

ITALIAN COOPERATION IN EGYPT

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECTS

National Bio-Diversity and Natural Heritage Inventory and Monitoring Systems

Geographic Area: Entire Egypt, in particular the protected areas of Gabal el Elba and St. Catherine.

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

Sector: Environmental sustainability.

Executive body: DGCS.

Institutional counterpart: Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency.

Other funding parties: -

Beneficiaries: Personnel of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency.

Period of implementation: 2003 – 2006.

Amount and nature of the funds: 1,052,000 € grant through the debt swap .

Type of intervention: Technical assistance, institutional building, training.

Objective: Managing the natural resources of the country

Description of the project: The project intends to promote the activities of study and monitoring of the natural heritage and biodiversity of the country, strengthening the departments of the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency in charge of natural conservation and biodiversity. The project promotes pilot activities in the protected areas of St. Catherine and **Gabal Elba** and proposes to define valid policies for conserving biodiversity to be consequently extended to the national level.

