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ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION PROGRAM
PHASE II

HAND-OVER CERTIFICATE

NCSCB
Protected Areas of the New Valley

December 2010



Government of the
Arab Republic of
Egypt



Egyptian
Environmental Affairs
Agency



National Parks of
Egypt



Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs – Directorate
General of Co-operation
for Development



Embassy of Italy
in Egypt

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) for the implementation of the Egyptian Italian Environmental Cooperation Program – Phase II (hereinafter referred to as the “Program”) was signed in Cairo on November 5, 2003, between the Government of Italy (GOI) - acting through the Embassy of Italy in Egypt - as the first Party, and the Government of Egypt (GOE) - acting through the Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs - as the second Party;

WHEREAS the Management Committee of the Italian-Egyptian Debt-for-Development Swap Program approved to co-finance the Program and a specific Project Implementing Agreement, was signed on January 21, 2004, between the abovementioned Management Committee and the Egyptian Ministry of Environmental Affairs / Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency;

WHEREAS a Third-Party Cost Sharing Agreement was signed on February 18, 2004, between the Government of Italy - acting through the Embassy of Italy in Egypt - as the Donor, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), for the provision of support services by the UNDP Egypt Country Office, in the execution and implementation of the Program within the framework of UNDP National Execution arrangement;

WHEREAS a cooperation program in the field of Environment between the GOE and the GOI has been undertaken from 1998 to 2003 through the initiative “Institutional Support to the EEAA to improve planning capabilities for rehabilitation and protection of natural and cultural environmental resources and implementation of pilot projects within the framework of Egypt’s National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP) activities”;

WHEREAS the GOE and the GOI – considering the need of enhancing the management of the Protected Areas to develop a true national network

WHEREAS the initiative *Nature Conservation Sector Capacity Building* (NCSCB) has been implemented from April 2005 to June 2008 in the framework of the MoU, with the aim of responding to NCS needs to consolidate its planning strategy for the National Protected Areas Network and to strengthen its ability to support management efforts in the individual Protected Areas.

WHEREAS the project “*Protected Areas of the New Valley*” (hereinafter referred to as “The Project”) has been implemented as a sub-component of the above mentioned NCSCB initiative from April 2008 to December 2009 with the aim of supporting a sound management of the Protected Areas of the New Valley Governorate, namely White Desert National Park and Gilf El Kebir National Park.

**NOW THEREFORE,
UNDP DECLARES THAT**

The Project has been substantially completed in accordance with the MoU and with the Project Document originally approved by the Parties and later amended by the Project Executive Committee (PEC), as per Annex 1 “Declaration of Achievement of Expected Results”;

APPROVES

To transfer the ownership of the project to the Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs, which in turn definitely assign the ownership of all physical assets purchased, as well as intellectual assets delivered through the Project - as per Annex 2 “Inventory List”, to the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, as reported in the Annex 2 “Declaration on Handing over” and according to the Conditions and responsibilities there mentioned.

REQUESTS

The recipient party to guarantee scientific/technical and institutional sustainability and further development to the results achieved by the project as well as to enhance the dissemination and the use of the system among the main stakeholders as per Annex 3 “*Shared-strategy for the sustainability of Project results*”.

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The Parties herewith agree to establish, within 15 days from the signature of the present Hand-Over Certificate, a Quadripartite Committee (*Program Follow-Up and Monitoring Committee*, **PFUMC**) composed by two Egyptian Members (nominated by EEAA and by UNDP) and two Italian members (nominated by Italian Embassy and DGCD-Rome) with the mandate of monitoring the results achieved by the Project as well as the implementation of the strategy for their sustainability

PFUMC shall meet regularly for its ordinary tasks or ad-hoc meetings may be called, upon request of any of the Parties and shall issue decisions and resolutions by consensus.

The following Annexes constitutes integral part of this document

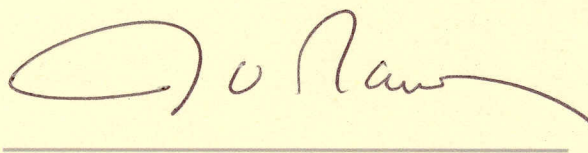
- Annex 1: Declaration of Achievement of Expected Results*
Annex 2: Declaration on Handing over / Inventory List
Annex 3: Shared-strategy for the sustainability of Project results
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In witness whereof, the parties hereto have agreed the present document in four originals in the English language.

Cairo, 16th December 2010
(Place and date)

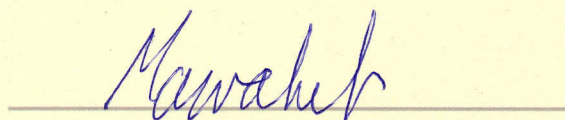
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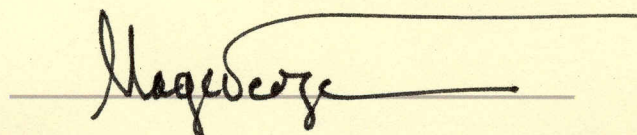
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Annex 1

Declaration of Achievement of Expected Results

The Parties declare that the project has achieved the following results towards the set of planned activities. The table here below summarises the contribution of the project during its lifetime regarding the attainment of its outputs and related key activities.

Output 1		
NCS capacity and resources for conservation in the New Valley enhanced		
Key activities	Indicators and targets	Achievements and comments
KA1.1: Consolidate and upgrade the PAMU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No. of PAMU staff - Records of training programs - Report and records of PAMU activities - Equipment available for PA staff and management operations 	<p>In WDNP 5 rangers, 5 community guards and 3 drivers were recruited; in GKNP 1 ranger and 2 community guards were recruited.</p> <p>5 Toyota Hilux (3 WDNP and 2 GKNP)</p> <p>All Field and office equipments purchased</p>
KA1.2: Develop main buildings for the management of the PAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space for PAMU offices and visitor information points available in the newly constructed buildings 	<p>Two Administrative buildings established (Visitor center and headquarter in WDNP / Information Center and headquarter in GKNP)</p>
KA1.3: Enhance planning and monitoring and promote further documentation of the values of the areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning tools and background studies available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flora Monitoring has been established 2. New Gazelle monitoring has been established. 3. Tourist monitoring has been established 4. Photo monitoring has been established for natural resources 5. A system to monitor Sooty falcon (threatened species and nests) in some cliff areas of WDNP has been established 6. Protection of the ecosystem habitats, biomes and species by expanding WDNP protected area by 971 km square as a buffer zone. This area was declared by the ministerial decree No. 225 \ 2008 to protect the main sites of natural and cultural resources

KA1.4: Provide managerial and technical support to activities in the PAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support staff and technical consultants provided for project activities	7. An International Co- Manager and a National Co-Manager were recruited to manage project activities and provide technical support to the management of the two PAs.
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Output 2		
Use of the target areas better managed and controlled, and sound ecotourism promoted		
Key activities	Indicators and targets	Achievements and comments
KA2.1: Make operational WDNP fee system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor fee system operational and fees regularly collected from visitors 	A basic fee system was established. Collection still needs to be improved, either through the enhancement of patrolling and to the opening of an entry gate.
KA2.2: Develop infrastructure and facilities for visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lengths of track properly demarcated No. of designated camping areas established 	Around 75 kms of tracks in were identified and marked in WDNP. Patrolling schedules were planned and implemented in all PA's sectors 15 camping sites were identified and marked with signposts.
KA2.3: Develop interpretation facilities and signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of signs and interpretative facilities in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eighty-five signs were constructed using natural materials that are consistent with the local natural landscape. Two interpretative panels were prepared with dimensions of (220 cm x 150 cm) and placed at the Main Entrance and at the Crystal Mountain site. Two metal signposts were fixed along the Farafra – Bahariya asphalt road to mark the borders of the Park, with the logos of the support institutions (NCS, EEAA, Italian Cooperation, Italian Embassy, UNDP and IUCN). Two engraved limestone signposts have been placed on the asphalt road to mark the northern and southern borders of WDNP. Two metal signposts have been fixed along the Farafra – Bahariya asphalt road mark the distance from Bahariya to WDNP.
KA2.4: Mark boundaries and improve management at key sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. and locations of signposts and landmark established Extent of management actions implemented 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two engraved limestone signposts have been placed on the asphalt road to mark the northern and southern boundaries of WDNP 6 sign posts have been fixed in GKNP

KA2.5: Support training and improvement of skills of local guides

2.

No. of training programs and people trained

Not achieved due to inadequate timing of debt swap funds.

Output 3		
Community support initiated and communication improved		
Key activities	Indicators and targets	Achievements and comments
KA3.1: support local handicraft production linked to PAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items linked to the Pas produced locally 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The total number of beneficiaries from training on handicrafts are (206) women. Support (5) NGO with raw materials and equipments Several meetings were held with NGOs concerning the improvement of products to be competitive in the market Four clean-up campaigns have been organized in coordination and collaboration with NGO Al Hayat in Farafara and Desert Lovers in Bahariya has
KA 3.2: Encourage preservation of heritage in nearby areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Spring rehabilitated and managed by local NGO through a concession Programs for rehabilitation of traditional building initiated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fencing and cleaning Ain Khadra. Fencing and cleaning Ain Seru. Fencing and cleaning El Santa. Fencing Crystal Mountain. Fencing Djara Cave.

<p>KA 3.3 Produce information and outreach tools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of publications and other items produced 	<p>The project succeeded in production of new Information, Education, and Communication tools that assist NCS to meet its obligation under the article NO. (13) of CEPA(CBD) several products were completed through the life time of the project, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Printing 10,000 copies of the leaflet “Respect the Desert”; Printing 10,000 copies of WDNP brochure; Printing 5,000 copies of Gilf Kebir NP brochure; Printing 5,000 copies of the brochure about the FAUNA in the WDNP (Arabic) Printing 5,000 copies of the brochure about the FAUNA in the WDNP (English); Printing 5,000 copies of the brochure about the FLORA of the WDNP (English); Printing 5,000 copies of the brochure about the FLORA of the WDNP (Arabic); Printing 3,000 copies of Gilf Kebir Pocket Guide in Italian; Printing 3,000 copies of Gilf Kebir Pocket Guide in English; Printing 3,000 copies of Gilf Kebir Pocket Guide in Arabic. The new web site of the White Desert National Park created.
<p>KA 3.4: carry out public awareness activities targeting the local communities and engage local NGOs in the management of the visitors’ facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local NGOs engaged in the management of visitor information facilities associated to the Pas Interpretative displays in place No. of people participating in public awareness activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PAMU participated in festival of environmental day at children library of Farafra. (50) representatives people from local community attended the festival 70 people from local community has participated and attended The PAMU participated with Al Haya NGO to make public awareness programme for 100 Egyptian and foreigner in Badawiya Hotel.

More in detail, with reference to the different component of the project, here below a description of achieved results.

Infrastructure:

1. The project established a building in Farafra consisting of the administrative headquarters, an office for collection of entrance fees and a visitor information centre.
2. The project established also a building in Dakhla consisting of the first administrative building for the management unit of GKNP, an office for collection of entrance fees and a visitor information centre.

The cost of construction works for both building was co-financed between EEAA and the Project. The Project provided both buildings with adequate office furniture.

Signposts:

1. Eighty-five signposts were constructed using natural materials that are consistent with the local natural landscape.
2. All “points of interest” inside the WDNP were marked with signposts of painted engraving limestone made from white limestone made by local workers. They indicate the name of the place and report the logos of WDNP and main partners.
3. Two interpretative maps with dimensions of (220 cm x 150 cm) were prepared and placed at the Main Entrance and the Crystal Mountain area.
4. Two metal signposts have been fixed on the boarder along the asphalt road. They report all logos of the support institutions (NCS, EEAA, Italian Cooperation, Italian Embassy, UNDP and IUCN).
5. Two engraved limestone signposts have been placed on the asphalt road to mark the northern and southern borders of WDNP.
6. Two additional metal signposts have been fixed along the asphalt road carrying the distance from Bahariya Oasis to WDNP.

Tracks demarcation:

The identification of the tracks for the WDNP was done in collaboration with the local NGOs involved in tourist activities. Around 150 Km of tracks were identified. Al Hayat NGO cooperated with the project in the demarcation of about 75 km of track by pieces of white limestone in the eastern part of WDNP.

Job Creation

Two rangers and four drivers have been contracted by the project for WDNP and one ranger at GKNP, in addition to four community guards for WDNP and other two at GKNP.

Vehicles and Equipment

1. Five pick-up cars Toyota Hilux were delivered and equipped for hard desert work for both WDNP and GKNP. All the cars were also equipped with sand ladders and metal jerry cans to carry fuel for long desert trips.
2. A tractor with front loader, trailer and water tank was purchased for WDNP to serve multiple functions, including transporting water, garbage and maintenance of tracks.
3. Field and office equipment was purchased including: GPS, Digital Cameras, Video Cameras, Computer, printers, Scanners, photocopy machines, fax machine, binoculars and camping tools etc).
4. Uniform for all WDNP/GKNP staff were delivered.

Monitoring of natural and cultural resources:

The project has succeeded to identify and monitor the different components of biological diversity, particularly those requiring urgent conservation and it achieved the following:

1. Producing vegetation cover maps.
2. Atlassing Monitoring: all the 139-planned atlassing transect were done in the summer, autumn and winter seasons.
3. The first copy of the White Desert National Park Herbarium was produced. Twenty-eight specimens were prepared, each sample was fixed on hard cardboard substrate and covered with a transparent plastic sheet.
4. A guidebook that facilitate the identification of the plant specimens of WDNP was prepared, which includes information about botany, morphology, dichotomy key, descriptions, drawing and pictures.
5. The photo-monitoring revealed that the threatened species of Sooty falcon live and nest in some cliff areas of WDNP. More than 118 birds have been observed during the survey, 34 couples, 20 single individual, while 30 nesting were recorded.
6. The analysis of the data collected during the monitoring activities supported the PAMU with an important tool for producing several thematic maps to deal with the management of the area.
7. Protect the components of ecosystem habitats, biomes and species by

expanding WDNP protected area by 971 km square as a buffer zone. This area was declared by the ministerial decree No. 225 \ 2008 to protect the main sites of natural and cultural resources.

8. Address threats to biodiversity (fire-hunting, invasive species) in WDNP

Protection of geological formation:

Fencing and cleaning the springs inside White Desert Protected Area.

Fencing was established around the unique geological formation of the Crystal Mountain and Djara Cave to protect them from visitors.

Patrolling: Patrolling schedules were planned and implemented in all PA's sectors

Support local community :

The project helped NCS to meet its obligations under the CBD and Millennium Development Goals through demonstrating sustainable livelihood approaches by improving the quality of life of Oases people and contributing to alleviate poverty among vulnerable groups (women, unemployed and youth) by increasing their income. The project launched an initiative and signed agreements with NGOs for training individuals on production of handcrafts and pottery industries in order to protect the cultural heritage and traditional knowledge of local community, through the following:

Five NGOs in New Valley Governorate (Red Crescent Society, Association palace and cultural houses, Central Association for Local Development and Integrated Regional Branch New Valley, Community Development Association for El Gededa and Development Association for El Giza Community) were supported with material and machines needed to enhance the quality of their products. Specialized training program and workshops on handcrafts, pottery and ceramics industry for local communities were organized by those NGOs under supervision of the PAMU.

The total number of beneficiaries from training on handcrafts are (206) women.

Several meetings were held with NGOs concerning the improvement of products to be competitive in the market.

The WDNP staff and PMU have supported the clean up campaigns organized by NGOs in Bahariya and Farafra Oases to keep the white desert clean.

Public Education and Awareness:

The project succeeded in production of new Information, Education, and Communication tools that assist NCS to meet its obligation under the article no. (13) of CEPA (CBD) several products were completed through the life time of the

project, including the following:

- Printing 10,000 copies of the WDNP brochure, a double A4 format, with maps, photos, text and the code of conduct. The texts are in Arabic, English and Italian. In the second edition of this brochure the border of the buffer zone has been added.
- 10,000 copies of the leaflet “Respect the Desert” were printed and distributed to the hotels and safari companies.
- Printing 10,000 copies of the Flora of the WDNP, a double A4 format with photos, in Arabic and English versions.
- Printing of 10,000 copies of the Fauna of the WDNP, a double A4 format with photos, in Arabic and English versions.
- Printing of 5,000 copies of the Gilf Kebir NP brochure, a double A4 format with maps, photos, text and the code of conduct. The texts are in Arabic and English.
- Printing of 9,000 copies of the booklet guide of Gilf El Kebir (3,000 copies for each Arabic, English, and Italian languages)

Annex 2

Declaration on Handing over

UNDP certifies that all physical assets purchased and used during project implementation, as well as all intellectual assets delivered through the above project - as per the Inventory List here below - have been delivered to the Nature Conservation Sector of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency.

The recipient Party commits, where possible, to make use of the above assets for the same objectives, target area and target beneficiaries of the project and in accordance to *Shared-strategy for the sustainability of Project results* (Annex 3).

Inventory List***Physical assets:***

Asset description	Entity in charge	Location
Air-Condition	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Air-Condition	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Air-Condition	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Air-Condition	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Air-Condition	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Air-Condition	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Hillux Vehicles	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Hillux Vehicles	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Hillux Vehicles	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Hillux Vehicles	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Hillux Vehicles	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Couple of sand ladder	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Couple of sand ladder	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Couple of sand ladder	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Couple of sand ladder	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Couple of sand ladder	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Charger for GPS	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Charger for GPS	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
"Hilty" Drill	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices

(list of physical assets from the previous page)

Asset description	Entity in charge	Location
Computer Desktop - Monitor 19 inch	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Computer Desktop - Monitor 19 inch	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Computer Desktop - Monitor 17 inch	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Computer Desktop - Monitor 17 inch	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Computer Desktop - Monitor 17 inch	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Computer Desktop - Monitor 17 inch	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
A3 Printer Desk jet 2800	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
A3 Printer Desk jet 2800	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Printer Laser jet 2015	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Printer Laser jet 2015	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Printer Laser jet 2015	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Scanner jet 2710	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Scanner jet 2710	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Toshiba Data Show	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Screen for Data Show 200x200cm	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Screen for Data Show 180x180cm	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Lap Top - Siemens	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Lap Top - Siemens	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Lap Top - Siemens	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Lap Top - Siemens	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Lap Top - Siemens	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Power Generator	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Copy machine - Work Center	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Fax	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
GPS	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
GPS	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
GPS	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
GPS	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Binocular	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Binocular	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Binocular	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Binocular	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Binocular	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Binocular	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Tractor, Agriculture Trailer and Water Tank Trailer.	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices

(list of physical assets from the previous page)

Asset description	Entity in charge	Location
(1) Digital Cameras	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Digital Cameras	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Digital Cameras	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
(1) Digital Cameras	GKNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Walkie Talkie VHF	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Herbarium	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Safe box	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Water Engine	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Sand mats	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP Offices
Infrastructures		
WDNP Visitor Center + head quarter	EEAA	WDNP
<u>Exhibition space over 3 rooms, director office, staff office, lecture room, staff toilets, visitors toilets, storage room.</u>		
• floor of local stone for the interiors and the exterior.		
• walls and plasterwork		
• wooden ceiling		
• full plumbing supply, drainage, wastewater system and hydraulic equipment		
• electrical supplies, sockets, switch lights and generators		
• lighting elements for the interior and the exterior		
Setting up of WDNP VC	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP VC
Exhibition panels		
Reception desk		
Furniture WDNP PAMU Headquarter	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP VC
Desks		
Cupboards		
Chairs		
Lecture room table		
Lecture room chairs		
GKNP Information Center + head quarter	EEAA	GKNP
<u>Exhibition / Lecture room, director office, staff office, toilets, storage room.</u>		
• floor of local stone for the interiors and the exterior		
• walls and plasterwork		
• wooden ceiling		

Asset description	Entity in charge	Location
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> full plumbing supply, drainage, wastewater system and hydraulic equipment 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> electrical supplies, sockets, switch lights 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lighting elements 		
<i>Furniture GKNP PAMU Headquarter</i>		
Desks	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP VC
Cupboards	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP VC
Chairs	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP VC
Lecture room table	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP VC
Lecture room chairs	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP VC
<i>Other infrastructures</i>		
Demarcation of 75 km track in WDNP	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP
80 signposts/landmark	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP
2 interpretative panels	WDNP Manag. Unit	WDNP
<i>Publication</i>		
10,000 WDNP map folder (ita-eng-ara)	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
5,000 WDNP Flora brochure – Arabic version	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
5,000 WDNP Flora brochure – English version	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
5,000 WDNP Fauna brochure – Arabic version	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
5,000 WDNP Fauna brochure – English version	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
3,000 GKNP Pocket guide – Arabic version	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
3,000 GKNP Pocket guide – English version	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
3,000 GKNP Pocket guide – Italian version	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
10,000 “Respect the Desert” brochure (eng-ara)	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
5,000 GKNP map folder (eng-ara)	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices
WDNP flora identification handbook	WDNP / GKNP	WDNP Offices

All abovementioned physical assets in good working conditions.

Intellectual Assets

Asset description	Entity in charge
Enhancement of PAMU staff's skills	EEAA
Scientific data collected through environmental monitoring	EEAA

Annex 3

Shared strategy for the sustainability of the Project results

The general success, and therefore, long-term sustainability of the project is deeply connected to the institutional, legal and organizational mechanisms which must be set in motion to enable the Protected Areas to be managed in a sound and economically viable way, profiting of at least a percentage of the revenues.

Therefore, in order to guarantee sustainability and further development of the results achieved through the present project, MSEA/EEAA shall:

- Finalize, through the GEF project, the process of making the best performing PAs self-financing entities, and to receive benefits – at least in kind and in services, from the financial resources directly generated by NCS (e.g. entrance fees, concessions for projects within protected areas, etc).
- Update and ensure the implementation of the Management Plans and Business Plan of the White Desert National Park and Gilf Kebir National Park.

In particular, with regards to the capacity building output of the project and to the enhancement of WDNP staff management capacities, MSEA/EEAA shall:

- Keep the adequate human resources level in the PAMU of both National Parks and adopt adequate policies to incentive the expertise built through the project not to leave their position;
- Ensure regular update of training to PAMUs staff
- Promote exchange of experience among the different Protected Areas PAMUs' staff and, in particular, promote the integration between WDNP and the newly created Bahariya Protected Area.

Moreover, MSEA/EEAA shall:

- Prepare a legal framework mechanism to promote the involvement of local communities and associations, with a particular focus on women, in the Protected Areas activities such as the provision of additional services in the WDNP Visitor Centres and GKNP Information Centres (cafeteria, crafts shops, toilets, etc).
- Promote the adoption of minimal service standards in all visitor centres facilities (opening hours, toilets, shops and cafeteria) and devise ways for their reinforcement.
- Make adequate provisions in the annual budget for the maintenance of all equipment provided by the projects as well as of the tracks, signposts and interpretative panels installed by the Project.

- Support the establishment of a basic solid waste management system within the Park based on the feasibility study produced by the project.

With reference to the Information, Education and Communication material produced in the frame of the Project, MSEA/EEAA shall:

- Elaborate and adopt guidelines for the optimal use and distribution (both in paper and digital form) of all material. In particular MSEA/EEAA shall devise and apply a mechanism for a virtuous income generating use of booklets and publications such as the one established by the project with CULTNAT for the publication of the final volume “Another Egypt”.

MSEA/EEAA shall also assure visibility to the activities carried out by the Project through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs/DGDC funding, by keeping the Italian Cooperation logo on all material originally produced by the Project such as signposts, interpretative panels, IEC materials even after the end of the project, as well as including it on the foreseen activities related to dissemination and divulgation.

Finally MSEA/EEAA shall take into consideration the recommendation issued by EIECP Final Evaluation mission, which will be carried out upon conclusion of the project’s activities. In particular the Final Evaluation Mission will also provide the main guidelines for the sustainable management of the Protected Areas, versus the environmental pressure and the anthropic carrying capacity.