Financial Mechanisms, Egypt

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Since ancient times Egypt has relied on the natural resources to build the civilization
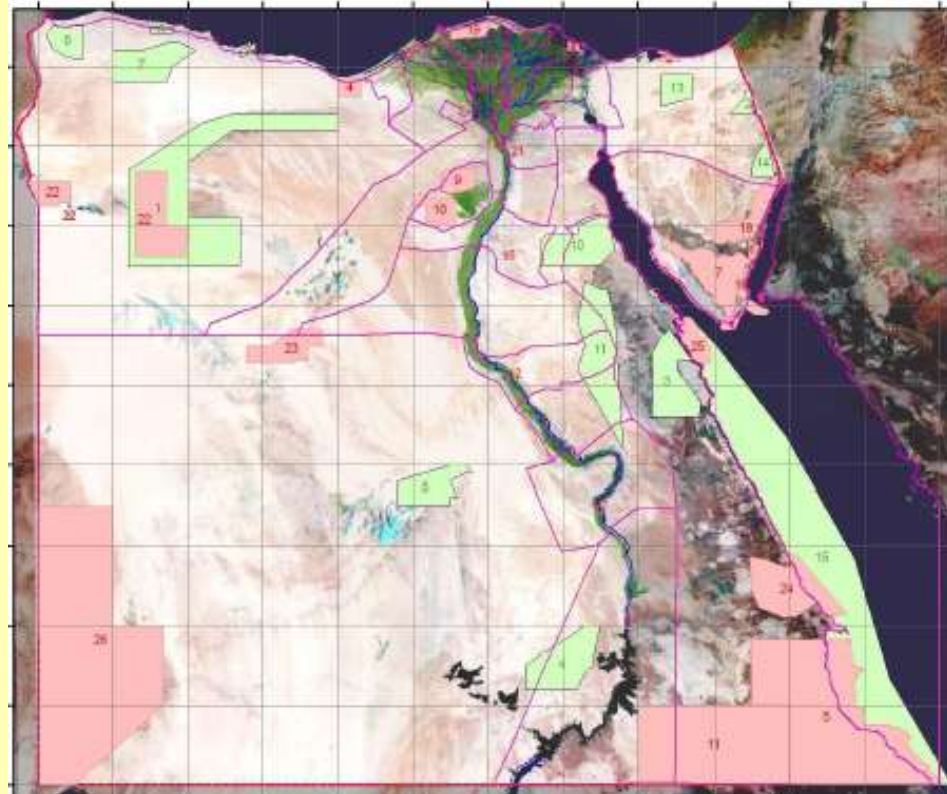
Variety of habitats

Crucial for bird migration

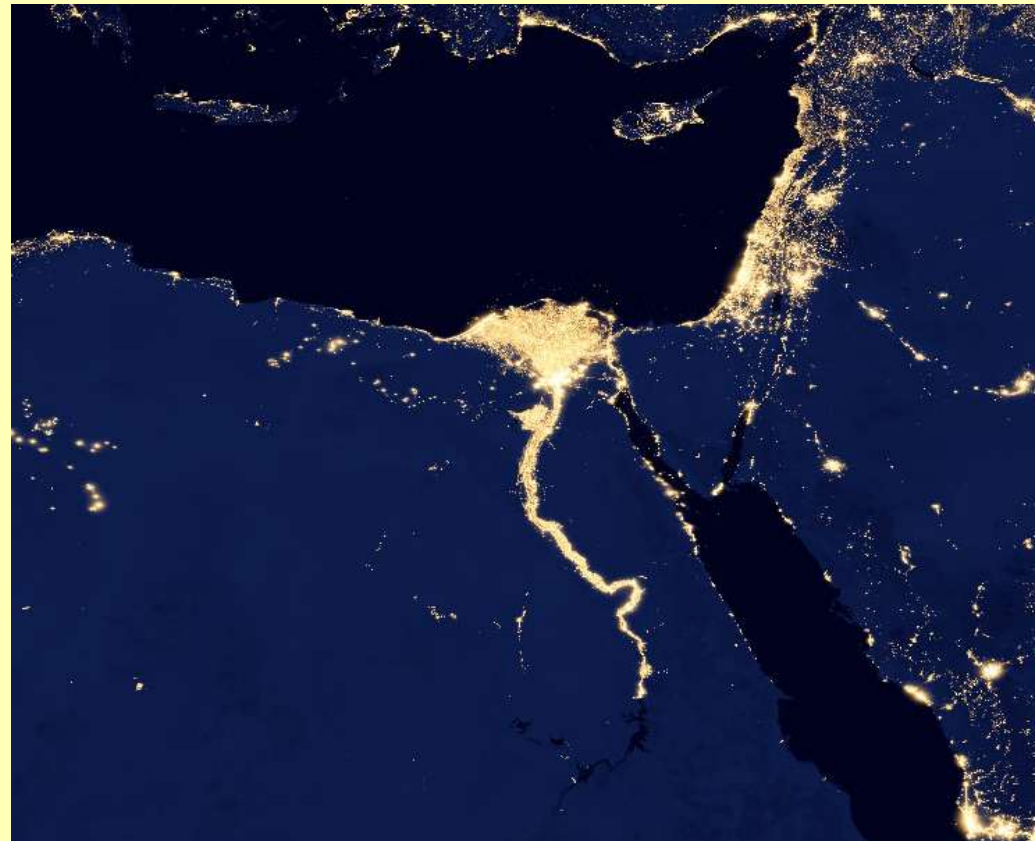Red Sea/Rift valley flyway 1.5 million bird cross every year

Conservation efforts

- 30 Protected areas (15 % of the country)
  2 Biosphere Reserves   3 National Parks

- 1 Natural Heritage Site

- 4 ramsar sites

- 34 IBAs

- NBSAP

But..

- 90,000,000 inhabitants in 1,000,000 km2
- 90% of the population inhabit 5 % of the total area of the country!

Egypt today:

- Economic problems
- Unstable political situation
- The population is growing
- Centralisation
- Lack of resources
- Insufficient management
- Pressures on biodiversity are increasing

Case stories (national)

Partnerships

Protected areas of the Red Sea

Synergies

Sewage treatment plans at Aswan

Case stories (local) Protected Areas in southern Egypt

3 protected areas

1 biosphere reserve

1 proposed Protected area

3 IBAs

Activities

- Management of the Nile crocodile in Lake Nasser

- Environmental friendly hotels (establish desert gardens)

- Education and capacity building of local birdwatching guides

Case story

Management of the Nile crocodile in Lake Nasser

– Man / crocodile conflicts
– Overfishing in Lake Nasser

Aims

Study the distribution of Nile Crocodile in the lake

Estimate the population size and population structure

Study the home range

Study the potential of sustainable utilization of Nile Crocodile in Egypt

Activities

Survey the Lake Nasser shores

Questioner the fishermen

Mapping the nests

Outcomes

Crocodile transferred in CITES to appendix II
with zero quota

Management plan for the Nile Crocodile

Proposal for ranching projects

Financial resources:

- Conservation Leadership Programme
- USAID
- Egyptian Government
- Local investors

Thank you

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