

TABLE OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED MARINE PROTECTED AREAS
(areas proposed for representative network are marked with an asterisk)

Country	Protected area	Size	Year of declaration	Major habitats and regional significance	Impacts and conflicts	Management/ Projects	Priority
Djibouti	Maskali Sud Integral Reserve	ca 3 km ²	1972	Coral reef and rich reef-associated fish and invertebrate fauna	High recreation pressure, trampling of reefs, collecting of corals, spearfishing,	Low	National
Djibouti	Musha Territorial Park	ca 10 km ²	1980	Coral reef and rich reef associated fish and invertebrate fauna, mangroves	High recreation pressure, trampling of reefs, collecting of corals, spearfishing	Low	National
Djibouti	Godoriya	Undefined	Suggested	Extensive mangrove area, <i>Rhizophora</i> and <i>Avicennia</i> , rich mangrove associated fauna	Grazing and wood collecting	None	National
Djibouti	Iles des Sept Frères and Ras Siyan	Undefined	Suggested	Group of high aspect, rocky islands and adjacent coastal stretch with mangrove-fringed bay, diverse coral reef and rich reef associated fish and invertebrate fauna at the junction between the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, nesting seabirds	Recreation pressure, fishing, siltation caused by passing vessels	None	Regional *
Egypt	Abu Gallum Multiple Use Management Area	120 km ²	1992	Rocky coast, coral reef, seagrass beds, important for fish, birds and terrestrial mammals, mountainous areas near the coast	Recreation pressure	Medium, supported by EU project	National
Egypt	Ashtom El-Gamil	1200 km ²	1988	Sandy shore, wetlands, birds, fish and small mammals		Medium	Local
Egypt	Ras Mohammed National Park	480 km ²	1992	Coral reef, mangrove, sandy areas, fish, turtles, important for environmental education	High recreation pressure	High, supported by EU project	Regional *
Egypt	Nabq	500 km ²	1992	Northernmost mangrove area in the Red Sea, coastal wetlands, seagrass beds, coral reef	Recreation pressure, shrimp farm	Medium, supported by EU project	National/ Regional

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Egypt	El-Zaranik	700 km ²	1985	Sandy, wetland, migratory birds, reptiles and mammals		Medium	National
Egypt	Giftun Islands and Straits of Gubal	Undefined	Proposed	Group of islands off the western coast with well-developed and diverse coral reefs and rich reef-associated fauna, turtle and bird nesting	Recreation pressure, anchor damage, fishing	GEF-Egypt and EU projects	National/Regional *
Egypt	Safaga Island	Undefined	Suggested	Small nearshore island off Safaga, mangroves, coral patches, birds	Safaga port shipping, possibly fishing	GEF-Egypt and USAID projects	National
Egypt	Wadi Gamal	Undefined	Proposed	Large terrestrial area, coastal wetland, mangroves, islands, migratory birds	Hunting, plant collection, seasonal flooding	GEF-Egypt and USAID projects	National
Egypt	Sharm al-Lulu	Undefined	Suggested	Small bay with corals on both sides	Unknown, possibly tourism	GEF-Egypt project	Local
Egypt	Ras Banas	Undefined	Suggested	Lagoon with mangroves in inner area and corals at tip	Fisheries	GEF-Egypt and USAID projects	Local
Egypt	Dedalus Island	Undefined	Suggested	Small island 40 km offshore, diverse coral reef	Potential damage from diving	GEF-Egypt and USAID projects	Local
Egypt	Zabareged Island	Undefined	Suggested	Small island, coral reefs, turtle nesting site	Potential damage from divers	GEF-Egypt and USAID projects	Local/National
Egypt	Brother Islands	Undefined	Proposed	Coral islands with rich coral reefs	Extensive diving	GEF-Egypt and USAID project	Local/National
Egypt	Offshore reefs near al-Qusair	Undefined	Suggested	Extensive and complex submerged offshore reefs, diverse reef-associated fauna	Anchor damage, coral collection, possibly damage from diving	GEF-Egypt and USAID projects	National
Egypt/Sudan	Gabal Elba Conservation Area	30000	1986	Terrestrial part with mountains and gently sloping plains, 22 offshore islands of the Siyal and Rawabel groups; extensive fringing reefs, mangrove, seagrass, fish and mammals	Fishing	GEF-Egypt and USAID project	Regional/Global

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Eritrea	Dahlak Islands	Undefined	Proposed	Low-lying islands, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds, turtle nesting, important bird area, dugongs	Fishing, egg collecting	GEF-Eritrea project	Global*
Eritrea	Dur Gaam & Dur Gella Islands	Undefined	Suggested	Representative land flora and fauna, known turtle nesting beaches, interesting diving & snorkelling locations, minimum conflict with human users	Fishing, diving tourism	GEF-Eritrea project	Regional
Eritrea	Fatuma Island group	Undefined	Suggested	First recipient of Gulf of Aden & Indian Ocean effects, thus a good monitoring point; mangrove, Suaeda saltbush, important nursery area for sharks & other resources, potential turtle nesting beaches	Turtle hunting, fishing	GEF-Eritrea project	Regional
Eritrea	Museri Island group	Undefined	Suggested	Three species of mangrove, Suaeda saltbush, extensive patch coral areas, diver fish communities, significant bird breeding areas including large Crab Plover colony and others.	Limited human use	GEF-Eritrea project	Regional
Jordan	Aqaba coral reefs	Undefined	Proposed	Complex and diverse fringing reefs with a rich and diverse reef-associated fauna at the northern tip of the Gulf of Aqaba	Reef fisheries, recreation pressure, development pressure	GEF-Jordan project	Regional/ Global *
Saudi Arabia/ Egypt	Strait of Tiran	Undefined	Proposed	Islands and extensive coral reefs with diverse reef associated fauna in transition area between Gulf of Aqaba and Red Sea, turtle nesting, dugong	Small part of the area used by tourists from Egypt	None	Regional *
Saudi Arabia	Ras Suwayhil	267 km ²	Proposed	Pristine and diverse coral reefs and reef associated fauna, prime example of Gulf of Aqaba reefs, high cliffs, and scenic features, seabirds, dugong	Unknown	None	Regional
Saudi Arabia	Sharm Zubayr coast	80 km ²	Proposed	Coastline and sharm with fossil reef cliff, narrow reef flats and fringing reef, northernmost mangroves in Saudi Arabia	Construction of causeway	None	National

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Saudi Arabia	Ghubbat Bal'aksh	33 km ²	Proposed	Sharm and coastline with reefs, particularly high coral diversity, seagrass beds, osprey, low hills inland	Unregulated recreation	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Sharm Dumagyh, Sharm Antar	70 km ²	Proposed	Scenic lagoons with fringing reefs, seagrass beds, mangrove areas, green and hawksbill turtles, osprey, area backed by hills	Fishing and recreation	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Wajj Bank, Sharm Habban and Sharm Munaybirah	2840 km ²	Proposed	Extensive shallow water area with mainland coast and offshore islands, most extensive coral reef system of entire Red Sea, diverse reef associated fauna, seagrass beds, mangroves (<i>Avicennia</i> and <i>Rhizophora</i>), turtles, bird nesting sites, key area for dugongs	Collection of turtle and bird eggs, fishing	None	Global *
Saudi Arabia	Qalib Island chain	included in Wajj Bank	Proposed	Series of low lying, sandy islands, seagrass beds and coral reefs, lagoons, important nesting site for turtles and seabirds	Collection of turtle and bird eggs	None	National
Saudi Arabia	al-Hasani, Libanah Islands	Undefined	Proposed	High aspect islands with shallow and deep fringing reefs, high quality coral reefs, important nesting site for turtles and sea birds	Egg collection	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Ras Abu Madd, Sharm Hasi	Will be combined with previous area	Proposed	Scenic sharms and high quality fringing reefs, fossil reef terraces, osprey	Fishing activities	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Ras Baridi, Sharm al-Khawr	30 km ²	Proposed	Sand beaches, small islands, high quality coral reefs, seagrass beds, most important mainland nesting beach for marine turtles (green and hawksbill), bird nesting area, dugong	Pollution from industrial source	None	Regional
Saudi Arabia	Sharm Yanbu	50 km ²	Proposed	Deep, sheltered, bi-lobed lagoon, mangrove and seagrass beds, fringing reefs, osprey, dugong	Recreation activities	None	National

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Saudi Arabia	Yanbu Royal Commission protection area	ca 5 km ²	Estab-lished	Mangroves and good quality fringing reef, osprey	Unknown	Medium	Local
Saudi Arabia	Shi'b al-Qirin Reef	15 km ²	Proposed	High quality inshore and offshore reef complexes, osprey	Unknown	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Marsa al-Usalla, Marsa Tawil	30 km ²	Proposed	Shallow lagoons surrounded by dense stands of halophytes, mangrove, seagrass beds, algal beds, osprey, migratory birds	Livestock grazing on inland halophytes	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Mastura beach	30 km ²	Proposed	Low lying shoreline with stands of reed (<i>Phragmites</i>) and palms, rare freshwater dependent vegetation site	Recreation pressure	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Marsa as-Sarraj	200 km ²	Proposed	Largest land-locked lagoon on Saudi Arabian Red Sea coast, seasonally inundated, stands of mangroves, halophytes, seagrass beds, high quality reef, osprey, important coastal wetland	Agricultural development, fishing	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Marsa Umm Misk	67 km ²	Proposed	Shallow bay with extensive seagrass beds, small stands of mangrove, osprey, dugong	Unknown	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Haramil Island	included in previous area	Proposed	Small elongated island, densely vegetated by halophytes, dugong, osprey, nesting bridled terns and brown noddies	Island used by fishermen	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Ras Hatiba	ca 450 km ²	Proposed	Large shallow lagoon, sand and coraline spits, small mangrove stands, offshore reefs, high diversity of habitats, prime site for education and extension	Recreation pressure, unregulated development	None	Local
Saudi Arabia	Jeddah salt marsh	100 km ²	Proposed	Marshland and coral reef, key site for birds: large concentration of waders, osprey, spoonbill, flamingos	Oil pollution and other waste disposal, possibly development	None	National

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Saudi Arabia	ash-Shu'aybah, Mastabah	ca 100 km ²	Proposed	Large lagoon with extensive mangroves, fossil reef terrace and good quality offshore reefs, bird breeding area, osprey	Cutting of mangrove, unregulated development of recreational amenities	None	Local
Saudi Arabia	Qishran	Undefined	Proposed	Complex of reefs, coral spits, seagrass beds and extensive mangroves, important seabird site, osprey, dugong	Development for recreation, possible cornice development	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Inner Farasan Bank	Undefined	Proposed	Low lying, seasonally inundated mainland coastline, fringing mangroves, islands, birds nesting and dugong area	Unknown	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Outer Farasan Bank	Undefined	Proposed	Major reef and island system with diverse habitats, mangrove, seagrass beds, coral reefs, bird and turtle nesting area, representative of central Red Sea	Unknown at present	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Umm al-Qamari	2 km ²	1977	Two small islands off the Red Sea coast, with thousands of resident birds such as collared doves, herons, pelicans, gulls and sooty falcon	None	Low	National
Saudi Arabia	Marka Island	Undefined	Proposed	Low, sandy island with dense halophyte vegetation, good quality reefs, bird breeding site	Island used by fishermen, possible egg collection	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Ras Tarfa	230 km ²	Proposed	Coastal and terrestrial reserve, large spit with associated mangrove and seagrass beds, key site for numerous marine and terrestrial habitats, important bird area	Possibly hunting	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Farasan Islands	3310 km ²	1996	Terrestrial and coastal reserve, archipelago of coral islands, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds, marine mammals, nesting seabirds, two species of mangroves, endemic gazelle	Fishing, development, recreational pressure expected to increase	Terr: high Mar: low	Global *

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Saudi Arabia	Khawr Amiq, Khawr Raqa	Undefined	Suggested	Lagoons, osprey	Unknown	None	Local
Saudi Arabia	Khawr Nahoud	ca 33 km ²	Proposed	Lagoon with fringing corals, seagrass beds, mangroves, dugong, important bird site, osprey	Presently unknown	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Khawr Itwad	ca 70 km ²	Suggested	Lagoon, abundant seagrass, extensive mangrove stands, fringing corals	Unknown	None	Local
Saudi Arabia	Shi'b Abu al-Liqa, Shi'b al-Kabir	140 km ²	Suggested	Small lagoonal areas with abundant mangroves, coral reefs	Unknown	None	Local/national
Saudi Arabia	Khawr Wahlan	27 km ²	Proposed	Representative saltmarsh with halophytes, significant coastal wetland area	Grazing	None	National
Saudi Arabia	Duwayyimah	160 km ²	Proposed	Productive shallow lagoon, seagrass, mangroves, osprey, dugong	Unknown	None	National
Somalia	Daloh Forest Reserve	2510 km ²	Proposed	Rocky evergreen <i>Juniperus</i> forest with Afroalpine vegetation, sandy coastal plain with grasses, gazelles, Somali wild ass, (terrestrial part very important)	Grazing and collection of wood	None	National, (local for marine section)
Somalia	Maidh Island	ca 1 km ²	Proposed	Rocky island with an estimated up to 100,000 breeding birds, very large breeding colony of noddy (<i>Anous stolidus</i>)	Guano collection outside breeding season	None	National/Regional
Somalia	Aibat & Saad ad-Din Islands, Saba Wanak	ca 300 km ²	Suggested	Low-lying mangrove islands with probably largest coral reef area in Gulf of Aden, coastal area with 27 water courses, largest salt-marsh, swamp and mangrove area in Gulf of Aden, <i>Rhizophora</i> and <i>Avicennia</i> , very important nesting site for seabirds and probably turtles	Fishing, egg collection, collection of corals	None	Global*

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Sudan	Sanganeb Marine National Park	12 km ²	1990	Atoll with highly diverse and complex coral reefs, diverse reef associated fauna, sharks, marine mammals, manta rays, only typical atoll in Red Sea	Recreation pressure, anchor damage from tourist boats	Low	Global *
Sudan	Shuab Rumi	ca 4 km ²	Proposed	Highly diverse offshore reef with unique reef-associated fauna, sharks, marine mammals	Low recreation pressure, shark fishing	None	National/ Regional
Sudan	Mukkawar Island and Dunganab Bay	300 km ²	Proposed	Coral reefs, whale sharks, largest schools of manta rays in entire Red Sea, bird nesting sites, oyster beds	Shark fisheries, oyster culture	None	Regional *
Sudan	Suakin Archipelago	Undefined	Proposed	Coral reefs, diverse fish fauna, important turtle and bird nesting area	Shark fisheries, turtle and bird egg collecting	None	National/ regional
Sudan	Khor Kilab Bird Sanctuary	2 km ²	Proposed	Estuary (khor) area with mangrove and salt marsh, important for migratory birds	Unknown	None	National
Sudan	Abu Hashish Recreational Park	ca 5 km ²	Proposed	Coral reefs, fishes	Pollution, recreation pressure, fishing	None	Local
Yemen	Socotra Islands	3625 km ²	1996	Island group with outstanding terrestrial plant and animal endemism; diverse and largely pristine marine environments and biota	Fishing	GEF-Socotra biodiversity project	Global *
Yemen	Ras Sharma	Undefined	Proposed	Beach and steep rocky headlands, important nesting site for green turtles	turtle egg collecting, possibly slaughtering of turtles	None	National/ Regional
Yemen	Dhobbah (Shihr)	Undefined	Proposed	Shady beaches, important turtle nesting site	turtle egg collecting, possibly slaughtering of turtles	None	National
Yemen	Belhaf and Bir Ali area	Undefined	Proposed	Coastal stretch and group of high aspect islands, scenic coastline, extensive coral reefs and rich fishing area, bird and turtle nesting, crater lake with mangroves	Tourism development, fishing activities	None	Regional *

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Yemen	Ras Isa/ Kambaran Island	Undefined	Proposed	Coral reefs with diverse reef associated fauna, mangroves	Oil terminal and chronic oil pollution, threat of major oil spill, reef fisheries for the aquarium trade	None	National
Yemen	Khor Umaira	Undefined	Suggested	Mixed seagrass and coral habitat; semi-enclosed lagoon with turtle nesting beaches	Fisheries	None	National
Yemen	Bab al-Mandab and Perim Islands	Undefined	Suggested	Extensive mangrove stands, dense seagrass beds,	Major shipping lane, pollution, siltation, cutting of mangrove	None	National
Yemen	Ras Isa/ Kambaran Island	Undefined	Proposed	Coral reefs with diverse reef associated fauna, mangroves	Oil terminal and chronic oil pollution, threat of major oil spill, reef fisheries for the aquarium trade	None	National

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