

GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Project Details

GEF ID: 9671	Umoja WBS: GFL-11207-14AC0003-SB-008233
SMA IPMR ID: 34727	Grant ID: S1-32GFL-000618/ P1-33GFL-001162
Project Short Title: Egypt Wadi El Rayan project	
Project Title: Effective Management of Wadi El-Rayan and Qarun Protected Areas	
Duration months planned:	36
Duration months age:	62.2
Project Type:	Medium Sized Project (MSP)
Parent Programme if child project:	
Project Scope:	National
Region:	Africa
Countries:	Egypt
GEF Focal Area(s):	Biodiversity
GEF financing amount:	\$ 1,319,864.00
Co-financing amount:	\$ 8,500,000.00
Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:	2018-12-13
UNEP Project Approval Date:	2018-12-14
Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):	2019-06-20
Date of Inception Workshop, if available:	
Date of First Disbursement:	2019-09-26
Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:	\$ 1,206,371.00
Total expenditure as of 30 June:	\$ 881,176.00

Midterm undertaken?:	Yes
Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:	2023-12-01
Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:	2023-12-01
Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:	2023-01-01
Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:	2025-06-30
Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:	2025-03-31
Expected Financial Closure Date:	2025-06-30

1.2 Project Description

This project aims to strengthen the overall management of the Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun protected areas to safeguard biodiversity by addressing a range of threats. It seeks to enable community involvement, capacity building and gender equality as the principle means toward improving effectiveness.

Project Objective: To improve the management effectiveness of the Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun protected areas through community involvement and capacity building.

Component 1: Strengthen management capacities of targeted PAs for the conservation of threatened and important species and their habitats.

Outcome 1.1: Improved management effectiveness (Strengthened PA management tools, processes and capacities) demonstrated at two targeted PAs (Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun).

- Output 1.1.1: PA management frameworks of Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun PAs developed, including participatory approaches
- Output 1.1.2: Field monitoring programs within Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun PAs to assess the conservation status of key ecosystems and threatened and important species developed and implemented.

Component 2: Establish effective community participation in PA management and conservation / management of natural resources.

Outcome 2.1: Participatory approaches to PA management have strengthened PA management and reduced unsustainable resource uses in areas within and adjacent to two targeted PAs (Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun).

- Output 2.1.1: Programmes for community participatory planning and involvement in PA Management developed and implemented at targeted PA sites.

- Output 2.1.2: Controls and monitoring programmes to conserve ecosystem services and reduce overharvesting by local communities within Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun PAs developed and implemented.

The executing agency is: The International Union for Conservation of Nature - Regional Office for West Asia (IUCN ROWA).

Project Partners and stakeholders:

- The Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)
- Nature Conservation Sector (NCS)
- Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation
- Ministry of Water Resources & Irrigation
- Tourism Department
- Fayoum Governor and Governorate
- Water and Environmental Police
- Security Department
- Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)
- Nature Conservation Egypt.
- Fayoum Environmental Center

1.3 Project Contacts

Division(s) Implementing the project	Ecosystems Division
Name of co-implementing Agency	
Executing Agency (ies)	International Union for Conservation of Nature – Regional Office for West Asia (IUCN ROWA)
names of Other Project Partners	The Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) is the host agency for the project and its primary body, the Nature Conservation Sector (NCS) is responsible for PA management and the conservation of biodiversity, and thus plays the lead governmental role in executing the project on the ground
UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)	Johan Robinson
UNEP Task Manager(s)	Jane Nimpamy
UNEP Budget/Finance Officer	George Saddimbah
UNEP Support Assistants	Ruth Igamba & Evelyn Machasio
Manager/Representative	Hany El Shaer

Project Manager	Natalia Boulad
Finance Manager	Omar Hamdan
Communications Lead, if relevant	N/A

2 Overview of Project Status

2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):	Thematic: Nature action subprogramme
UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):	Ecosystems Sub programme
PoW Indicator(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature: (iii) Number of countries and national, regional and subnational authorities and entities that incorporate, with UNEP support, biodiversity and ecosystem-based approaches into development and sectoral plans, policies and processes for the sustainable management and/or restoration of terrestrial, freshwater and marine areas
UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages	UNDAF-Egypt (Pillar III: Environment and Sustainable Natural Resources) UNPDF 2018-2022 Egypt (Outcome Area 3.4: Environment Sustainability and Natural Resource Management)
Link to relevant SDG Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
Link to relevant SDG Targets:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.6 By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes 15.5 Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species

2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
1.2- Terrestrial protected areas under improved management effectiveness	134,042	175,790	309,832	175,790

Implementation Status 2024: 5th PIR

2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
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FY 2024	5th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2023	4th PIR	S	S	L
FY 2022	3rd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2021	2nd PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2020	1st PIR	MS	MS	M
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

Summary of status

Rating towards outcomes:

The rating for the 2024 year is satisfactory because the project was able to overcome the challenges faced during the first two years of the project and achieve tangible outcomes. There has been considerable progress in the project implementation on the outcome level towards achieving enhanced management effectiveness of lake Qarun and Wadi El Rayan PA's. based on the recent METT assessment there is an increase in the overall scores for both PA's (WRPA: from 67 points to 72 points and LQPA: from 53 points to 62 points) and this will be further increase based on the ongoing activities and upgrades on the post signs for both reserves and procurement of the field survey monitoring equipment's. Beside the management plans for Lake Qarun, Jabal Qatrani and Wadi Al Hitan that were already developed, A restoration master plan was developed for Lake Qarun to address key threats affecting the lake. The project also developed a communication, education and awareness plan CEPA to enhance the awareness of local communities. This was coupled with training of the PAs staff on integrated management of protected areas, GIS, community engagement and several soft skills. Also, a very valuable report for identification of Nature Based Solutions NBS in WRPA and LQPAs has been developed. Also, supporting the enforcement and patrolling efforts by performing a full maintenance of vehicles and boats used in patrolling as part of the law enforcement programme in Wadi El Rayan and Lake Qarun Protected Areas. Along with, with a capacity building programme, the project organised a comprehensive training for EEAA field staff, which included topics such as Microsoft Office, computer software/hardware maintenance, Photoshop cc2022, video editing, social media, and training on English language, levels one, two and three, after which the participants' performance was tested and certified. Additionally, two of the Protected Areas managers attended a conference organised by the IUCN ROWA and the Arab Regional Center for World Heritage ARC-WH on the "Natural and mixed world Heritage Sites in the Arab States: Listing implications and synergies with the IUCN's Green List.". The PA managers presented a case study and presentation of their site and gain a knowledge on how to make a synergies between the Green list and World Heritage requirement's and criteria.

Rating towards outputs:

The rating for the 2024 year is satisfactory because the project was able to advance the work on different outputs and achieve considerable progress on the ground. For Output 1.1.1: PA management frameworks of Wadi El-Rayan and Qarun PAs developed, including participatory approaches, three management plan, were all delivered within the reporting period. For Output 1.1.2: Field monitoring programs within Wadi El-Rayan and Qarun PAs to assess the conservation status of key ecosystems and threatened and important species developed and implemented, a restoration plan for lake Qarun was developed and a partnership was established with BirdLife International to update the KBA's and fill the gaps in monitoring programmes (field surveys were taken place by the NCE, Birdlife International to have a rapid survey on the Flora, Fauna and Avi-fauna, also a National Technical committee group that will be activated with coordination with EEAA). For Output 2.1.1: Programmes for community participatory planning and involvement in PA Management developed, the three MP's and the community education and awareness plan were developed with active participatory approaches, in addition to a training and study tour for the PA staff to Jordan on integrated management of protected areas which included demonstration of community engagement and participatory planning. Also, the establishment of the Local Community Advisory Committee through an official endorsement letter by the EEAA CEO and the first meeting to gather all of these members from different stakeholders planned to be in the first week of July 2024. The official letter will be linked to this report and uploaded in a separate file. On the other hand, the establishment of the Educational Awareness Center beside the management building of Qaroun Protected area at Shakshouk village will ensure to have a training hall that can be used by the PA management to gather the local community and provide them with an awareness sessions on the importance of the reserves.

For Output 2.1.2: Controls and monitoring programmes to conserve ecosystem services and reduce overharvesting by local communities within Wadi El-Rayan and Qarun PAs developed and implemented, an enforcement plan and surveillance plan was developed. Also, the project provided full maintenance to the vehicle (cars, boats and motorcycles) that are used for patrolling and surveillance. Also, installing a 25KW off-grid solar power system to serve the visitor centre in Jabal Qatrani which is part of Lake Qarun Natural Reserve. Also, to support the control and monitoring efforts for both PA's, the project co-finance partner (the Italian-Egyptian Cooperation Project support in developing an Environmental monitoring guide for Protected Areas in Egypt with an application to both PA's. Also, we are in the process to purchase a field survey equipment's and planned to complete this by mid-August 2024.

Overall risk rating:

The overall risk rating for 2024 is Low, as the EEAA managed to issue the security clearance for the project implementation and the project was able to progress on outcome and output levels. Even though, to compensate this time while issuing the security clearance from the Egyptian Authorities, IUCN has submitted a request to extend the project's implementation timeline from 31/December/ 2022 until 31/ December/2024 to compensate for the delay that took place in the first two years (suffered from delays during the COVID outbreak between 2020 and 2021) of the project before getting the security clearance for the field activities. Now, these risks are very much reduced, and the project is able to implement and achieve progress on the ground. There was a minor gap in implementation because of the absence of the project focal point from EEAA for a few months, but anew focal point was assigned to solve this issue. The high-level support from the CEO of the EEAA is helping to solve many project challenges.

Challenges:

- Local Vendor allocation, and high cost because of the remoteness of the Pas.
- Fluctuation of the Egyptian pound towards the USD and this resulting in higher price for anything we will purchase in Egypt.
- Communication; internet and phone coverage in Fayoum area.
- The simplicity of the rural areas surrounding/containing protected areas resulting in absence of taken-as-default technology.

Below are some progress highlights:

Main Achievements:

1. Protected areas management plans for Wadi El Rayyan, Jabal Qatrani and Lake Qaroun were updated.
2. A restoration plan for Lake Qaroun was developed
3. A Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) plan was developed for Wadi El Rayyan and Lake Qaroun protected areas.
4. A Natural Based Solutions (NBS) report was compiled for Wadi El Rayyan and Lake Qaroun protected areas.
5. Wadi El Rayan and Lake Qarun vehicles maintained, and new tiers installed
6. Establishment of an information management unit with full GIS system, including both hardware and software
7. EEAA staff including Wadi El Rayan and Lake Qarun staff were given trainings and taken on a study tour on Integrated management of protected areas in Jordan.
8. EEAA facility in Lake Qaroun protected area was provided with a 25-kW solar power system as part of developing eco-tourism infrastructure facilities.
9. EEAA Facility in Wadi El Rayyan protected area was supplied with an internet connection and air conditioning systems to secure the server and GIS equipment at the Information management/ GIS unit.
10. PAs and EEAA field staff at Wadi El Rayan and lake Qarun were supplied with uniforms to enhance their image, visibility and function in enforcement and surveillance and eco-guiding.
11. Organised a comprehensive training for EEAA field staff, which included topics such as Microsoft Office, computer software/hardware maintenance, Photoshop cc2022, video editing, social media, and training on English language, levels one, two and three, after which the participants' performance was tested and certified.
12. Organized a specialized training on the use of the computer programs ArcGIS for EEAA field staff, which was done on location using the equipment and licensed programs that were previously provided through this project.
13. A steering committee meeting for the Project was held in Egypt on the 13th of June 2023 to review the workplan, agree on future priorities and discuss the potential of other complementary funding opportunities.

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14. A field visit was conducted with the GEF task manager at UNEP to discuss the needs of the two protected areas and present the recent progress for the project on the ground.
 15. Organized a specialised training on the use of the computer programs ArcGIS for EEAA field staff, which was done on location using the equipment and licensed programs that were previously provided through this project.
 16. The process of renewing of the Green List application for Wadi Al Hitan and the MTR for the site was submitted successfully. Currently, the team working on review the Means of Verifications, MoVs which uploaded to the IUCN Compass, and they will submit the site for EGAL review once they finish (Several documents and reports were collected and uploaded as well).
 17. Conduct an assessment to assess the management Effectiveness (METT) for the Wadi El Rayan and Lake Qaroun Protect Areas to reflect the recent progress and activities of the project implementation. And the overall score for both reserves increased as below. This assessment will be repeated again in October/ November to measure the progress in the projects. WRPA: Increased from 67 points to 72 points and LQPA: Increased from 53 points to 62 points.
 18. The Terms of Reference TOR for the Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) were developed and presented to the EEAA CEO, this committee will support the project, including expertise in PA management planning and management effectiveness, biological monitoring, compliance monitoring and enforcement, etc. And is to provide the EEAA with recommendations and advice on the listing/delisting and status of species in Fayoum Area. Currently the EEAA working on the official establishment and planned to be ready by mid-August 2024
 19. Ongoing work on identifying and assess the Key Biodiversity Areas KBA's within Qaroun and Wadi El Rayan protected Areas through reviewing and analysing the current studies in both PA's. This work will be coordinated with BirdLife International – Africa and their partner in Egypt, Nature Conservation Egypt, NCE. A training workshop on the KBA Global Standard were planned to be held in May 2024 but due to internal procedures, the training was shifted to be conducted in the end of July 2024 (several experts and researchers will be invited to build their capacity in the assessment process. Also, one of the main outcomes from this workshop will be the formulation of the National Coordination Groups who will support in any future assessment for the KBAs in Egypt.). Additional to this, several Flora, Fauna and Avi-Fauna rapid field surveys were conducted by the NCE, to update know the current situation in both reserves and conduct a gap assessment for the available data which will be needed for the assessment.
 20. Under the capacity building component of the project, two of the Protected Areas managers attend the conference on the 24th till the 26th of January 2024 in Jordan that organised by the IUCN ROWA and the Arab Regional Center for World Heritage ARC-WH on the “Natural and mixed world Heritage Sites in the Arab States: Listing implications and synergies with the IUCN’s Green List.”. The PA managers presented a case study and presentation of their site on the conference as well.
 21. Attendance of the project focal point (Dr. Shaimaa Taha) for Wadi El-Rayan project in the CMS COP14 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan to present the country progress towards this convention along with presenting the project work and achievements. This will support establishment of a synergies between the conservation action plan with the international priorities.
 22. Attendance of the project focal point and project representative in the Sixth steering committee meeting and first consultative workshop to update the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, NBSAP to represent the project and networking on the national scale for future opportunities.
 23. Preparation of the Arabic and English visitor guide for Wadi El-Rayan protected area. Currently, the guide under design and will be ready by August to be printed.

24. Successful establishment of a local community advisory committee – Wadi El Rayan & Qaroun protected area through an official endorsement letter from the EEAA CEO. The committee will provide guidance on a wide range of issues affecting PA management and the protection of species and their habitats.
25. An expert assessment of the land adjacent to the management building in Lake Qaroun Protected Area, to solve the soil salinity problem and prepare the land for planting and construction and provide the landscaping work for the space. Reports has been finalised and recommendations were provided which led to a successful completion of the implementation of the land solution to be ready for the establishment of the educational center. Along with the compilation of the renovation work of the management building. Now, the management building fully operated and renovated. Currently, the establishment of the Educational and Community Center undergoing after receiving the needed approvals from related governmental bodies.

2.4 Co Finance

Planned Co-finance:	\$ 8,800,000
Actual to date:	1,903,465
Progress	<p>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</p> <p>The total IUCN co-financing reported till 30 June 2024 is USD 363,465. This value exceeds the planned co-financing by IUCN. The co-financing from the EEAA is USD 1,540,000 covered from the Italian Cooperation project.</p>

2.5. Stakeholder

Date of project steering committee meeting	2023-06-13
Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)	<p>Stakeholder participation includes government, NGOs and academic organizations, and communities and businesses. The roles and responsibilities of these stakeholders in project implementation are described as follows:</p> <p>Government: This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egyptian Environmental Affair Agency (EEAA): responsible for coordination with other line ministries and in developing project activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Conservation Sector (NCS): responsible for designing project activities related to policy and regulatory changes. • Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Ministry of Water Resources & Irrigation, Tourism Department: responsible to ensure activities align with national priorities and investments and to offer best management practices for conservation and pollution prevention. • Fayoum Governor and Governorate: responsible for approving the protocols and instruments developed under the project and to provide guidance on the development of best management practices, protocols and regulations. • Water and Environmental Police and Security Department: responsible for providing technical information and experience in compliance enforcement and monitoring. • NGOs and Academic Organizations: These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic institutions: to assist in project design and implementation through research. • IUCN ROWA: to implement activities and coordinate with project partners. • UN Environment Programme: to ensure synergies between biodiversity related MEAs and SDGs at both national and PA's levels and to enhance capacity building. • Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE): to support the two PAs in building the capacities of park management in Earth Observation (EO), modelling and in data exploitation. • Nature Conservation Egypt: to provide advice on approaches to conservation. • Fayoum Environmental Centre: to develop skills of community (women & youth) through training and environmental awareness. • Message (Resala): to engage youth. • Local communities and resources users, private businesses and secondary stakeholders: These stakeholders are considered important users of natural resources and are considered key partners in finding solutions to issues such as irrigation, runoff, pollution, grazing and others. <p>However, for the years 2023 - 2024 the project management team was able to engage stakeholders in many important activities, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing management plans for Lake qarun, Jabal Qatrani, and wadi Al Hitan. • Developing the Communication, education, awareness CEPA plan in a participatory manner. • Developing Nature based Solutions NbS report in a highly participatory manner with contribution from relevant ministries, stakeholders and experts. • Coordination with the local businesses (mainly training centers) in Al Fayum regarding arrange trainings for the Protected areas staff in both reserves to increase thier capacities in different fields (Computer, reporting, English language with different levels,
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	<p>MS office, PowerPoint). On the other hand, contracting with local printing shop in AlFayoum responsible in providing EEAA PA staff with eighty complete sets of field staff uniforms, including two shirts, two trousers, a vest and shoes, which were designed and tailored to their needs and increase their vesability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducting a steering committee meeting for the Project was held in Egypt on the 13th of June 2023 to review the workplan, agree on future priorities and discuss the potential of other complementary funding opportunities. All the memebers of the SC from the above-mentioned organisations were invited along with the representative of UNEP Task Manager.• Establishment of the Local Community Advisory Committee to support both PAs in the management and engaging the community and related stakeholders in different activities.• Through the KBA work, a National Coordination Group will be formulated from different stakeholders and research Centres to support in the assessment for both reserves and doing the work for other protected areas in Egypt as well.
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2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	No
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	<p>The project is ensuring gender mainstreaming in all of the project activities. The project targets interventions to tackle issues concerning women and indicators to monitor and track women participation in project activities. The project also aims to increase women participation in forums such as the Local Community Advisory Committee and Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Challenges:</p> <p>The engagement of women in project activities since the two PAs are very remote and we are still working to have more active engagement of local women</p> <p>Gender marking will measure the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of women and men among the full-time project staff. (Project manager is a female, project assistant for the first two years was a female) • The number of women and men that are project board members. (The EEAA GEF deputy focal point and the new project focal point for the technical manner is a woman, both of them on the steering committee). • The number of women engaging with the project activities. 3 members out of 17 of the Local Community Advisory Committee are Woman’s from the local community and running business in AlFayoum Governorate and more specific in both reserves. • The chair of the Engineering committee formulated by the EEAA to supervise and follow up on the establishment and renovation work for both management building for Lake Qaroun PA and the Educational awareness centre is a female (two out of five).

2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	<p>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</p>
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New social and/or environmental risks	<p>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</p>
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	<p>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</p>
Environmental and social safeguards management	<p>Environment safeguards: The project is contributing to enhance effective management of Wadi Rayan and Lake Quran to improve the conservation of priority of endemic and threatened species (and endangered species if confirmed present) and their critical habitats, through the development of adaptive management frameworks, operational capacities and mechanisms for the participation of local communities. During the PPG phase, potential environmental and social impacts were examined in accordance with UN Environment’s ESERN procedure. No specific environmental concerns were raised for the project. Social safeguards: The project is addressing local community involvement and enhancing economic inclusion of population segments. Gender and youth engagement were identified as requiring more attention. The second component of the project deals with establishing effective community participation in PA management and conservation through the following indicators: Increasing the number of community members around the targeted PAs that are attending PA management meetings and participating in decision-making. Increasing number of local community public involvement events and numbers of people participating. Progress and challenges: The project does not have environmental or social safeguard issues, on the contrary, it aims to enhance the management effectiveness of Wadi El Rayan and Lake Qarun PAs by providing participatory tools and enhancing the engagement of local communities in protected areas management.</p>

2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>Capturing and sharing knowledge and lessons learned will constitute an important element of the project and an essential way to ensure sustainability and replicability of project achievements. The following reports and knowledge products were developed during the reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report on Nature based solutions for WRPA and LQPA. • A Communications, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Plan to coordinate the CEPA objectives, target audiences, methods of delivery, costs, and means for assessing effectiveness of CEPA activities.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Qarun PA management plan • Jabal Qatrani site mangement plan • Wadi Al Hitan management plan. • Lake Qarun restoration plan • Visitor guide for Wadi El Rayan Protected area in both English and Arabic. Currently, under designing phase. <p>Also, we are on the process to prepare the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop the KBA assessment for both Protected areas according to the new Global KBA standared to be publish on the World Database for Key Biodiveristy Areas WDKBA after it's got Review/ confirmation by KBA secretariat. This will be done through Birdlife Internationl but gets delayed due to EEAA request. • Renewal of the certificate of declaring Wadi Al-Hitan protected area as a Green List site, and considering introducing new areas such as Jabal Qatrani region, through an initial assessment that clarifies the criteria and indicators that must be worked on to support the declaration of the site within the Green List in the long term. This will be done on IUCN Green List Compass. • Rapid field survey report for Fauna, Flora and Avi-Fauna which will support the KBA assessment. • Species conservation action plan for a selected species and habitat in both Protected areas.
Main learning during the period	NBS report and the restoration plan were key documents, but we would prefer not to publish openly at this stage since these reports will be published on IUCN's publication library jointly by the IUCN, UNEP and the EEAA.

2.9. Stories

Stories to be shared	<p>For all our training workshops and meetings, whether online or in-person, we publish briefs on our social media platforms to reach diverse audiences and enhance the project's visibility. Below are examples of these workshops, links to the corresponding social media posts, and mentions of the project's achievements and progress in the IUCN Regional Office for West Asia annual reports.</p> <p>IUCN Regional Office for West Asia annual reports:</p> <p>International Union for Conservation of Nature: West Asia Regional Office annual report 2023, page 28 (https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/51425)</p> <p>International Union for Conservation of Nature: West Asia Regional Office annual report 2022, page 23 (https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/50754)</p>
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	<p>International Union for Conservation of Nature: West Asia Regional Office annual report 2021, page 34 (https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/49919)</p> <p>Social media posts for Workshops and events:</p> <p>Inception workshop and the IUCN Green List Training:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/RTUMV75ZUk7o6kYw/</p> <p>Announcement of the installment of the Solar Panels in Jabal Qatrani:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/9b25RkY9k7Wew3VR/</p> <p>General project overview post:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/iqsoJJYo5FeuAyqd/</p> <p>Fundamentals of Remote Sensing:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/dJpwqZ1VuctSuJTL/</p> <p>Exchange visit and study tour for PA managers and staff in Jordan protected areas:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/8XLa54Nx3j1pJTod/</p> <p>1st Steering Committee Meeting in Fayoum:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/WzMAY85dhcKbBhnQ/</p> <p>Management Effectiveness for the Protected areas – training workshop in Fayoum.</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/5rRtZvLNhS9HgA7o/</p>
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Regional Workshop on Natural and Mixed World Heritage Sites in the Arab States: Listing Implications and Synergies with IUCN's Green List.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/SPtFNSzgn11ZBwq6/>

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/iucn-rowa_iucnrowa-worldheritage-aseza-activity-7155289216447348736-iz9i?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

1st Local Community Advisory Committee social media post:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/x5EdPeTaXPZrKaWL/>

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/iucn-rowa_%D8%B6%D9%85%D9%86-%D8%A3%D9%86%D8%B4%D8%B7%D8%A9-%D9%85%D8%B4%D8%B1%D9%88%D8%B9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A9-%D9%84%D9%85%D8%AD%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%AF%D9%8A-activity-7221027995589705729-ojDo?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

KBA Training social media links

Facebook: <https://web.facebook.com/share/p/dUJiZL4NmUXShrcc/>

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/iucn-rowa_eeaa-iucnrowa-kba-activity-7221394931238522881-c850?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

From partners social media:

Nature Conservation Egypt:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/ooqg4wAuoVsSRH5S/>

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/nature-egypt_egypt-kba-conservation-activity-7222571972960894976-

	<p>DNh0?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop</p> <p>Birdlife International:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/JfmuEh7pH8B46Log/</p> <p>Project Steering Committee meeting back in 13th of June 2023:</p> <p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/p/8YwLr3qd47dTNTGt/</p> <p>We are currently planning a story on the engagement of the local community advisory committee in the project, in collaboration with the EEAA. Additionally, we will publish a brief in the KBA Partnership newsletter to announce the KBA training workshop and the establishment of the National Coordination Group (NCG) in the upcoming steps. Furthermore, we have developed a visitor guide for the Wadi El Rayan protected areas in both English and Arabic to reach a wide range of visitors to the PA site.</p>
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3 Performance

3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
Objective: To improve the management effectiveness of the Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun protected areas through community involvement and capacity building	Indicator 1: Management effectiveness scores are improved for WRPA and LQPA (as a % increase from the baseline score).	21 points (0%) METT scores were estimated at PPG stage, as follows: Baseline: 21 points; Mid-term target: 62 points (195% over baseline); End of project target: 87 points (314%). Lower, achievable targets were estimated for mid-term and end of project, based on these estimated scores.	Mid-term target: • 52 points (150%) increase in score over baseline.	End of project target: • 63 points (200%) increase in score over baseline.	100%	The PA management effectiveness-tracking tool METT was applied for both sites in consultation with the two protected area site managers and key stakeholders. The baseline METT scores by the beginning of the project showed that the METT scores were higher than expected and in comparison, to the baseline provided in the project results framework. This was discussed with the stakeholders and was explained that several projects took place in the two PAs and these contributed to enhancing the METT scores. METT assessment conducted in June 2020 gave the following score (Wadi El Rayan 67 points, and Lake Qarun 53 points). Following the assessment to assess the management Effectiveness (METT) in 2024 to reflect the recent progress and activities of the project implementation till December 2023. And the overall score for both reserves increased as below. This assessment will	HS

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						be repeated in October/ November 2024 to measure the progress in the projects. WRPA: Increased from 67 points to 72 points. And LQPA: Increased from 53 points to 62 points.	
Outcome 1.1: Improved management effectiveness (Strengthened PA management tools, processes and capacities) Demonstrated at two targeted PAs: Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun.	Indicator 2: PA management capacities to conserve biodiversity are strengthened	There are no PA management tools, processes and capacities for improved management effectiveness that have been applied in LQPA and WRPA.	2 management plans for The 2 PAs developed. 4 field monitoring programs developed.	30 staff are trained in all key topic areas.	100%	The project has managed to train about 72 staff from the PAs and EEAA staff, the following activities have taken place: - Training needs assessment - Training on IUCN's Green List - Training on Protected Areas Management effectiveness - Training on CEPA plan - Training on computer and soft skills - Advance specialized training on the use of the ArcGIS for EEAA field staff, which was done on location using the equipment and licensed programs that were previously provided through this project. 72 staff was trained on different topics and in the upcoming activities could be increased as well. 3 Management Plans for were developed and updated (including Jabal Qatrani) 1 restoration plan for Lake Qarun Two of the Protected Areas managers attend the conference on the 24th till the 26th of January 2024 in Jordan that organised by the IUCN ROWA and the Arab Regional Center for World Heritage ARC-WH on the	HS

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						<p>"Natural and mixed world Heritage Sites in the Arab States: Listing implications and synergies with the IUCN's Green List."</p> <p>Attendance of the project focal point (Dr. Shaimaa Taha) for Wadi El-Rayan project in the CMS COP14 in Samarkand, Uzbekistan to present the country progress towards this convention along with presenting the project work and achievements. This will support establishment of a synergies between the conservation action plan with the international priorities.</p>	
Outcome 1.1: Improved management effectiveness (Strengthened PA management tools, processes and capacities) Demonstrated at two targeted PAs: Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun.	Indicator 3: Decision support systems to conserve biodiversity with the targeted PAs are enhanced	No systematic PA biodiversity monitoring is being carried out in LQPA and WRPA.	Mid-term target: Biodiversity monitoring systems are in place and being implemented on a regular schedule.	End of project target: Reliable technical information is being used to support decision making.	100%	not reported on by the EA	S
Outcome 1.1: Improved management effectiveness (Strengthened PA management tools, processes and capacities) Demonstrated at two targeted PAs: Wadi El-Rayan	indicator 4. Stable or increase in populations or habitat size of threatened species in the PAs: - WRPA: Population of Dorcas gazelle (Gazella dorcas), IUCN Red List	Baselines to be established during year 1 of project implementation. Presence or absence of Red List Species (NT, VU, E) is determined and	Targets to be established during year 1 of project implementation	Targets to be established during year 1 of project implementation	70%	The KBA assessment by Birdlife International and their partner, Nature Conservation Egypt, NCE undergoing, and they are doing rapid field surveys for Flora, Fauna and Avi-Fauna in both protected areas to support them in the assessment and detecting the gaps in the	S

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and Lake Qarun.	Category Vulnerable-LQPA: Habitat size of Slender-billed Gull (<i>Larus genei</i>), and Egyptian Eared Grebe (<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>).	populations estimated				available data (published and unpublished). Also, the work on developing the Species conservation action plan for the selected species will start in Mid-August 2024. Through the project co-finance partner (the Italian-Egyptian Cooperation Project support in developing an Environmental monitoring guide for Protected Areas in Egypt with an application to both PA's. and they develop a species conservation action plan for the sand gazaella and this will support the project. Currently, we are in the process to purchase a field survey equipment's and planned to complete this by mid-August 2024.	
Outcome 1.1: Improved management effectiveness (Strengthened PA management tools, processes and capacities) Demonstrated at two targeted PAs: Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun.	Indicator 5: Increase in condition measured by Ecosystem Health Index (EHI) of critical biodiversity habitat as a result of improved management focused on the conservation of targeted species.	At least 117,000 hectares within target PAs.	EHI to be developed during Project implementation.	EHI to be developed during Project implementation.	NA	The calculation of the EHI index depends on that the country conducts a national red list of ecosystems assessment, this is out of the scope of the project and not applicable.	U
Outcome 2.1: Participatory approaches to PA management have	Indicator 6: Local community participation is entrenched and	Irregular outreach activities occur and workshops associated	Mid-term target: A Community	End of project target: Committee is	90%	Community participation was strengthened through the involvement of local communities in the development of	S

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strengthened PA management and reduced unsustainable resource uses in areas within and adjacent to two targeted PAs (Wadi El-Rayan and Qarun)	effectiveAs measured by: a. the number of individuals from local communities that participate in developing PAs management tools and protocols; and b. The number of women participating in the operation of the targeted PAs or directly benefiting from the existence of PAs.	with donor projects. However, these are not systematically planned and evaluated to realize effectiveness nor tracked. A local community advisory committee for the PAs does not exist. Resource users are not currently involved in developing PA management tools such as compliance monitoring and enforcement priorities, a resource user permit system, protocols, regulations, etc.	Advisory Committee is established (50% women) and operating with at least two meetings per year. · A Communications, Education and Public Awareness Plan (CEPA) is being implemented. · Resource users have been actively involved in developing new protocols, regulations and operational programmes.	functioning and effective (50% women) with at least two meetings per year. · Resource users are involved in priority-setting, developing approaches and providing advice to the PAMU.		the MP's and trainings and workshops, below are examples of active community participation: - Lake Qarun management plan, Jabal Qatrani management plan, Wadi Al Hitan management plan. - Green List training on enhancing governance and local community engagement - Communication, education and awareness plan CEPA plan, developed in a participatory manner - Steering committee meeting with the participation of the local community - Local community advisory committee fully activated following the official endorsement from the EEAA CEO. The 1st meeting planned to be in the first week of July 2024. Currently, we are working on the establishment of the educational and Community Centre in Shakshok village beside the management building of Lake Qaroun PA.	
Outcome 2.1: Participatory approaches to PA management have strengthened PA management and reduced unsustainable resource uses in areas within and adjacent	2. Increase in number of community members around the targeted PAs that are attending PA management meetings and participating in decision-making.	Baseline to be established in 2021 as part of the development of the Communications, Education and Public Awareness Plan (CEPA).	Targets to be established in 2022 including engagement of women and youth, as part of the CEPA plan.	Targets to be established in 2022 including engagement of women and youth, as part of the CEPA plan.	95%	- Community participation was strengthened through the involvement of local communities in the development of the MP's and trainings and workshops, below are examples of active community participation:- Lake Qarun management plan, Jabal Qatrani management plan,	S

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to two targeted PAs (Wadi El-Rayan and Qarun						Wadi Al Hitan management plan.- Green List training- Communication, education and awareness plan CEPA planSteering committee meeting.Currently, we are working on the establishment of the educational and Community Centre in Shakshok village beside the management building of Lake Qaroun PA.Establishment of the Local Community Advisory Committee for both PA's following the official endorsement from the EEAA CEO.Also, we will conduct a several awareness training workshops for the local community following the action points mentioned in the CEPA plan.	
Outcome 2.1: Participatory approaches to PA management have strengthened PA management and reduced unsustainable resource uses in areas within and adjacent to two targeted PAs (Wadi El-Rayan and Qarun	3. Increase in number of local community public involvement events and numbers of people participating.Examples of events:• Management plan public meetings/open houses. • School visits to PAs or classroom visits. • Environmental fairs. • Local Advisory Committee	Unknown. At project inception, the current average number of events and participants will be estimated, based on the experience over the last five years.	Mid-term target: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of events and participants has increased by at least 50% from the baseline.End of project target: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of events and participants has 	Annual reports.PIRs.	95%	- The workshops and stakeholders' engagements were conducted throughout conducting/ updating the management plans for the three sites and at the same time during conducting the CEPA plan which will be activated and supported by EEAA beyond the project life cycle not only for short term. Currently, we are working on the establishment of the educational and Community Centre in Shakshok village beside the management building of Lake Qaroun PA.Establishment of the Local	S

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	participation. • Etc.		increased by at least 100% from the baseline.			Community Advisory Committee for both PA's following the official endorsement from the EEAA CEO.Also, we will conduct a several awareness training workshops for the local community following the action points mentioned in the CEPA plan.Annual reports and PIRs for the project were submitted to UNEP on regular bases.	
Outcome 2.1: Participatory approaches to PA management have strengthened PA management and reduced unsustainable resource uses in areas within and adjacent to two targeted PAs (Wadi El-Rayan and Qarun	Indicator 7:Sustainable use of biological resources is increased. As measured by the number of permits delivered according to the newly developed permit system annually.	0 permits (new resource user permit system is non-existent but will be developed in the project) The number of unapproved uses varies and is not precisely known due to a lack of existing systems, complete staff turnover and impacts associated with the revolution).	Mid-term target: • 50% of known resource users are registered through a new permit system.	End of project target:- 90% of known resource users are registered through a permit.	NA	Based on the recent SC meeting conducted, an important note was raised by the representatives of the EEAA clarified that this activity is not doable (not achievable) as the previous mechanism that was developed were cancelled by the Ministry. They recommended cancelling this activity	U
Outcome 2.1: Participatory approaches to PA management have strengthened PA management and reduced unsustainable resource uses in areas within and adjacent to two targeted PAs (Wadi El-	5. Level of reduction in unsustainable resource uses in areas within and adjacent to the two targeted PAs. This will be measured as the % decrease in area with un-approved activities (e.g.,	Unknown.The baseline area (hectares) with un-approved activities will be calculated in the first year of the project.	Mid-term target: • A 50% decrease in area with un-approved activities.End of project target: • No un-	Reports of compliance monitoring and enforcement patrols and actions taken.GIS, remote sensing,	70%	- Enforcement plan developed to reduce unsustainable land use practices.-Currently, we are in the process of purchasing the field survey equipment's to support the monitoring activities. Estimated compilation by end of August 2024.Through the project co-finance partner (the Italian-Egyptian	S

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
Rayan and Qarun	agriculture).		approved activities exist.	Earth Observation systems reports.		Cooperation Project support in developing an Environmental monitoring guide for Protected Areas in Egypt with an application to both PA's. and they develop a species conservation action plan for the sand gazaella and this will support the project.	

3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
1 Component 1: Strengthen management capacities of targeted PAs for the conservation of threatened and important species and their	Output 1.1.1: PA management frameworks of Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun PAs developed, including participatory approaches.	2025-01-31	90%	90%	The project supported EEAA to develop and updated the following management plans: - Lake Qarun management plan - Jabal Qatrani management plan - Wadi Al Hitan management plan. Implementation of these plans will be on-going till the end of the project. IUCN and Birdlife signed an agreement to develop a KBA assessment for Wadi El Rayan and Lake Qarun. An ecosystem restoration plan for Lake Qarun was developed and submitted the EEAA fir approval. The plan was approved by the EEAA, and it formed a basis for the development of SAP GCF concept note aiming to restore	HS

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
	habitats.				the lakeThe project has initiated the process of the preparation for the IUCN's Green List nomination process, by preparing the documents and maps needed for the Green List application.	
1 Component 1: Strengthen management capacities of targeted PAs for the conservation of threatened and important species and their habitats.	Output 1.1.2: Field monitoring programs within Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun PAs to assess the conservation status of key ecosystems and threatened and important species will be developed and implemented	2024-12-31	90%	100%	An enforcement and surveillance plan were developed for the Wadi El Rayan and Lake Qarun PAs with patrolling routes identified. A comprehensive development needs assessment for the information management unit was conducted, including hardware, software and training needs, in addition to developing an organizational structure for the unit. The project procured all needed software and hardware that were identified as a priority to establish the unit, and the staff are now being provided with extensive comprehensive GIS training	HS
2 Component 2: Establish effective community participation in PA management and	Output 2.1.1: Programmes for community participatory planning and involvement in PA management developed and implemented at the targeted PA sites.	2024-12-31	90%	90%	A Communication, education and public awareness plan CEPA was developed by the project in coordination with CEDARE and with a wide public participation of local communities in Fayoum area. The CEPA plan provided recommendations that contribute to achieve an operational community environmental education centre. Successful establishment of a	HS

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
conservation / management of natural resources.					local community advisory committee – Wadi El Rayan & Qaroun protected area through an official endorsement letter from the EEAA CEO. The project has identified the scope of the eco-tourism infrastructure development in wadi El Rayan and Lake Qarun. A sub-contract will be awarded to a national NGO to implement these plans.	
2 Component 2: Establish effective community participation in PA management and conservation / management of natural resources.	Output 2.1.2: Controls and monitoring programmes to conserve ecosystem services and reduce overharvesting by local communities within Wadi El-Rayan and Lake Qarun PAs developed and implemented.	2024-12-31	30%	30%	A follow up meeting will be conducted with the Italian Cooperation project to make sure if this activity were done by them following the recommendation from the previous steering committee meeting.	S

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

4 Risks

4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Low	Low
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

4.2 Table B. Risk-log

Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Government resources (e.g. counterpart staff) and co-financing contributions are not forthcoming in a timely manner.	All outcomes & outputs	L	M	M	L	L	L		=	The project has been able to overcome the issues with the government. and it now has the security clearance and has a great

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										support from the CEO of the EEAA and senior staff which reduces the risk of resource allocation. For the co-financing part of the project. we are coordinating closely with the EEAA to map and allocate additional a potential co-financing agencies based on their work on Fayoum Governorate.
Change in leadership in relevant governmental bodies could cause delay in implementation of the project activities	All outcomes & outputs	L	M	L	L	L	L		=	The Project has very strong support from the current leadership of the EEAA at different levels. the CEO and senior advisors and management. and the PA management. this reduces the risk of having negative impact if one of the leader's changes.
Limited local expertise to lead and participate in project activities	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L		=	The capacity building programme is progressing and reducing this risk. Also. the protected areas managers notify us that when they get a training course or workshop they to transfer this knowledge to the staff and build their capacity.
Failure of government agencies to implement project activities or reach agreement or to resolve conflicts among different stakeholders.	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L		=	This risk is reduced as the IUCN has now the flexibility to work on the ground. and to speed up the process of communication with the related bodies. we sub-contract a national expert to support in this coordination

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										and support in updating the progress towards the results framework already agreed on.
Insufficient engagement of stakeholders including women and youth.	All outcomes & outputs	L	L	L	L	L	L		=	This risk is expected to be low as the project has the flexibility to work on the ground now after getting the security clearance. Also, we moved forward in the establishment of the local community Advisory committee following the EEAA CEO official endorsement, to include a members from the related stakeholders and they will support both protected areas in their management and advise on the best ways of engaging both women and Youth in the PA activities (three out of 17 member are women from local community they have businesses in Fayoum as Tour operators.). please check Annexes contain the fully signed letter by the EEAA CEO.
Cost of implementing plans and strategies may be pre-emptive (e.g., addressing pollution in Lake Qarun).	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	L	L	L	L		=	This risk is now reduced as the IUCN is working in parallel to secure funding to implement the additional plans, like the restoration plan through SAP GCF project. Also, based on the previous SC meeting, UNEP's representative, she "Encouraged

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
										Egypt to submit project proposals to GEF to complement the achievement of Egypt's objectives for protecting the environment and natural reserves" and this might be an entry point for allocation of new fund". Additionally, there is a big project currently in progress in Fayoum Funded by an international agency to upgrade the wastewater sewage system in the government and as a result of this will decrease the pollution to the lake. On the other hand, the representative from the Fisheries resources department, point out that the recent analysis of the lake quality shows an improvement as they are in the process to add a new type of fishes for harvesting.
Data collected during the project is inadequately secured and not available for future use.	All outcomes & outputs	M	M	L	L	L	L		=	This is ranked as a low risk as the IUCN is trying to update the data through regular data collection and communication with partners. Also, during the KBA assessment for both PA's and the re-listing of Wadi El Hitan site on the IUCN Green List, several documents and field surveys were collected and provided to the EEAA team.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
		L	M	L	L	L	L		↓	

4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks. Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks. Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

Project Minor Amendments

Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	Yes
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	No

Minor amendments

Indicator 7: Sustainable use of biological resources is increased under component 2 was removed. Based on the recent SC meeting conducted, an important note was raised by the representatives of the EEAA clarified that this activity is not doable (not achievable) as the previous mechanism that was developed were cancelled by the Ministry. They recommended cancelling this activity

5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Original legal instrument		2019-06-12	2019-06-20	2022-12-31	
Extension 1	Revision	2022-09-26	2022-11-15	2025-06-30	period extended
	Extension				

GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Lake Qarun PA	29.45979	30.59148			
Wadi El Rayan	29.15	30.41667			

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. *

[Annex any linked geospatial file]

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