



Project main activities

I. Identification of threats to marine and coastal biodiversity in Lebanon, reviewing the existing policy and legislative tools, assessing the non-compliance causes, developing recommendations for legal reforms and law enforcement mechanisms, and developing capacity building programs.

II. Identification of climate change impacts and adaptation measures. It will also compile results of previous studies and identify the needs to fulfil the national and regional objectives and international obligations.

III. Line with and complement the objectives of the completed and ongoing projects and plans. Additionally, the project will enhance stakeholder and public participation in all its activities and create a healthy atmosphere for the conservation of marine and coastal biodiversity in Lebanon.

About the project

The Ministry of Environment (MoE) in Lebanon, with the support of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature - Regional Office for West Asia (IUCN/ROWA) seek to conserve and protect marine and coastal biodiversity through policy and legal reforms, enhanced stakeholder participation and mainstreaming biodiversity priorities into national plans and programs. The project, which will be implemented between 2018 and 2020, is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented through the United Nations Environment Programme.

This project aims at creating an enabling integrated framework for sustainable management and conservation of coastal and marine biodiversity, and at mainstreaming biodiversity priorities into national plans, and coastal zone management plans, with particular focus on the impact of climate change on marine and coastal biodiversity.

The project will provide an opportunity to coordinate with regional initiatives to address gaps in assessments, and seek sustainable and economically viable policy and technological options for the protection of key marine and coastal biodiversity to be included in coastal zone management plans, marine protected area plans and integrated into national plans.



“ Market policy and legislative development for mainstreaming sustainable management of marine and coastal ecosystems in Lebanon ”
project



Activities conducted

A. A training workshop on the assessment of management effectiveness of marine protected areas.

Jbeil -Byblos, Lebanon 11 - 13 October 2018



B. Develop and design an educational booklet for kids on the birds of Lebanon



C. Development of a Monitoring Protocol for Marine Invasive Alien Species (IAS), specially adopted for Lebanese Coastal and Marine Environment, supported with a capacity-building program and with the suitable recommended measures to prevent and control IAS.

Beit Al Madina, Tyre – Lebanon
9 - 10 November 2018



D. Assessment study related to coastal and marine birds of Lebanon.

Beirut – Lebanon 11 March 2019



E. A training workshop on IUCN's Red Listing.

Jbeil -Byblos, Lebanon
13-14 June 2019



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