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Regional Project for the Implementation of the Strategic Action Program (SAP) for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden

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- 1. Additional international conventions accessed and/or ratified by PERSGA member countries:** Number of additional conventions to which Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA) member countries accessed and/or ratified range from 1 for Egypt, 2 for Yemen and Djibouti, 5 for Sudan, to 11 for Jordan and 7 for Saudi Arabia. This is 36 accessions (from 94 to 132), or a 34% increase across the region.
- 2. The number of inspections:** In Jordan, 299 ships were inspected and 17 placed in detention in 2004, while in 1999, only 52 were inspected. Currently 37% of ships calling at Egyptian ports are inspected, and 15% of ships calling at Sudanese and Yemeni ports are inspected.
- 3. Additional protocols to the 1992 Jeddah Convention:** PERSGA member countries have developed two additional protocols to the 1992 Jeddah Convention. These two protocols relate to (i) land based pollution control and (ii) marine protected areas and biological diversity.

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Improve coastal and marine environments of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden through a range of activities under the Strategic Action Programme (SAP), of which two would be carried out under the GEF/Bank administered project: a program to reduce navigation risks; and support for Integrated Coastal Zone Management.

RESULTS: PROCESS

PERSGA has increased awareness of the importance of maritime conventions. PERSGA member countries have developed two additional protocols to the 1992 Jeddah Convention. These two protocols relate to (i) land based pollution control and (ii) marine protected areas and biological diversity.

The region's ports and shipping have become safer, due to emphasis on Port State Control (PSC) actions – for example, in Jordan, 299 ships were inspected and 17 placed in detention in 2004 while in 1999, only 52 were inspected. Additionally, 37% of ships calling at Egyptian ports are inspected and 15% of ships calling at Sudanese and Yemeni ports are inspected.

INDICATOR #1: Implement PSC in PERSGA Member states and conduct a regional PSC seminar
The Project has increased awareness of the importance of maritime conventions, as evidenced by the subsequent ratification of another 32 International Maritime Organization (IMO) Conventions, a 34% increase (94 to 132) across the Region.

INDICATOR #2: Implement proposed Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) and conduct hydrographic surveys and navigation aids.

The establishment of new TSS is a major achievement, and it helped reduce the risk of maritime accidents resulting either from vessel collisions, "near misses", or vessel groundings.

INDICATOR #3 Conduct a regional training on the use of Vessel Traffic System (VTS) and Automatic Identification System (AIS) for marine traffic.

A regional training was conducted in Hurghada, Egypt, on October 2003.

INDICATOR #4: Support for Integrated Coastal Zone Management

A Regional ICZM working Group was established and three training courses were held for its members.

INDICATOR #5: Geographic Information Systems

PERSGA established a regional GIS database at its headquarters, however, the system is not fully complete due to the limitations including the fact that internet access is needed to use the system, and also due to concerns about potentially nationally sensitive data.

RESULTS: STRESS REDUCTION

INDICATOR#1 Model ICZM Plans and ICZM Activities in the Four Southern Countries

Working groups set up in each of these countries prepared a Country Report on their ICZM experience and recommendations to make ICZM more effective, nationally and for the Region.

RESULTS: WATER RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

N/A