

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT  
FRAMEWORK (**ESMF**) AND PROCESS FRAMEWORK  
(**PF**) FOR THE RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN STRATEGIC  
ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PROJECT, **2012-2013**



Mangrove stand - Wadi ElGemal Island



Browsing of *Avicennia marina* by camels

The Global Environment Facility (GEF), through the World Bank (WB) as an implementing agency, was in process of financing the “Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Strategic Ecosystem Management Project” (RSGA ESM) in Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Sudan, and Yemen. The project was to be executed by the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA). An integral prerequisite to WB financing is to ensure that a development project will not have detrimental environmental impacts. Therefore, PERSGA commissioned Environics to develop an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and a Process Framework (PF) for the selected sites.

The main objective of the assignment was to prepare comprehensive studies that identified and analyzed the potential environmental and social impacts of the implementation of the project. Due to project modifications made by PERSGA, the assignment was limited to developing the studies for the case of Egypt, as well as reviewing those developed for the case of Sudan. In line with the WB safeguard policies, the study for the case of Egypt included an ESMF and a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF)/PF for the project site, namely, Wadi ElGemal Hamata Protected Area (WGHPA).



Reef Heron  
(*Egretta gularis*)



Dome Palm  
(*Hyphaene thebaica*)



Common Spoonbill  
(*Platalea leucordia*)