



Yemeni-German Cooperation Program

Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Yemen

Context

The pressure on natural resources like water, cultivable land and biodiversity in the Republic of Yemen is increasing due to widespread poverty and rapid population growth. These factors contribute to the degradation of livelihoods in rural areas. Though several strategies and programs in the field of conservation and use of biodiversity are existing, implementation is still lacking. Adequate mechanisms and tools on how conservation of biodiversity could effectively contribute to improve rural livelihoods are urgently needed.



Objective

The program aims to promote local economic development through a sustainable use of natural resources and through conservation of biodiversity in Yemen. Beneficiaries are the people in need living in or around protected areas, using the natural resources for their means of livelihood.

Approach

The program will follow a multi-level approach reflected by three components:

- Central level: institutional development of EPA with focus on capacity building
- Local level: concrete action to support the living conditions of people using natural and biodiversity resources. The first local intervention zone would be the Socotra Archipelago (UNESCO World Heritage).
- Up scaling: according to this approach, the positive results from local protected area management will be spread and generalized through EPA and other suitable partners for the development of further protected areas in Yemen.

National Context

The subject of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity fits well into the declared strategies of the Government of Yemen. Special relevance is deducted from the need of adapting rural production systems to the ever increasing population density and to the probably aggravating impact of climate change on food production.

Partners

Besides the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) within the Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE), the program will cooperate with all stakeholders supposed to achieve the

declared objective: local communities, NGOs and media are equally eligible for support from the program as soon as they engage in meaningful actions for conservation and sustainable use of natural resources and of biodiversity.

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