

## Revised Project Operation Plan

Project Number/Title

EGY/03/015 Capacity Building and Institutional Support to the Nature Conservation Sector (NCSCB)

Year:

2005 to 2007-Mar2008

Policy, legal and regulatory framework for environmentally sustainable development (G 3: SG 1)

Improved capacity of sectoral authority to plan and implement integrated approaches to environmental management

To contribute to the protection of Egypt's natural and cultural resources.

Project Outcome:	Indicators	Targets: 2005-2007-Mar2008			Resp.	Targets met	Comments
		2005	2006	2007 - Mar.08			
Enhanced institutional and technical capacity of the NCS to effectively manage a decentralised national network of Protected areas and their contained biodiversity.	Future status of the NCS agreed by end 2007		Position paper prepared on future of NCS status	Agreement on future status of NCS as an appropriately structured and financed institution	NCS/PMU	IN PART	Needs sustained support of MSEA to process . During its last year the project will consolidate the reform initiatives achieved and concentrate on enhancing TUs and development of management tools.
Output 1. NCS Capacity Enhanced - which involved the key activities of:	NCS restructured and administratively reformed by end 2006			Restructured NCS with TUs effectively embedded	NCS/PMU	N/A	needs positive support from MSEA and commitment to human and financial needs
1. Three NCS Technical Units created for Planning; EIA and Licensing; Outreach and Marketing .	Technical Units provide on-demand assistance to NCS Director by mid 2006	Technical Units' staff identified and deployed	Technical Units institutionalised, operational and effective	Technical Units fully institutionalised and effective	NCS/TL/PL/ EIA / MO	YES	Requires provision of office space and effective integration of Units in respective administrative departments. Redeployment of NCS personnel as core TU staff
2. NCS reformed as an institution.	NCS Policy and regulatory framework in place by end 2007		Draft policies on nature conservation and protected areas.	Final policy platforms approved	NCS/PMU	IN PART	Policy positions will require extensive review inco-ordination with LIFP and commitment to ensure administrative and financial sustainability
Output 2: Enhanced NCS Capacity Operational - which involved the key activities of:	NCS and TU provide effective management and technical support to protected areas by end of 2007		TU support the EIECP protected areas with management planning, business planning and EIA issues.	TUs effectively support PAs	NCS / PMU	IN PART	needs more qualified staff to reinforce TUs and the training center.
1. NCS Staff effectively evaluate, license and monitor economic activities within Protected Areas	Report on EIA procedural reform and recommendations agreed by 2006, and procedural manual published by end 2007	Report on EIA procedures produced and circulated	Procedural reforms formally agreed and instituted	Procedure manual published and NCS systematically reviews all EIAs for PAs and ensures compliance	TL/EIA	YES	Requires close collaboration with LIFP project and commitment by central EIA Dept.
	Monitoring System of EIA licensed activities designed and published into operational manual of PAs by end 2007			Monitoring procedures of licensed activities issued and implemented	TL/EIA	IN PART	PAMUs shall regularly report about economic activities compliance to EIA
2. Formalised protected area management planning instituted and management effectiveness increased	Technical support to PAMUs for management planning and promulgation of standard plan format by mid 2006	Standardised management planning format finalised and Wadi Rayan/Wadi Hitan plan updated	Standard plan format formally adopted by NCS; draft management plans for Siwa, Gabal Elba and White Desert	Management plans for 5 protected areas available ( WR, QAROUN, Nabq, RM and GILF Framework)	TL/PL	IN PART	Conditional on effective cooperation of PAMUs
	Supportive actions to increase PAs management effectiveness applied		Management Effectiveness Evaluation for 4 PA:WR, Qaroun, St.K and RM	Napq Infrastructure enhanced and its tracking system improved	TL/PL	IN PART	Management plans and MEE are basis for supportive actions
3. PA Business planning, resource development, marketing and public relations promote and support the NCS as the lead institution for biodiversity conservation in Egypt	Financial analysis of NCS completed and PA Business Plan format established by end 2006 and Business Plan for NCS instituted by end of 2006.	Consultant report on NCS financial analysis and format of BP agreed by NCS	Draft BP prepared for Wadi Rayan and review of revenue options for PAs	Pilot BPS for Wadi El-Rayyan and Ras Mohamed produced and NCS business plan Framework .	NCS/TL/MB	YES	Requires high level decision on NCS's future status and financial autonomy; BP activities to be coordinated with LIFE project
	Marketing strategies developed by 2006, and action plan for branding strategy implemented by end of 2007		Marketing surveys conducted, consultants' reports and marketing strategies prepared	Marketing and branding action plans implemented and materials produced	TL/MB	IN PART	Strong commitment to the process and effective adoption of corporate culture and identity Synergies with BioMAP communication initiatives

NCS - Nature Conservation Sector ; TL - Team Leader; PL- Planning TU: EIA - EIA TU; MB - Marketing /Business