

WHV – Work toward enhancement and promotion of the management of the Dungonab National Park

Sanganeb National Park, Sudan

Site inscribed on a Tentative List since 2004

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It is the first marine national Park gazetted in the Sudan in 1990. It lies over an area of about (26000) hectares (Length 6 km and width 2 km) at a distance of 30 km north-east port Sudan city on the western shore of the Red Sea. The park is known for its richness of marine life forms among which 124 groups of coral reef exist, three species of sharks, dolphins, turtles, fishes and a quite good representation of molluscus and archins (sessile and locomotory members of both groups).

Project objectives: The project will take place at the Dungonab Bay which is part of the ensemble constituted by Sanganeb Marine National Park and Dungonab Bay/Mukkawar Island Marine National Park. The project aims to contribute to the sustainable development and the protection of the Dungonab National Park, and especially its flora and fauna impacted by fishing activities. Thus, the promotion and awareness campaign will target the fishermen communities living close to the protected area of the park.

Project activities: The volunteers will plant endemic trees in and around the only existing school of the National Park which is suffering from the difficult environmental conditions. They will also organize adrawing workshops about the site for local children. As the whole community of the site relies on fishing industry, the volunteers will implement a workshop especially targeting the fishermen in order to share good practices for fishing and not over-fishing and learn about endangered fish species with the project coordinators. They will take part in awareness raising events towards the local communities such as lectures, dramas, and puppets shows about the importance of preservation of the local flora and fauna for the sustainability of both communities and the property.

Partners: UNESCO Field Office in Khartoum, Wildlife Conservation General Administration, and The Sudanese Development Initiative (SUDIA).