

Revision and updating of the national biodiversity strategy of Palestine

THE PROJECT

The project aims to support Palestine in the revision and updating of the National Biodiversity Strategy and related implementation plans.

CONTRIBUTION TO

➔ [NDC Palestina](#): adaptation, establishment of a national network of protected areas which includes 51 areas with a very high and very delicate biodiversity.

➔ [2030 Agenda](#): Goal 14 - Life below water; Goal 15 - Life on land; Goal 13 - Climate Actions.

BACKGROUND

Also due to the impact of climate change, in Palestine there is a constant degradation of natural habitats and associated ecosystems, with a consequent loss of biodiversity. Freshwater basins and forested areas are the areas with the highest risk of degradation. This fragility is increased by the lack of adequate *policies*, (poor planning and management of natural resources, insufficient conservation measures, limited scientific data, poorly trained personnel).

➔ [National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan \(NBSAP, 1999\)](#)

➔ [National Policy Agenda 2017 -2022](#)

➔ [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#)

OBJECTIVE

Protect and increase ecosystem resilience through biodiversity conservation.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Preparation of the Sixth National Report on the Convention on Biological Diversity, (CBD), implementation, through preliminary surveys on the state of achievement of the objectives defined in the *National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Palestine 1999*, (NBSAP), the evaluation of the previously adopted measures effectiveness, and the needs' analysis for drafting the sixth report;
- Analysis of national contributions for the conservation of biodiversity in relation to the *Strategic goals and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets*, (ABT), agreed during the COP 2010 held in Japan. Identification of specific national objectives within the framework described by the ABT;
- Elaboration and adoption of the new National Strategy for Biodiversity and related implementation plan, (NBSAP), through actions aimed at institutional strengthening and at the promotion of biodiversity in the local, regional and international scenario.
- **Call for the selection of national and international experts** for the provision of consultancy services specialized in supporting the drafting and elaboration of the National Biodiversity Strategy for Biodiversity, and related implementation plan of Palestine.

SUBJECTS

Promoters:

- Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea - MATTM
- Environment Quality Authority - EQA

Actuators:

- Environment Quality Authority - EQA

DURATION

April 2019 – April 2021

TOTAL COST OF THE INITIATIVE

€ 241,000

Lender: MATTM €203,250

Other lenders: EQA € 37,750

OUTPUT

- Sixth National Report on the CBD implementation
- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Palestine, (NBSAP)

