

WADI Project

Cairo Meeting

***"Stakeholders' consultation
on Lake Maryuit"***

Egypt

23rd -26th April, 2006

Introduction

Lake Maryuit, is one of the Egyptian Northern lakes that has been, and still is, subjected to a wide range of threats. One of the main issues associated with the Lake Maryuit is the absence of long term vision or strategy about what we actually need from the Lake itself.

Our focus is to create some sort of a forum between different stakeholders to discuss their views and intended actions concerning the future of the lake. This will be done keeping in mind the issues, constraints and conflicts as identified through the active participation of various stakeholders. The ultimate objective is to reach the most feasible option on what is to come of the lake.

In this context, Egypt meeting, in which all partners of WADI Project participated actively, was held in Cairo and Alexandria during the period 23rd–26th of April 2006. During this meeting a number of stakeholders', national as well as local ones, presented their views to provide all partners with better understanding of their diverse perspectives.

Such a consultation is of highly importance as it may provide some insight into the concerns of the various stakeholders about the future of the lake.

Objectives of the meeting

The main purpose of Egypt Meeting is to conduct a preliminary stakeholders' consultation on Lake Maryuit in order to:

- Identify stakeholders' main preferences and priorities,
- Evaluate various groups of stakeholders in terms of their attitude and influence.

The Following is a

List of participants of WADI Project partners

	Name	Affiliation
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12	Ameur Oueslati	Tunis University
13	Louis Cassar	International Environmental institute
14	Elisabeth Conrad	International Environmental institute
15	Miguel Ángel Mateo	Barcelona University
16	Laura Serrano	Barcelona University
17	Antonio Pastor Lopez	University of Alicante
18	Mohamed A. Abdrabo	CEDARE
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Schedule of Egypt Meeting **23rd – 26th April 2006**

23rd April

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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Opening Session
<i>General. Mohamed Basssiouni, Secretary General, Alexandria Governorate</i>
<i>Prof. F. Scapini, University of Florence, General Coordinator, WADI Project</i>
<i>M. A. Abdrabo, CEDARE, Coordinator, Egyptian Case Study</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | "Development Plans of Lake Maryuit... Alexandria Governorate"
<i>Prof. Shaker Helmi</i> |
| 12:00 – 12:45 | "Egyptian Northern Lakes and Development Activities"
<i>Dr. Ezzat Awad, Ministry of Agriculture Representative</i> |
| 12:45 – 13:30 | "EEAA plans towards Egyptian Northern lakes"
<i>Ministry of Environment Representative</i> |
| 13:30 – 03:30 | "Water management in Lake Maryuit"
<i>Eng. Khalf nasef Khalf, Ministry of Irrigation Representative</i> |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | Lunch |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | "Public Participation"
<i>Louis Cassaar</i> |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | "Stakeholder Analysis"
<i>M. A. Abdrabo, CEDARE, Egypt</i> |

24th April

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| 10:00 – 15:00 | Cairo Tour |
| 15:00 | Departure to Alexandria |
| 19:00 | Arrival |

25th April

- 10:00 – 10:15 "Opening Session"
Mohamed A. Abdrabo, CEDARE
- 10:15 – 11:00 "Lake Maryuit: the Private Sector Perspective"
Eng. El-Sayed El-Sabe, *Fishermen representative*
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:00 "Strategy for Developing Fish Production in Lake Maryuit"
Eng. Mohsen Sabry, Public Authority of Fishery Resources, West Delta
- 13:00 – 13:30 Discussion
- 13:30 – 15:00 Lunch
- 15:00 – 19:00 Field visit (Lake Maryuit) – Local Guide (Tamer El Shanwany)

26th April

- 10:00 – 10:15 "Opening Session"
Mohamed A. Abdrabo, CEDARE
- 10:15 – 10:45 "Maryuit: A Threatened Lake"
Dr. Abas Yehia, General Secretary of Friends of Environment Association (NGO)
- 10:45 – 11:15 "Lake Maryuit: Biological Aspects and Pollution"
Dr. Ibtessam El bestawy, University of Alexandria
- 11:15 – 11:45 "Lake Maryuit: An Environmental Assessment"
Dr. Mary Ghobrial, University of Alexandria
- 11:45 – 12:00 Coffee Break
- 12:00 – 14:00 Concluding Session
M. A. Abdrabo
M. A. Hsssaan
- 14:00 – 16:00 Lunch
- 16:00 – 18:00 Visit to Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- 19:00 Departure to Cairo

During the meeting a number of stakeholders at both national and local levels have been consulted. The first day included a number of oral presentations presented by representatives of a number of stakeholders' groups including:

1. Alexandria Governorate which is represented by Prof. Shaker Helmy El Sayed and General. Mohamed Basssiouni, Secretary General of Alexandria Governorate. In his oral presentation, Prof Shaker presented the comprehensive development strategy of Alexandria governorate for Lake Maryuit. According to Prof Shaker, the strategy of the governorate consists of a number of plans at short, medium and long terms, also each of these plans includes different programs and projects which aims comprehensively at developing the area surrounding the Lake Maryuit taking into account improving the environmental quality of the lake.

2. Ministry of Agriculture, which is represented by Dr. Ezzat Awad, Head of Fishery Resources Organization Ministry of Agriculture Representative. Dr. Ezzat provided an oral presentation entitled "Egyptian Northern Lakes and Development Activities" in which he emphasized that the Authority of Fisheries, attempts to attain effective use of lake in fish production.

3. Ministry of Environment, which was represented by Dr. Mohamed A. Borhan, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency. Dr Bourhan presented an oral presentation on Lake Management with Special Reference to Lake Mariut. Dr. Bourhan clarified the main threats facing the Egyptian Northern Lakes in general and constrain their proper management of the in general, with a particular emphasize on lake Maryiut.

4. Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources, which is represented by Eng. Khalf Nasef Khalf, who explained during his presentation the main aspects of Water management in Lake Maryuit. During the presentation Eng Khalf highlighted the main interest of the Ministry in the lake and some projects undertaken by the ministry to maintain water quality in the lake.

In addition to the oral presentation presented by representatives of various stakeholders' groups, two conceptual presentations on stakeholder participation and stakeholder analysis were presented by Prof. Louis F. Cassar and Dr. Mohamed Abdrabo, respectively, at the end of the first day. Such two conceptual presentation, it is thought that were of highly importance as they clarify various concepts of the work within WADI project.

The second day included a free tour at Cairo and traveling to Alexandria to start meetings with a number of local stakeholders' in Alexandria.

The third day included a number of oral presentations provided by representatives of local stakeholders' groups including:

- 1. Fishermen and fish traders** who were represented by Eng. El-Sayed El-Sabe. Eng Sayed highlighted the main interests of the fishermen and difficulties facing them.
- 2. Fisheries Authorities** at local level, which is represented by Eng. Mohsen Sabry, Head of Public Authority of Fishery

Resources, West Delta Branch. Eng Mohsen discuss strategies of the Authority for Developing Lake Maryuit in details.

In the afternoon, a field visit to Lake Maryuit was organized, the visit covered a number of sites representing the main features and hot spots in the lake.

In the third day, the meeting continued with representatives of more local stakeholders including:

1. **NGO**, which is represented by Dr. Abas Yehia, General Secretary, Friends of Environment Association, who presented an oral presentation entitled "Maryuit: A Threatened Lake", highlighting the main interests of NGOs related to lake Maryuit and the efforts made by the Ngo to protect and maintain the environmental quality in the lake.
2. **Scientific community**, which is represented by Dr. Ebtessam El Bestawy, and Dr. Mary Ghobrial, University of Alexandria, who presented two oral presentations on the biological aspects and pollution in Lake Maryuit and environmental assessment for Lake Maryuit, respectively.

At the conclusion session, The Egyptian team concluded the main issues and problems in the case of Egyptian study site; Lake Maryuit, causes of these problems. Moreover, an integrated approach to study the case of lake Maryuit, was provided. At the final part of this session, a stakeholder analysis was conducted based on a participatory approach involving all partners participating in the meeting. The main objective of such an

analysis was to evaluate various groups of stakeholders and decide which groups should be involved in consultation on Lake Maryuit and the extent of involvement of each group.