

## Contribution of Egypt towards the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) during the first 6 months (January-June 2010)

### Printed materials distributed to stakeholders far:

- NCS has produced the booklet on the Gilf El-Kebir Protected Area located on the south West of Egypt, and it is considered as the largest protected area in Egypt (48.000km<sup>2</sup>). The booklet is produced in Arabic, English and Italian.
- NCS in cooperation with the Medicinal Plants Project and the Italian Cooperation Project have produced Agendas. Both Agendas contained information about the Protected Areas.
- NCS has produced the Wetland booklet in Arabic entitled caring about wetland as a response to climate change
- NCS has produced a booklet on Agro-biodiversity in Arabic that will help on highlighting the Agro-biodiversity in Egypt and raise awareness about the significance of agriculture genetic resources.
- NCS has produced the Invasive Species booklet in Arabic that helps in understanding the concept of invasive species and its impact on biodiversity in certain areas.



NCS publications

- NCS in cooperation with the Conservation of Migratory Soaring Birds Project have produced notebooks carrying information about the soaring birds for primary school use.



- Two newsletters were published to encourage all stakeholders to participate to in the IYB.

## Events

1. In partnership with the Arab countries, NCS have participated in a two days workshop in January 2010 on the updating and revision of the strategic plan of the Convention of Biodiversity for the post 2010 period.
2. NCS have participated on the Green and Sustainable Tourism conference on January 2010
3. NCS organised a three days national training programme on water bird identification and census techniques on Zaraniq Protected Area from February 2010.
4. NCS organised the first national campaign to celebrate the IYB on the occasion of wetland day February 2010. The campaign took place over two days and hosted a number of 150 Egyptian scouts.
5. NCS in cooperation with the US Forest Services have organised a week long workshop on interpretation skills for 21 Rangers responsible for Public Awareness in different protected areas in Egypt.
6. NCS invited the interested national, regional and the international donor countries seeking their contribution in funding the planned activities for the IYB.
7. Release of the NCS in cooperation with UNEP, launched the Arabic version of GBO3 and was attended by HE Minister of Environment. A press conference was mad, and GBO3 was presented, followed by a forum on biodiversity conservation.



Global Biodiversity Outlook3 event

8. NCS attended the International Conference on Bio vision, held at Alexandria Library, where Encyclopaedia of life in Arabic was launched.
9. NCS invited members of the Egyptian Parliament in a guided tour to discover Egypt biodiversity in Wadi El-Gemal Protected Area.
10. CBD secretariat selected the Egyptian focal point on the Programme of Work on Protected Areas to participate in Protected Area Curriculum Workshop Costa Rica February 2010 in order to develop an innovative e-learning programme for global use.
11. The second national campaign was organised on biodiversity conservation in Egypt in Wadi Degla Protected Area in cooperation with the Scouts of Cairo.
12. A regional environmental education campaign was organised by the UNEP in Hurghada from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> March. The campaign was supported by HE Minister of State of Environmental Affairs and the Governor of the Red Sea Governorate.
13. Protected Areas participated in a conference on Development and Environment on the Arab Region. The conference took place in Asuit governorate.
14. Field visits from schools and university students took place within Protected Areas on a regular base.
15. In cooperation with EEAA and Alexandria Library, NCS contributed to the celebration of the International Day of Biodiversity.
16. In cooperation with EEAA, NCS contributed to the celebration of the World Environment Day and Certificates of Appreciation and Awards were given to Egyptian Environmental Leaders. In addition, a forum on status of biodiversity in Egypt was held, and attended by scientists, journalists, NGOs, and representatives of civil society.

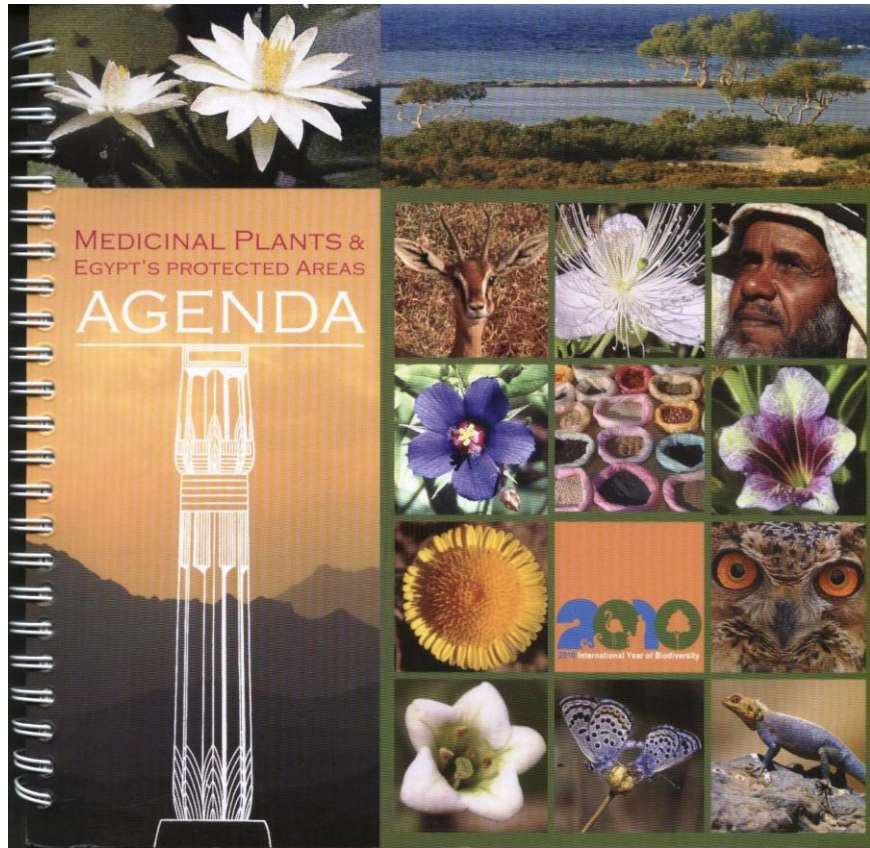


Certificates of Appreciation distributed to Environmental Leaders

17. NCS has announced the national competition for students of primary, preparatory and secondary schools under the title of: What Nature Means to You? The competition explores students' knowledge about nature through drawings for the early stages of Primary education, preparation of DVD/CD about nature for the more advanced stages of preparatory and secondary education. Additionally, another competition was announced to all stages to write successful stories about dealing with nature. The result of the competition will take effect during the celebrations of the international environment day.
18. NCS announced the result of the previous competition (#12) during the celebrations of the World Environment Day. Three students from each educational stage received awards of the sum between L.E 350 to L.E 500.
19. In cooperation with EEAA, NCS contributed to the celebration of the World Migratory Birds Day in Zaranik Protected Area



Zaranik Celebration





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