

ITALIAN COOPERATION IN EGYPT

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS

Project of the Protected Area of Wady El - Rayan

Geographic Area: Wady El-Rayan (governorate of Fayoum).

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

Sector: Environmental sustainability.

Executive body: DGCS (direct management).

Institutional counterpart: Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency

Beneficiaries: Local communities

Period of implementation: 1998 - 2003

Amount and nature of the funds: Bilateral channel. 927,356 € [grant]

Type of intervention: Capacity building, services

Objective: Establishment of a new natural park in the oasis of Fayoum

Description of the project: The project is part of the **ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMME** addressed to strengthening the EEAA.

The activities focus on the establishment of an administratively autonomous natural park, that knows how to make the most of the floral and faunal heritage of the area of Wady El-Rayan, even through forms of responsible tourism.

In further details, the undertaken activities include the completion of a managerial plan for the protected area, the establishment of a center for visitors, the preparation of training courses for the personnel in the field of environmental protection and the publication and distribution of informative material.

