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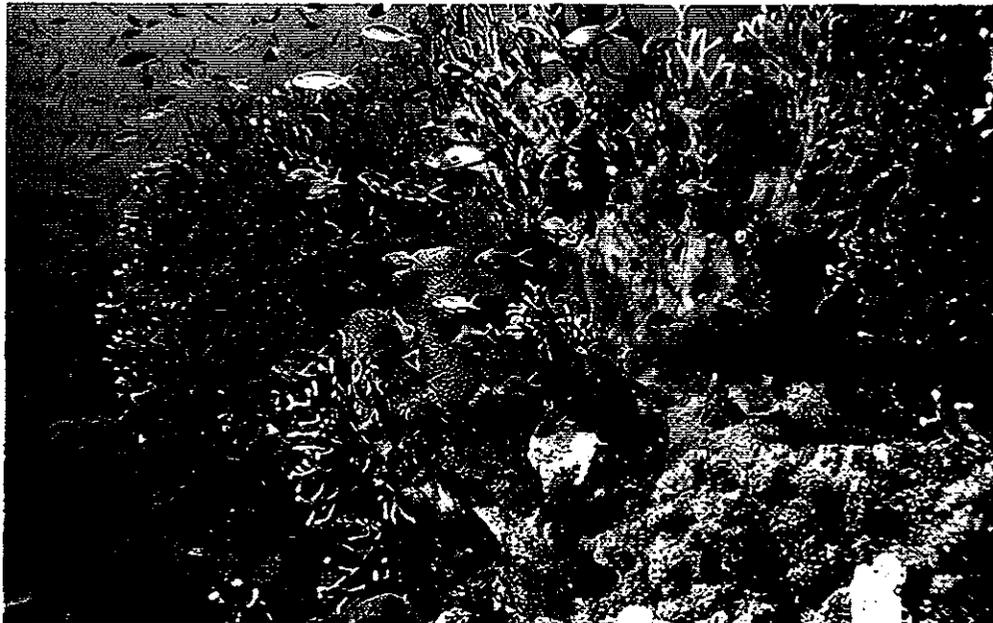
**Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs  
Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency**



**Under the Auspices of H.E. Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak**

**The First Egyptian International  
Conference on Protected Areas  
and Sustainable Development**

**October 23 -26, 2002, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt**



**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

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**W**elcome to the **First Egyptian-International Conference on Protected Areas and Sustainable Development**

The Conference is held **under the auspices of Egypt's First Lady, Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak**, which is a testament to the great importance that Egypt places on Protectorates and Sustainable Development. The Government of Egypt has in fact set environmental conservation and protection of its natural resources as a priority issue, at the highest political level.

We are proud to declare that whilst the world is celebrating 10 years since the declaration of the Biodiversity Convention, we are also in Egypt celebrating 20 years since the establishment of the first protected area and National Park in Egypt – Ras Mohamed – here in the "**City of Peace**", Sharm El-Sheikh.

We have an exciting four days ahead of us which will include:

- \* **Post-Johannesburg development and current trends in biodiversity and conservation management, including the economics of sustainability, and tools and resources;**
- \* **Assessment of the role of protected areas in ecotourism development;**
- \* **Role of donors and development agencies main projects in biodiversity conservation;**
- \* **Biodiversity, intellectual property rights and world trade;**
- \* **A focus on the Egyptian Experience and the country's achievements in nature conservation and protectorates; and finally**
- \* **A site visit to Ras Mohammed National Park.**

This week will also witness an **unprecedented number of environmental events** taking place in Sharm El-Sheikh, with more than **30 Environment Ministers** and high officials from all over the world, and more than 500 participants attending.

Last but not least, I wish to thank all those who have generously supported this event to make it a great success.

**Once again, welcome to Sharm El-Sheikh and welcome to Sun, Sand, Sea, and Sustainable Development.**



**Dr. Mamdouh Riad**  
**Minister of State for Environmental Affairs**

# Tuesday 22 October, 2002

12:00 22:00

Registration (At the Savoy Hotel)

# Wednesday 23 October, 2002

10:00 11:30

## INAUGURAL SESSION

Opening Ceremony at the Movenpick Golf Hotel

(Registration Continues at the Savoy Hotel from 8:00 -17:00 )

- Short Documentary on Biodiversity and Protected Areas
- Children's Environmental Show

### Opening Remarks

- **General Moustafa Afifi**, Governor of South Sinai
- **Prof. Dr. Mohamed A. Kassas**, Chairman of the Conference
- **Dr. Klaus Töpfer**, Executive Director, UNEP
- **H. E. Dr. Mamdouh Riad**, Minister of State for Environmental Affairs

### Keynote Address

- **H.E. Mrs. Suzanne Mubarak**

11:30 12:15

Official Opening of The Exhibition and Coffee Break

12:15 13:30

### Introductory Statements

Chairman: **H.E.Dr. Mamdouh Riad** Co-Chairman: **Dr. Ayman F. Abou-Hadid**

Rapporteur: **Dr. Mostafa Fouda**

- Statement by the Minister of Environment of Italy **H.E. Altero Matteoli**
- Statement by the Assistant Minister of Defense and Civil Aviation of Saudi Arabia **H.R.H. Fahd Ben Abdallah Al-Seoud**
- Statement by the Minister of State for Environmental Affairs of Tanzania **H.E. Natgazune Arcado**
- Statement by the EU Ambassador **H.E. Ian Boag**
- Statement by the US Ambassador **H.E. C. David Welch**
- Biological Diversity, Sustainable Development and Protected Areas (Biodiversity Convention) **Hamdalla Zedan**
- How Protected Areas Contribute To Sustainable Development (IUCN) **Jeffery A Mc Neely**

13:30 14:30

Lunch at the Movenpick Golf Hotel

14:30 15:30

Visit to the Exhibition

15:30

Transfer back to the Hotels

16:30

Transfer back to the Savoy Hotel (Conference Venue) And Coffee Break

17:00 19:30

Plenary I: Protected Areas and Sustainable Development I

Chairman: **H.E. Eugene Berger** Co-Chairman: **Dr. Ayman F. Abou-Hadid**

Rapporteur: **Dr. Peter Bridgewater**

Environmental Management, Biological Diversity And Sustainable Development

**Hussein Abaza**

The Importance Of Irrational Considerations **Beth Burrows**

The Complexity And Importance Of Coral Reefs: Their Value And Need For Protection **Paul W. Sammarca**

Bioactive Marine Natural Products Of The Red Sea: The Uncovered Treasure

**Mahmoud Abbas Saleh**

17:00 17:20

Dinner Reception

# Thursday 24 October, 2002

09:00	11:00
11:00	11:30
11:30	13:30
13:30	15:30
15:30	17:30

## PLENARY SESSION II: Protected Areas and Sustainable Development II

**Chairman: H.E. Nemeč Pavel Co-Chairman: Dr. Ian McPhail -**

**Rapporteur: Dr. Mahmoud A. Saleh**

- Protected Areas: Ensuring The World's Conservation Jewels Are In A Shining Crown **Peter Bridgewater**
- Ecotourism In China's Protected Areas **Wenjun Li**
- Protected Areas? Can We Afford To Live Without Them? **David Duthie**  
Economic Valuation Of Marine Protected Areas: Background And Recent Examples From Around The Globe And Some Ideas For Egypt **Herman Cesar**
- Biodiversity Conservation And Development In Africa **Agnes Kiss**
- Overcoming The Taxonomic Impediment To Sustainable Development: Bionet-International, The Global Network For Taxonomy - A Successful Networking Model For Capacity Building In Developing Countries **Nicholas King**

### Coffee Break

## PLENARY SESSION III: The Egyptian Experience

**Chairman: H.E Abdel Razek Tobayshat Co-Chairman: Prof. Mohamed Kassas**

**Rapporteur: Dr. Moustafa A. Saleh**

- Nature Conservation In Egypt: An Overview Of History, Achievements And The Future Agenda **Moustafa M. Fouda**
- The Gulf Of Aqaba Protected Areas Network, South Sinai, Egypt  
**Alain Judy De Grissac / Medhat Rabie**
- St Katherin's Protectorate Development Project: Lessons For The Future  
**John Grainger / Mohamed Shaker**
- The Red Sea Marine Protected Area Conservation Project  
**John McEachern / Mahmoud Hanafy**
- Wadi El Rayan: A Managed Resource Protected Area  
**Said Dahroug / Marco Marchetti / Hossam Kamel**
- An Overview Of The Medwetcoast Project Achievements In Egypt  
**Essam El Badry**
- Role Of Business Community In Nature Conservation **Hoda Yassa**

### Lunch

## Breakout Session A1: Current Trends And Issues In Biodiversity Conservation

**Chairman: Dr. Nicholas King Co-Chairman: Dr. John Grainger**

**Rapporteur: Dr. Osama El Tayeb**

- The Future of Biosafety, International Regulation and Trade **Neil Sorensen**
- The Role of Taxonomy and the GTI In the Development and Maintenance of Protected Areas **Christopher H. C. Lyal**
- Towards Documentation of Botanical Diversity For Conservation Initiatives: Lessons Learnt From the Sabonet Project **Stefan J Siebert**
- The Biodiversity and Protection of Littoral Wetland In the North of China **Hu Yuanman**
- The Unesco Man & Biosphere (MAB) Arab Committees Network **Boshra Salem**
- Introduction to the Convention on Migratory Species **Marie-Christine Van Klaveren**

15:30 17:30

**Breakout Session B1: Protected Areas Case Studies I**

**Chair: Dr. Hamdalla Zedan Co-Chairman: Dr. Abdel Moneim Hegazy -**

**Rapporteur: Dr. David Duthei**

- Protected Area Management and Sustainable Rural Development: Conflict or Harmony ? **Douglas Williamson**
- Australia's Experience With Ocean Policy, The Protection of Deep Sea Biodiversity, High Seas Marine Protected Areas And Inshore Marine Parks  
**Ian Roderick McPhail**
- Introduction To Iran's Protected Areas And Existing Threats **Hormeira Shahsavand**
- Protected Areas In Karst of China **Yuan Daoxian**
- The Chumbe Island Coral Park **Eleanor Carter**
- A Master Plan For The Regional Network of Marine Protected Areas In The Red Sea & Gulf of Aden **Mohammed Younis Abdel Salam**
- Assessment of Management And Sustainable Use of Natural Protectorates In the Arab Countries: Extant, Future Prospects and Implementation  
**Ahmad K. Hegazy**

17:30 18:00

**Coffee Break**

**Breakout Session A2: Current Trends And Issues In Biodiversity Conservation II**

**Chairman: Dr. Poul W. Sammarco Co-Chairman: Dr. Sherif Bahaa El Din**

**Rapporteur: Dr. Alain Jeudy De Grissac**

- Red Sea Reefs - From Inventories To Sustainable Management  
**Helmut Schuhmacher**
- Insect-plant Coevolution In The Mountains Of Sinai **Samy Mohamed Zalot**
- Natural Habitats Of Egypt: Diversity And Management Considerations  
**Mostafa Abbas Saleh**
- The Documentation Of Egypt's Natural Heritage (The Natural History Map Of Egypt) **Hala N. Barakat**
- A Preliminary Study On The Environmental Data Base In The UAE  
**Ali Awad Salem**
- Conservation And Sustainable Use Of Medicinal Plants In Arid And Semi-Arid Ecosystems In Egypt **Elsayed Abou-Elfotouh Omer**
- Socio- Economic And Gender Analysis As An Approach For Development And Sustainability Of Protected Areas **Fatiha Bousalah**
- The Long Term Strategy And Progress Towards The Conservation Of The Cape Floral Kingdom **N. G. Palmer**

18:00 20:00

**Breakout Session B2: Protected Areas Case Studies II**

**Chairman: Dr. Walter Lusigi Co-Chairman: Dr. Samy Zalot**

**Rapporteur: Dr. Michael Calby**

- Global Change And Protected Areas - A Challenge For African Nations In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century **Mohamed I. Bakarr**
- The Protected Areas Of Egypt: Valuable National Assets And Cornerstones Of Sustainable Development **Dick Parris**
- Biodiversity Conservation And Socio-economic Development In Jordan  
**Chris Johnson**
- Management Of Protected Areas Talila Reserve: A Case Study In The Syrian Steppe **M. Mirreh**
- Sustainable Development In The Field Of Protected Areas: Cedar & Fir Forests In Syria As A Case Study **Nuhad Abdallah**
- Planning For Saudi Arabia's Protected Areas System **Othman A. Llewellyn**  
A Proposal For An Egyptian-Sudanese Transboundary Protected Area (Elba - Nubia) **Irina Springuel**
- Establishing A Preliminary System Plan For The Protected Areas Of Egypt  
**Mohamed Shoker**

# Friday 25 October, 2002

9:00 11:00

**Plenary Session IV: Regional And International Cooperation**  
**Chair: Dr. Ayman F. Abou-hadid Co-Chairman: Anthony Vance**  
**Rapporteur: Dahlia Lotayef**

- The Global Environment Facility And Biodiversity Conservation Through Protected Areas **Walter J. Lusigi**
- Partnership Between USAID At Egypt For Nature Conservation  
**Mr. Willard J. Pearson**
- EU Contribution To Nature Conservation In Egypt. **Mr. Gilles Rebattet**
- The Egyptian Italian Environmental Co-operation Program **Guido Benevento**
- Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) **Mr. Lucien Chabason**
- The Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Program (METAP)  
**Anders Alm**
- The PERSGA Experiences In Conserving Marine Biological Diversity In The Red Sea And Gulf Of Aden Region PERSGA **Abdullah H. Alsuaibaany**
- The Role Of NGOs In Conservation: The GEF Small Grants Experience  
**Emad Adly**

11:00 14:30

**Friday Prayer & Lunch**

18:00 20:00

**Breakout Session A3: Eco-tourism and sustainable tourism**

**Chair: Dr. Chris Johnson Co-Chairman: Dr. Hussein Abaza**

**Rapporteur: Dr. Jeremy Harrison**

- Siwa Sustainable Development Initiative **Mounir S. Neamatalla**  
Tapping Tourism For Protected Area Management **Bill Meade**
- Ecotourism And Its Requirements In Egypt: Birdwatching Tourism As A Case Study **Mindy Baha El Din**
- Tour Operators Initiative For A Healthy Environment **Halina Fijon**
- A Proposal Of A Macro Plan For Sustainable Tourism: A Case From Turkey  
**Abdulkadir Isik**
- The Sustainable Environmental And Eco-tourism Development Of Lake Nasser  
**Mohammad H. Refaat**
- Ecotourism In St Katherine Protected Area **Pamu Stk**
- Eco-tourism - Green City Sharm El-sheikh **Nancy Sand**

14:30 16:30

**Breakout Session B3: Resource Management**

**Chair: Dr. Agnes Kiss Co-Chairman Dr. Mohamed Abu Zeid**

**Rapporteur: Dr. Dick Parris**

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) As A Tool For Sustainable Tourism  
**Ahmed H. Hassan**
- Options For Financing The Egyptian Red Sea Marine Park **Michael E. Colby**
- Strategic Environmental Communications: Advancing Sustainable Development Through Public Participation **Sue Lomenzo**
- Community-based Management Of Protected Areas: The Role Of Education and Communication **May Hani**
- Diverting Pressure From Coral Reefs Artificial Underwater Theme Parks As Tools For Reef Conservation **Peter Van Treeck**
- Transplantation Of Corals As An Approach To Rehabilitate The Degraded Reefs In The Egyptian Red Sea **Mohamed M. A. Kotb**
- Bioremediation Of Petrochemical Contaminated Soils Using The Novel Oil And Chemical Sorbent Supazorb **C. J. Cooper**

16:30 17:00

**Coffee Break**

17:00 19:30

**Protected Areas In Egypt: The Future Agenda**

**Chairman Prof. Dr. Mohamed Kassas Co-Chairman Dr. Moustafa Fouda**

Discussion Of Major Issues Presentation Of Recommendations

19:00 19:30

**Closing Remarks**

20:00 22:30

**Gala Dinner**

09:00 18:00

# Saturday 26 October, 2002

**Field Visit To Oil Spill Combating Centre And Ras Mohamed Protectorate**

# Important Announcements

## Registration

All participants must register for the conference at the Savoy Hotel and receive their conference badges and bags on October 22, from 12:00-22:00.

Registration continues on October 23 at the Savoy Hotel from 8:00-17:00

**Important Note: No one will be allowed to attend or participate in any of the functions unless they are wearing their badges.**

## Shuttle Buses

Shuttle buses will be made available for the transportation of all conference participants from and to the hotel conference venues.

For the Inaugural Session buses will pick up participants to transport them to the Movenpick Conference Center from:

Movenpick Golf Hotel  
Savoy Hotel  
Sheraton Sharm Hotel  
Royal Regina

For the afternoon sessions buses will make the same pick up route to transport participants to the Savoy Hotel

## Exhibition

An exhibition will be held at the Movenpick Golf Hotel Conference Center during the first day.

## Meals

Breakfast is included in the cost of the room.

Light snacks will be offered daily for lunch throughout the conference in addition to coffee breaks in the morning and afternoon sessions.

All participants are invited to the Dinner Reception which will be held on October 23 and the Gala Dinner which will be held on October 25.

For any further information please contact the Emeco Hospitality Desk at any of the above hotels.

## Meet & Assist

Emeco Travel will Meet & Assist all participants during arrival and departure to and from Sharm El Sheikh.

## Bazaar

A Bazaar will be held during the period of the conference (Oct.23-25) at the Savoy Hotel and will feature NGO products. You are invited to shop till you drop from a wide variety of souvenir items.

## Ticket Reconfirmation

Please do not forget to reconfirm your flights at any of the Emeco Hospitality Desks.

# Conference Hotels Contact Numbers

- Movenpick Golf & Resort +2(069) 603202
- Sheraton Sharm Hotel and Resort +2(069) 602070
- Savoy Hotel +2(069) 602500
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- Hyatt Regency Sharm +2(069)601234

## Weather

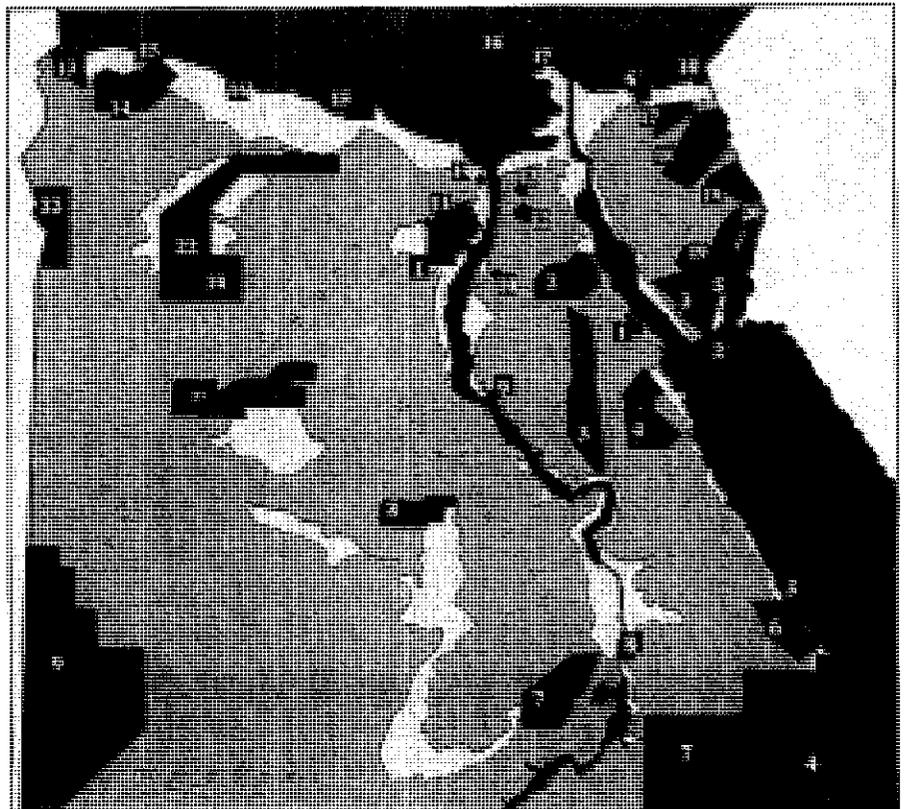
Rough guide to weather forecast

Month	Water Temp	Air Temp in day	Air Temp at night
September	29 °C	35 °C	28 °C
October	27 °C	30 °C	24 °C
November	25 °C	26 °C	21 °C

# National Protectorates in Egypt

### Existing Protectorates:

- 1 Wadi El-Rayan Protectorate
- 2 Ras Mohammed National Park
- 3 Saint Kotherine Protectorate
- 4 Elba Protectorate
- 5 Nabq Protectorate
- 6 Zarniq Protectorate
- 7 Wadi El-Alaqi Protectorate
- 8 Saluga Ghazal Protectorate
- 9 Wadi El-Asyuty Protectorate
- 10 Wadi Sannur Cave
- 11 Qarun Protectorate
- 12 Wadi Degla Protectorate
- 13 El-Maadi Petrified Forest
- 14 Hassana Dome National Monument
- 15 El-Omayed Protectorate
- 16 El-Borollos Protectorate
- 17 Ashtum El-Gamil Protectorate
- 18 El-Ahrash Protectorate
- 19 Taba Protectorate
- 20 Abu Galum Protectorate
- 21 River Nile Islands Protectorate
- 22 Siwa Oasis Protectorate
- 23 White Desert Protectorate



### Future Protectorates:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Malahet Ras Shukeir Protectorate</li> <li>2 Galala El-Qeblya Protectorate</li> <li>3 Wadi Qena Protectorate</li> <li>4 Shayeb Elbanat Protectorate</li> <li>5 Red Sea Protectorate</li> <li>6 Hamata Protectorate</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 Kurkur and Dungul Protectorate</li> <li>8 Om El-Dabadib Protectorate</li> <li>9 Algilf El-Kebir Protectorate</li> <li>10 Wadi Girafi Protectorate</li> <li>11 Qattara Protectorate</li> <li>12 Quseima Protectorate</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 Saloum Protectorate</li> <li>14 El-Qasr Protectorate</li> <li>15 El-Showela Protectorate</li> <li>16 Ras El-Hekma Protectorate</li> <li>17 Maghara Protectorate</li> </ol> |
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# Conference A

## Presentations

As part of the conference, Egypt will present its environmental action plans for two regions: The Mediterranean and the Red Sea coastal areas. Other countries are also invited to present their plans. A committee chaired by Dr. Mohamed Kassar is working out the details of presentations and contacting presenters.

Egypt is also pleased to use the conference as an opportunity to declare a new protectorate, Wadi Gimal, and officially open the new Botanical Gardens exhibit in Sharm El Sheikh.

Awards in recognition of outstanding contributions or service in the field of nature conservation and sustainability will also be presented to certain participants.

## Participants

Conference participants include representatives of international and regional scientific and environmental organizations, program officers and secretariats of international agreements and conventions related to biodiversity and conservation, governmental and non-governmental organizations, funding agencies, donor agencies, research institutions, "green" hospitality industry and tourist organizations.

In addition, a number of prominent international figures, Egyptian dignitaries and experts, technical and development specialists, and other interested parties will be invited. The embassies of Holland, England, Lebanon and Jordan, among others, have promised to send government or private sector support.

The First Egyptian-International Conference on Protected Areas and Sustainable Development will be held October 23-26, 2002 in Sharm El Sheikh, South Sinai.

The event which will be held under the auspices of H.E. Suzanne Mubarak and the Minister of State for Environment Affairs H.E. Mamdouh Riad Tadros, will be attended by renowned scientists from the region and around the world to discuss and strategize for the sustainability of protected areas.

## MORE THAN 30 MINISTERS TO ATTEND

So far more than 200 participants have confirmed their attendance of the conference.

All Arab Ministers (22) have made plans to attend the conference. More than ten Environmental Ministers from Europe, Asia and Africa will also be attending.

The four-day event in Sharm El Sheikh, South Sinai, will include keynote speakers, workshop/discussion groups, presentations, field trips and site visits. In addition, an exhibition hall will be set up, where the primary actors related to the field of protected areas and sustainable development can showcase their programs and accomplishments.

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## ABSTRACTS REQUESTED URGENTLY

Abstracts of all presentations are kindly requested by October 2, 2002 in order to be included in the Abstract Booklet.

## Conference Agenda

### Day 1

The focus of the first day will be the Egyptian experience, with Egyptian dignitaries opening the conference, and the plenary sessions detailing the country's achievements in regards to nature conservation and protectorates. The protectorates themselves will also be featured. In addition, the Exhibition Hall, including a childrens' presentation by Green Corner Libraries, will be officially opened and time set aside for participants to explore the exhibitions.

### Day 2

The second day will provide opportunities for other countries and organizations to share their conservation programs in the form of case study presentations. Participants will have a chance to discuss the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. The focus will then shift to exploring current trends in biodiversity and conservation management, including the economics of sustainability, and tools and resources.

### Day 3

On the third day, the agenda focuses on the future, with plenary sessions focusing on protected area development and planning needs, specifically for, though not limited to, Egypt. The role of donors in nature conservation will be explored. The afternoon sessions will consist of working groups with the task of brainstorming ideas for the major issues that arise during the conference, and coming up with a series of recommendations for the future. The closing ceremony will occur in the evening.

### Day 4

Day 4 will offer a site visit to Ras Mohammed National Park.  
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## Confirmed Speakers

A number of distinguished experts have been invited to speak at the conference. Confirmed speakers include:

- \* Prof. Mohamed Abdel Fattah Kassar, Cairo University
- \* Dr. Helmut Schuhmacher, Institute for Ecology, Hydrobiology Department, Essen University
- \* Dr. Walter Lusigi, Global Environment Facility-World Bank
- \* Dr. Parris Dick, Wildlife Consultancy, South Africa
- \* Dr. Peter Bridgewater, Director, UNESCO Division of Ecological Sciences
- \* Dr. Nicholas M. Collins, Director, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Center, Cambridge, UK
- \* Ms. Beth Burrows Elpern, The Edmonds Institute (NGO), USA
- \* Dr. Stefan John Siebert, Regional Coordinator, Sabonet, South Africa
- \* Dr. Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- \* Dr. Nicholas King, Director, Bionet International, The Global Network for Taxonomy
- \* Dr. Jeffrey McNealy, IUCN
- \* Dr. Christopher Lyel, Biodiversity Convention
- \* Dr. David Duthie, UNEP
- \* Dr. John Dixon, World Bank

In addition, speakers from the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA), the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) and several other local and international organizations are expected to participate.

## Plenary Sessions

The conference will center around discussion groups, or plenary sessions. Scheduled topics include:

- \* Current Issues and Trends in Biodiversity Conservation (Including: The Ecosystem Approach, The Global Taxonomy Initiative, Invasive Species, Biosafety, Genetic Resources, Local Communities NGOs, Public Awareness, Economic Incentives)
- \* Future Plans for Protected Areas (Including: Ecotourism Strategies, Capacity Building and Training Needs, Institutional Development)
- \* The Development of Protected Areas in Egypt (Including: Two Decades of Achievements,

Mediterranean and Red Sea Protected Areas)

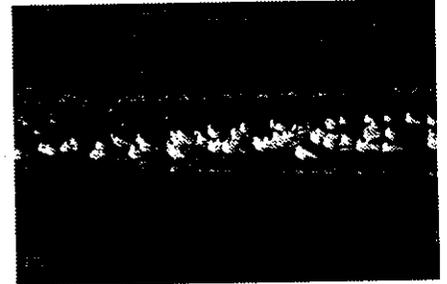
- \* Regional Case Studies (Including: PERSGA, MAP, other countries and organizations)
- \* Protected Areas and Sustainable Development
- \* Economics of Protected Areas
- \* The Role of Donors in Nature Conservation

## Field Trips/Site Visits

The last day of the conference is set aside for optional field trips to the newly established Botanical Gardens in Sharm El Sheikh, and Ras Mohammed National Park. Snorkeling and diving excursions can also be arranged for interested participants.

## Protectorates News in Brief

Zaranik protectorate and Bardaweel salt march in the North Sinai Governorate



The Zaranik protectorate and the Bardaweel are considered key passages to bird migration that represent the first resting and feeding point after a long trip from Europe and Asia during the autumn migration to Africa. Some bird species uses the site for breeding and permanent residence.

It has been recorded that more than 270 bird species in 14 families were seen on the site.



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### **Elba protectorate in the Red Sea Governorate**



The Elba protectorate is located in the southeast corner of the eastern desert of Egypt where its mountain range extends across the boarder with the Sudan on the Red Sea. Many of Egypt's animals, birds, reptiles and medicinal plant species that are threatened and endangered are found in this area.

### **Saluga, Gazal, and the small Islands in between (First Cataract) at the Aswan Governorate**

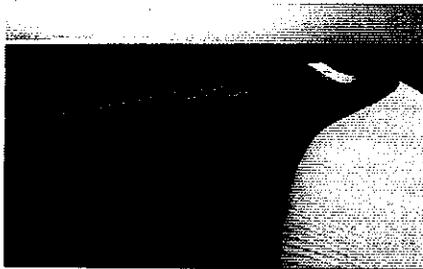
This area is dominated by shrubs such as the Acacia and Heglig shrubs. This area also includes 94 plant species where some are considered unique to the Nile delta. The natural habitats of these islands provide refugia for many resident and migrating birds.

### **Saint Catherine protectorate in the South Sinai Governorate:**



This area is characterized by having the highest mountain range in Egypt. The formation of this mountain range was due to the great tectonic movements that are known as the great African depression that took place about 24 million years ago and resulted in the formation of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aqaba which became an attraction for tourists from all over the world. Saint Catherine is also known for its natural, cultural and educational treasures as well as for its desert habitats for many plant and animal species.

### **Wadi El-Rayan Protectorate in the Faiyum Governorate:**



Wadi El-Rayan protectorate is known for its desert habitats of sand dunes, natural springs and water surfaces. The protectorate is also known for its variety of plant and terrestrial animal species, marine excavations and peaceful environment.

### **Whales Wadi (El-Hitan)**

This excavation area in the northwestern part of Wadi El-Rayan is about 40 million years old and contains fossilized primitive whales skeletons, shark teeth, marine shells and other forms of marine organisms. Also fossilized mangroves were found.

### **Siwa Natural protectorate in Matrouh Governorate**

The Siwa protectorate in considered one of the well known tourist attractions for health treatments, historical sites and temples such as the Amon temple and the mountain of the dead, and safari tours.

The biological diversity of the Siwa protectorate contains more than 40 species of plants, 32 species of reptiles and about 164 species of birds in addition to many species of invertebrates and insects.



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## Locale

Sharm El Sheikh was chosen because of the country's focus on coastal eco-systems, its proximity to Ras Mohammed National Park, St. Catherine's National Park and Nabq Protectorate, as well as its selection of world-class facilities including an international airport capable of accommodating an international conference. It has a unique natural setting, and is considered to be one of the best diving destinations in the world. Sharm El Sheikh has been designated by UNESCO as a World City of Peace.

## Facilities

Four hotels have been chosen to accommodate conference participants and other related guests:

- Movenpick Golf Resort for VIPs and Secretariat Committee
- Pyramisa Hotel for media and organizers
- Savoy Hotel for international participants, speakers, and Secretariat Committee
- Sheraton Hotel for Arab Ministers and entourage, and other in-country participants

## Sponsorship Opportunities

For Donors/Sponsors opportunities, please contact

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## Exhibition

The Movenpick Golf Resort will host the Exhibition Hall, featuring exhibits on ecotourism, activities of the Egyptian Nature Conservation Sector, activities of donor countries and agencies in Egypt, NGO activities, and environmentally friendly investors. Expected exhibitors include:

- Embassies
- European Union
- USAID, including the Red Sea Sustainable Tourism Initiative (RSSTI) and the Program Support Unit (PSU) of the EEAA
- Green Corner Libraries
- Hotel industry
- International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resource (IUCN)
- United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP)
- NGOs
- Petroleum Industry
- EEAA/NCS
- Technology Sector
- Ecotourism Organizations
- Travel Agencies
- World Bank
- AED Egypt

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**T**hank you for your interest in joining The First Egyptian-International Conference On Protected Areas and Sustainable Development which will take place in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt October 23rd - 26th, 2002

In order to help you plan your trip and your participation to the conference, please fill the following form and send it back to our conference organizer at [enviroment@emeco.com](mailto:enviroment@emeco.com). Upon receipt of your completed form along with its related payment, we shall proceed in finalizing your booking and forward to your attention a confirmation number.

Should you wish to amend or need any further services during the conference, please refer to this confirmation number along with your name.

We are very excited to hear of your joining this historical event which is expected to be the start of a series of professional gatherings on environment and sustainable development.

## Weather

Rough guide to weather forecast

Month	Water Temp	Air Temp in day	Air Temp at night
September	29 °C	35 °C	28 °C
October	27 °C	30 °C	24 °C
November	25 °C	26 °C	21 °C

*For Weather Forecast (Temperature and Wind), please visit Weather Online Sharm El Sheikh Egypt.*