

# ITALIAN COOPERATION IN EGYPT

## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS

### Program of support to the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency – Phase II

**Geographic Area:** Governorates of Cairo, Minia, Matrouh, Giza, Red Sea, Fayoum.

**Area of Development:** Control and sustainable management of the environmental, artistic and cultural heritage.

**Sector:** Environmental sustainability, conservation and restoration.

**Executive body:** DGCS.

**Institutional counterpart:** Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, UNDP.

**Other funding parties:** Egyptian government.

**Beneficiaries:** The Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency

**Period of implementation:** 2003 - 2005

**Amount and nature of the funds:** 12,061,000 € grant through the **Debt Swap** and a bilateral channel

**Type of intervention:** Capacity and institutional building, training, technical assistance

**Objective:** Appreciation and protection of the environmental resources and safeguarding the cultural and artistic heritage

#### **Description of the project:**

The program continues and expands the experience of the **Environmental Program** of the Italian Cooperation concluded in 2003. It proposes an integrated initiative with the purpose of protecting and supporting the environment and the resources. Besides establishing a coordination unit, the program, includes 8 components:

- 1) Decision-Support System for water resources planning
- 2) Capacity Building of the Department of the Protection of Natural Resources in the Environmental Agency
- 3) Protected Area of Gabal Elba
- 4) Protected area of Wady el Rayan
- 5) Legal and Institutional Framework of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
- 6) Management of solid waste in El Minia
- 7) Environmental Improvement of the Oasis of Siwa
- 8) Valorization of the artistic heritage of Fayoum and Saqqara

**Web site of the programme:** [www.eiecop.org](http://www.eiecop.org)

