

Action Plan for Implementing the Programme of Work on Protected Areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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Description of protected area system

Coverage

(Amount and % protected for terrestrial and marine; maps of protected area system)

Description and background

- There is 11 terrestrial PA, and 2 MPA

s.n.	name of protected area	date of creation	total area (hectars)	status
1	Kouf	1978	100,000	National Park
2	Alhesha	1984	160,000	Nature reserve
3	Algharabolli	1992	8,000	National Park
4	Abughylan	1992	4,000	National Park
5	Bir Ayad	1992	12,000	Nature reserve
6	Surman	1992	4,00	National Park
7	Elnaggaza	1993	4,000	National Park
8	Sabrata	1995	500	National Park
9	Msalata	1998	1,800	Nature reserve
10	Nalout	1998	200	Nature reserve
11	Zulton	1998	1000	Nature reserve

Governance types

All protected areas in Libya are managed by government

Key threats

- **Over fishing**
- **Over hunting for birds**
- **Over cutting.**
- **Management of protected areas .**
- **Lack of financing.**
- **Lack of capacity .**
- **Climate changes.**
- **Habitat alteration, pollution and land use.**
- **Lack of awareness of conservation priorities.**

Barriers for effective implementation

- Lack of necessary funds
- Lack of cooperation between sectors involved in protected areas
- Lack of communication.
- There is no integration in national policies.
- Weakness in legislations.
- Lack of decision makers and public knowledge of important of biodiversity value and ecosystems services.
- Lack of researches in biodiversity.

National Targets and Vision for Protected Areas

- **Protecting ecosystems and biodiversity**

- **Scientific researches,**
- **Public awareness,**
- **Sustainability of resources,**
- **Ecotourism,**
- **Establish more protected areas that represent different ecosystems**
- **Well managed protected areas**

Progress in and plans for achieving the goals of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas

Progress: 0 = no work, 1 = just started, 2 = partially complete, 3 = nearly complete, 4 = complete

Goals of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Progress 0-4
• Progress in establishing and strengthening national and regional systems of protected areas (1.1)	2
• Progress in integrating protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors so as to maintain ecological structure and function (1.2)	1
• Progress in establishing and strengthening regional networks, transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries (1.3)	1
• Progress in substantially improving site-based protected area planning and management (1.4)	
• Progress in preventing and mitigating the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas (1.5)	2
• Progress in promoting equity and benefit-sharing (2.1) • Progress in assessing and implementing diverse protected area governance types (2.1)	1
• Progress in enhancing and securing involvement of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders (2.2)	3
• Progress in providing an enabling policy, institutional and socio-economic environment for protected areas (3.1) • Progress in assessing the contribution of protected areas to local and national economies (3.1)	3
• Progress in building capacity for the planning, establishment and management of protected areas (3.2)	2
• Progress in developing, applying and transferring appropriate technologies for protected areas (3.3)	2
• Progress in ensuring financial sustainability of protected areas and national and	1

regional systems of protected areas (3.4)	
• Progress in strengthening communication, education and public awareness (3.5)	2
• Progress in developing and adopting minimum standards and best practices for national and regional protected area systems (4.1)	2
• Progress in evaluating and improving the effectiveness of protected areas management (4.2)	2
• Progress in assessing and monitoring protected area status and trends (4.3)	3
• Progress in ensuring that scientific knowledge contributes to the establishment and effectiveness of protected areas and protected area systems (4.4)	1
• Progress in marine protected areas	1
• Progress in incorporating climate change aspects into protected areas	0

Priority activities for fully implementing the Programme of Work on Protected Areas:

Activities	Timeline
1. mainstream concept of protected areas into the policies and update legislation.	
2. finishing the ecological gap analysis and declare new protected areas to regarding the results	
3. assessment for effectiveness of the management plans and update for the management plans regarding the results.	

(Insert more as needed)

Action Plans (detailed steps) for completing priority activities for fully implementing the Programme of Work on Protected Areas:

Activity 1:

Key steps	Timeline	Responsible agencies	Indicative budget
Organizing workshop for responsible sectors in decision maker level	6-12 M	EGA- Agriculture- tourism	
Create committee including all stakeholders to update the legislation	3-6M	EGA- Agriculture-	
Conduct workshop to present the final version of the legislations	3-6M	EGA- Agriculture-	

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Activity 2:

Key steps	Timeline	Responsible agencies	Indicative budget
Finishing the gap analysis to identify the gaps	6-12 M	EGA-Agriculture	
Finishing the survey for some proposed PAs	1-2 Y	EGA-Agriculture	
Prepare master plan for proposed PAs	6-12 M	EGA-Agriculture	
Implementing the proposed Pas (3 terrestrial and 2 Marine)	1-2Y	EGA-Agriculture-marine research center	

Activity 3:

Key steps	Timeline	Responsible agencies	Indicative budget
Create committee to assesses the effectiveness of management for the rest of PAs	6-12	EGA-Agriculture	
Determine the weakness points in management plans	3-6M	EGA-Agriculture	
Working with stakeholders and local communities to update management plans	1-2 Y		

(Insert more as needed)

Key assessment results

Ecological gap assessment

Dose not finished yet but we started the ecological gap assessment in the project with UNDP

Management effectiveness assessment

There are no results but all most all PAs does not managed effectively

Sustainable finance assessment

There is no sustainable finance, all the PAs does not have sustainable finance programs, but funded by government.

Capacity needs assessment

Surveys has been conducted the assess capacity needs, and we started in 2008 conducting training courses and workshops through project with UNDP including several issue (e.g concept of PA, management plans, assessment of PAs)

Policy environment assessment

Assessment for legislation has been started and we are working to update it.

Protected area integration and mainstreaming assessment

No work has been done

Protected area valuation assessment

Protected area valuation assessment started through project with UNDP but does not finished yet

Climate change resilience and adaptation assessment

Not yet

(Insert other assessment results if available)