## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## BETWEEN

THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE RED SEA AND GULF OF ADEN (PERSGA)

AND

THE CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ARAB REGION AND EUROPE (CEDARE)





## Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (herein referred to as the Memorandum) is concluded between:

The Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA),

P.O. Box 53662, Jeddah-21583,

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

And

The Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE)  $\,$ 

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Giza, Egypt

## The two Organizations:

- Realizing that pollution of the marine environment by oil and other harmful or noxious substances arising from human activities on land or at sea, present a growing threat to marine life, fisheries, human health, recreational uses of coastal areas and other amenities.
- Recognizing the need to develop an integrated management approach to the
  use of the marine environment and the coastal areas which lead to sustainable
  use of resources.

- Recognizing the role and objectives of PERSGA in the Red sea and Gulf of
  Aden region towards the improvement of the environment through active
  implementation of a Regional Environmental Programme including the
  following components
  - Environmental Assessment
  - Environmental Management
  - Environmental legislation
  - Institutional Arrangement
- Recognizing the role of CEDARE in capacity building, promoting skills in Environmental Management, transfer of technology, environmental education, development of environmental policies, facilitating inter-country cooperation, exchange of information and experience and assisting member countries to achieve some of their important national and regional priority goals of sustainable development, particularly in the management of land and water resources, marine and coastal zone resources, urbanization and human settlements and socio-economics of sustainable development
- Aware of the importance of initiating regular and continuing cooperation between PERSGA and CEDARE in the field of environment and sustainable development for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden and the Arab Region at large, bilateral consultations between organizations were undertaken on a number of occasions to discuss the development of a memorandum of understanding.

The Organizations agreed to cooperate in the following fields and activities:

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management
- Mitigation of Marine Pollution
- Networking of Marine Protectorates

- Public Awareness and Public Participation
- Training and Capacity Building
- Environmental Impact Assessment for Development Activities including Tourism Development

The two organizations also agreed to the following:

- 1. To exchange invitations to technical meetings organized by each one of them and convene consultation meetings whenever feasible to discuss progress in their collaborative activities and future plans.
- 2. To use the technical expertise of CEDARE in the implementation of PERSGAs programme, particularly in the field of training.
- 3. To conduct joint regional studies thereby utilizing their resources more efficiently.

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