



Regional Indicators Used for Assessment of Marine Environment in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden

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OUTLINE

- Brief background on PERSGA and Characteristics of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Region
- PERSGA Standard Survey Methods for Key Habitats and Species , and Living Marine Resources
- Performance Indictors in Specific RAPs for Conservation of Key Habitats and Species
- Indicators in Other Assessment Guidelines
- Gaps and shortcomings
- Addressing gaps:
 - PERSGA workshop on Regional Indicators (2010)
 - SEM Project Component 3: Regional Environmental and Socioeconomic Monitoring Supporting Ecosystem Based Management (EBM)







الهيئة الاقليمية للمحافظة على بيئة البحر الأحمر و خليج عدن <u>PERSGA</u>

An intergovernmental organization concerned with protection/conservation of marine environment and sustainable development

- Member states are Djibouti, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen
- Head Quarter in Jeddah
- PERSGA has also established a marine Emergency Mutual Aids center for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (EMARSGA) in Hurghada
- Legal/mandatory framework: Jeddah Convention (1982) and its attached/ derived Protocols and MoUs
- Regional Action Plan developed in 1982

Regional Action Plan Major Objectives

Assessment of environment

Guidelines for Coastal-Marine Sustainable Resource Management

Legal Base for Cooperative **Efforts**

Support **Institutional Mechanism**

PERSGA Program Components

- **Living Marine Resources Program**
- **Biodiversity-MPAs Program**
- Regional Monitoring Program
- Land Based Activities Program
- **Marine Pollution (EMARSGA Center)**
- Climate Change Program
- **Environmental Education and Awareness**
- **Annual Training Program: Capacity Building**
- **PERSGA Regional Information System**
- **On-ground Activities Program: Demo Projects**









Supportive **Programs**

Specialized Programs

Regional Legislation

Protocol on Protection from LBAs

Protocol on Biodiversity and MPAs Network

2005

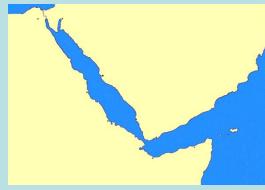
Protocol on Exchange of Equipment and Personnel During Emergencies

2009

MoU on Regional Cooperation on Port State Control MoU on Regional Cooperation in Fishery Management

2013

2011



Jeddah Convention

Hazardous Chemicals

Regional Action Plan

Pollution by Oil and

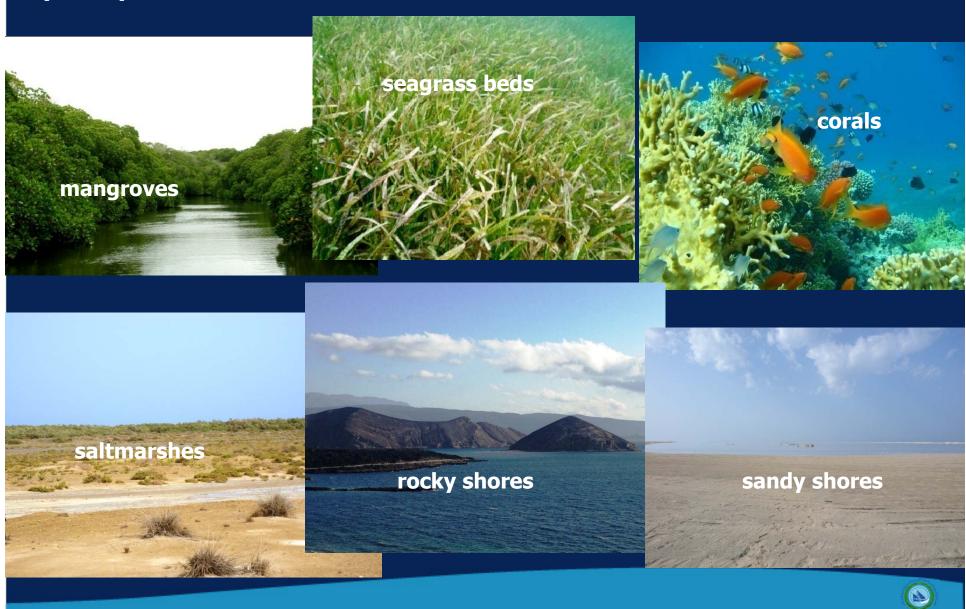
Protocol on Combating

1982



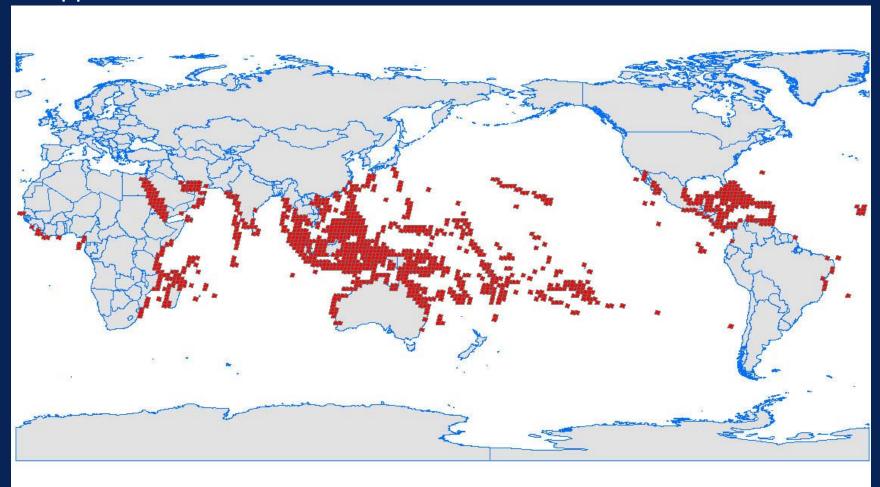
Diverse coastal and marine habitats

Key ecosystems/ the resource base is diverse in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden



World Coral Reefs Distribution

The Red Sea represents less than 0.2% of the world's ocean, while it supports around 6% of the world's coral reefs



ty of the Red Sea



≈ 170 species

≈ 130 species

≈ 567 species

in comparison: Arabian Sea 141 species

Arabian Gulf 231 species

Iting in high productivity













