



## United Nations Development Programme

Country: Egypt

### Project Document

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| <b>Project Title</b>   | Egyptian Italian Environmental Cooperation phase III (EIECP3): further consolidation of the Nature Conservation Sector to promote community-based income-generating mechanisms for the management of Egypt's protected areas (PAs) system.   |
| <b>UNDAF Outcome(s):</b>   | <b>Outcome 5.3:</b> The Government of Egypt and local communities have strengthened mechanisms for sustainable management of and sustainable access to natural resources such as land, water and ecosystems.   |
| <b>Expected Country Programme (CP) Outcome(s):</b><br><i>(Those linked to the project and extracted from the CP)</i> | <p>Protected Areas (PAs) in Selected/Targeted Intervention Areas are at the centre of the activities supporting the livelihoods of the locals as a result of adopting participatory mechanisms that ensures locals' ownership of the PA; enable them to use it while protecting it for their future generations.</p> <p><b>Indicators:</b> Number of PA established with United Nations agencies support; Increase in revenues generated from PAs; Number of business start-ups by women around PAs; Number of beneficiaries and clients, such as tourists, from business services providers at each PA; Number of decent employment opportunities generated for young women and men around each PA.</p> <p><b>Baseline:</b> EIECP 2 supported the following PAs: Wadi Rayan Protected Area (WRPA) including Wadi Hitan Site, which is a World Heritage Site (WHS), and White Desert National Park (WDNP)</p> <p><b>Targets:</b> Increase revenue generated from five PAs that UNDP supports by 25%.</p> |
| <b>Expected Output(s):</b><br><i>(Those that will result from the project)</i>                                       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) The management schemes currently in use for the project's selected Intervention Areas are enhanced through the integration of effective CBNRM mechanisms to support sustainable development.</li><li>2) Responsible and Sustainable Eco-Tourism promoted in the project Intervention Areas.</li><li>3) Innovative participatory approaches for inclusive growth inclusive growth and around Egypt's PAs tested and ready for institutionalization.</li></ol>  |
| <b>Executing Entity:</b>   | Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs (MSEA) via Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA).   |
| <b>Implementing Agencies:</b>  | MSEA/EEAA.   |



**Brief Description**

The project is the third phase of the Italian Egyptian Environmental Cooperation Program (EIECP), which first phase started in the late 90s, while its second phase came to an end in 2010. The current third phase of EIECP aims at further developing Egypt's protected areas (PAs) system, mainly with the view of establishing income-generating mechanism and, thus, facilitate the process for mobilizing resources toward the financial sustainability of the Egypt's PAs system and, in this way, its conservation and sustainable development endeavours. EIECP III will also tackle other PAs management needs of the Nature Conservation Sector (NCS) of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency EEAA), such as that of information gathering/generation management and analysis.

**Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) schemes will be developed and implemented to promote sustainable development in a number of project Intervention Areas (IAs), identified as those spatial domains where the services provided by the ecosystem safeguarded by the PAs focused by EIECP II are used. In this way, local communities are engaged in the management of PAs with the view of enhancing the efficacy in preserving natural ecosystems and cultural heritages. The sustainable use of Egypt's PAs natural resources can hardly generate adequate income for local communities if not built around tourism, which is a significant engine of growth for both the national economy and the development of local communities. For this reason, EIECP III will also tackle the promotion of responsible and sustainable eco-tourism activities and, in so doing, will also pursue the integration of all other potential local economic activities, such as agriculture, ranging and fishing in the CBNRM schemes in and around PAs. The said CBNRM schemes will thus be critically analysed to highlight PAs management best practices and, on this basis, prepare guidelines and methodological tools for their replication in other contexts.**

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| Programme Period:                | <b>three years</b> |
| Key Result Area (Strategic Plan) | _____              |
| Atlas Award ID:                  | <b>00083523</b>    |
| Project ID:                      | <b>00091961</b>    |
| Start date:                      | _____              |
| End Date                         | _____              |
| PAC Meeting Date                 | <b>23/09/2014</b>  |

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| Total resources required   | <b>USD 3,935,190.06</b> |
| Total allocated resources:   | <b>USD 3,935,190.06</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular _____</li> <li>• Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Donor Italian Cooperation _____</li> <li>○ Donor _____</li> <li>○ Donor _____</li> <li>○ Government _____</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                         |
| Unfunded budget:   | _____                   |
| In-kind Contributions  | _____                   |

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