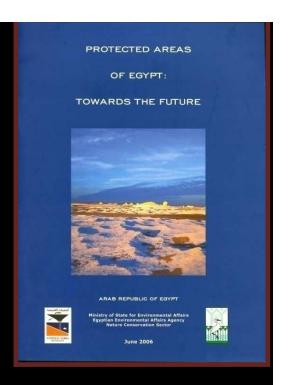
- Nature Conservation (Separate Agency)
- Wildlife law.
- Biosafety law.
- Partnership with civil society / local communities.
- Funded projects.
- CEPA.
- International / Regional obligations.

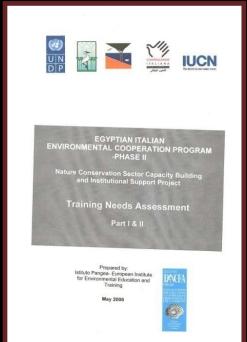
#### **Funded projects**

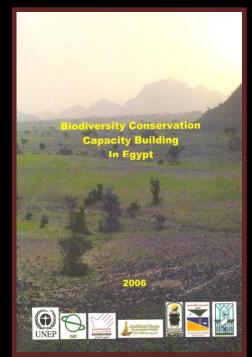
- GEF (wetlands, Medicinal plants and GMO)
- Italian Cooperation (Wadi El Rayan, White Desert, Elba, BIOMAP, Capacity building)
- EU (South Sinai)
- US AID (Red Sea)

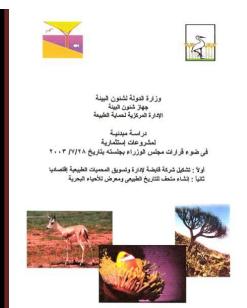












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The State of
Wadi El-Rayan Protected Area
and
Valley of the Whales

An Evaluation of Management Effectiveness

World Heritage Site







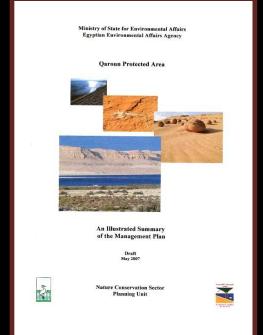




NATURE CONSERVATION SECTOR FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

2000 - 2005





MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION
OF EGYPT'S
PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM

June 2006













#### financial Needs Assessment

- Financial Analysis.
- Projected Financial Needs

## **Expenditures of protected Areas Over last 5 years (\$1000)**

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Source of Funding	2004	2003	2000	2007	2008	Total
Government	1903	1672	2992	1278	3002	10847
Donors	2412	4341	4844	4380	4194	17800
After detuct25% TA	1809	3256	3633	3285	3147	15129
Total fund (T)	3712	4928	6625	4563	6149	25977
Revenues (R)	2937	3795	2812	3623	4698	17865
(R/T)	0.79	0.77	0.42	0.79	0.76	
Protectorates Area (1000 km²)	100	100	100	150	150	
Expenditures per km2/year (\$)	37	49	66	30	41	Average 45

### NCS Financial needs for the next 5 years

Components and key activities	Total budget
1- Information , Monitoring , Assessment of Biodiversity	
<ul> <li>Survey, Monitoring, and evaluation of resources.</li> </ul>	6
<ul> <li>Survey and Assessment of endangered species.</li> </ul>	4
<ul> <li>Geographic information maps system of Biodiversity.</li> </ul>	3
<ul> <li>Actions against bird flue, invasive species and Biosaftey.</li> </ul>	10
Total	23
2- Development of PA network	
<ul> <li>Declaration and managing of new PAs.</li> </ul>	15
<ul> <li>Improving the infrastructure of PAs.</li> </ul>	25
<ul> <li>Providing PAs with technical and administrative facilities.</li> </ul>	10
<ul> <li>Increasing PAs capacity to support economic and social development.</li> </ul>	6
Initiate The Egyptian National Museum.	10
Enhance the program of captive breeding.	10
Implementing the strategy of medicinal planets.	8
Total	84

#### NCS Financial needs for the next 5 years

Components and key activities	Total budget
3- Support enabling environment for PAs and Biodiversity	
<ul> <li>Institutional reform and capacity building of nature conservation.</li> </ul>	10
<ul> <li>Partnership with stakeholders, local community, NGOs.</li> </ul>	5
<ul> <li>Ensure sustainability of donor projects.</li> </ul>	10
<ul> <li>Communication, media, marketing and awareness for ecotourism in PAs.</li> </ul>	3
<ul> <li>Undertake necessary measures to satisfy international conservations commitments.</li> </ul>	10
Total	38
Grand Total	145

#### Conclusion

- 5 million US\$/Yr
- 40 % Government Fund
- 60 % Donors Fund
- 45 US\$/Km2/Yr
- Compared with:
  - Developed Countries (1300 US\$/Km2/Yr)
  - Developing Countries (160 US\$/Km2/Yr)

## Urgent Need for at least 30 million US\$/Yr

#### Gaps

- Irregular expenditure
- Focus on funded projects
- > 2 million visitors/Yr
- Paper parks

#### Revenues

- Generated Revenues should reflect PA values and it needs
- Revenue System should be managed by business approach(cost/benefit)
- Current entrance fees (5 US\$/) very low
- Financial shortfalls have severe impacts on the level of PA management effectiveness
- Resulting in biodiversity loss

#### Revenues

- Financial shortfalls is only one side of the problem
- Enabling environment and capacity constraints

#### **Success Stories**

- Spinner dolphins at Samadi
- Crown of thorn Starfish
- Medemia argun
- Egyptian Tortoise
- Medicinal Plants
- Wadi Hitan
- Egyptian Gazelles
- Sea cucumber
- Mangroves
- Coral Reefs



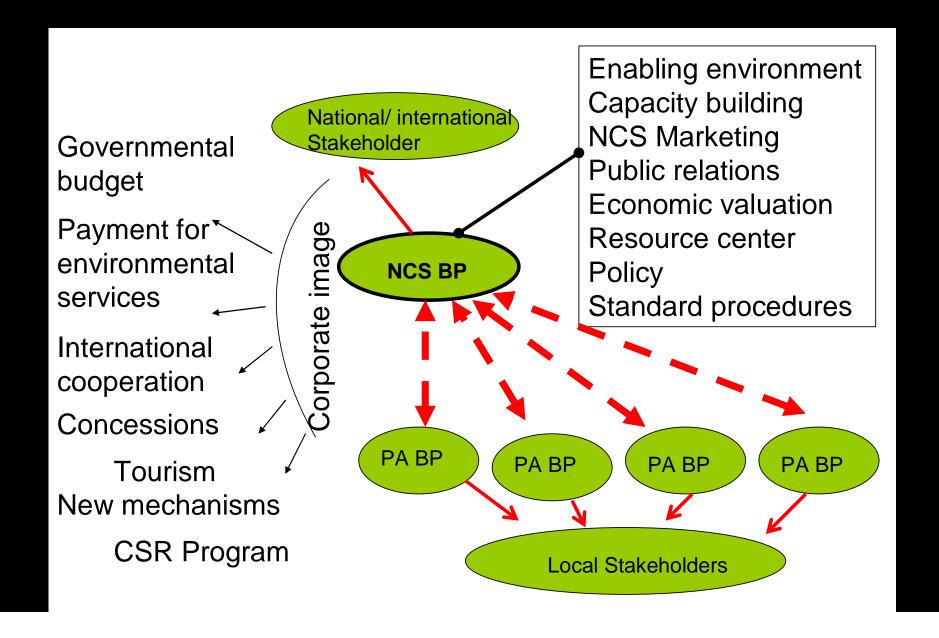


## Best Practices for Biodiversity Mainstreaming

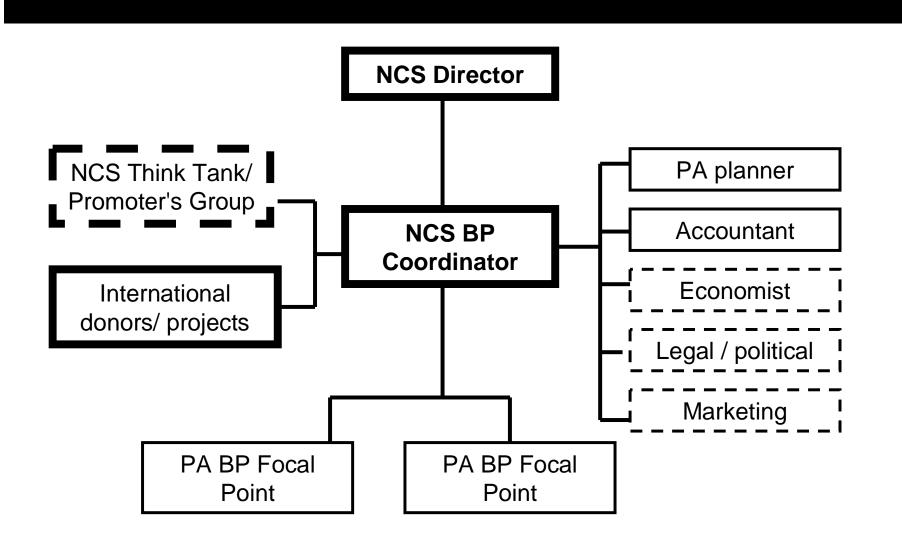
- Environmental Policy
- Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
- NEAP:
  - Current status
  - Corrective measure
  - Supportive measures
- NCSA
- Partnerships

- Institutional Reform
- New Legislations
  - GMO (Biosafety)
  - ABS
  - Wildlife

#### Business Planning

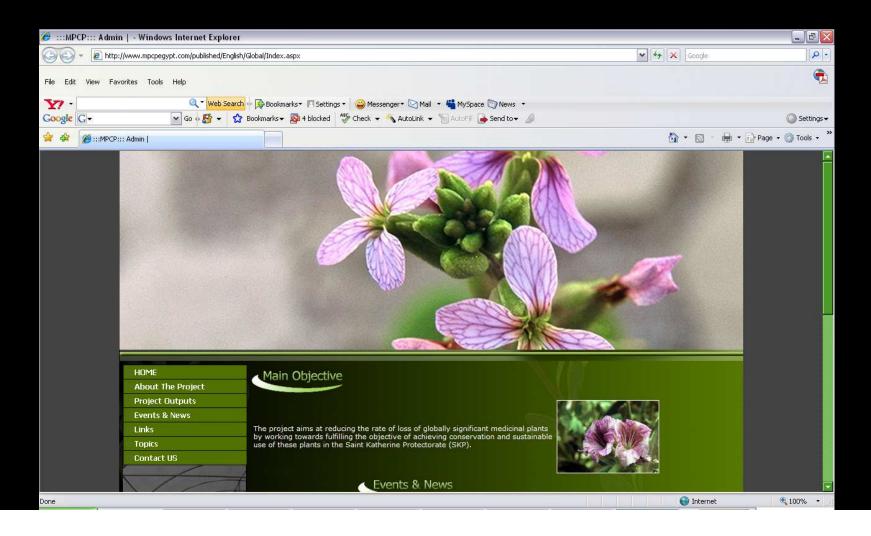


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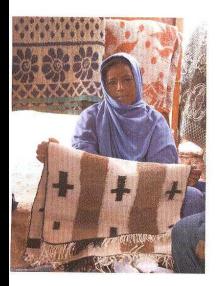
- Strengthening National System of Pas (GEF)
- Payment for Environmental Services
- International and Regional Cooperation

Medicinal Plants

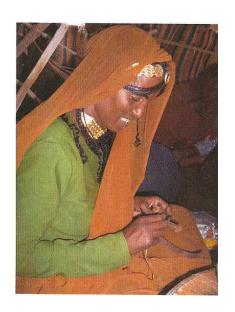


Gender

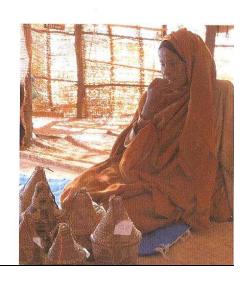
#### Handicrafts



Abu Ghusun
Baranis
Hafifit
Qula'an
Shalateen



from the South Red Sea



Tourism







FAYOUM ECOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005-2015















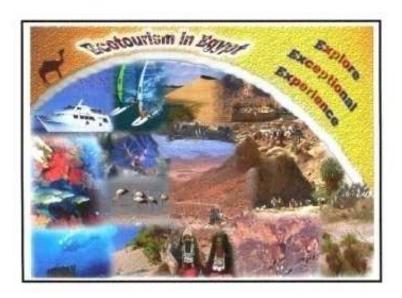
Fayoum Governorate, Egypt



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Biodiversity in Good Company



