

#### Recent PERSGA Activities Addressing Conservation of Biodiversity in the Red Sea & Gulf of Aden

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

An intergovernmental Organization Dedicated to the Conservation of the Costal and Marine Environment in the Region

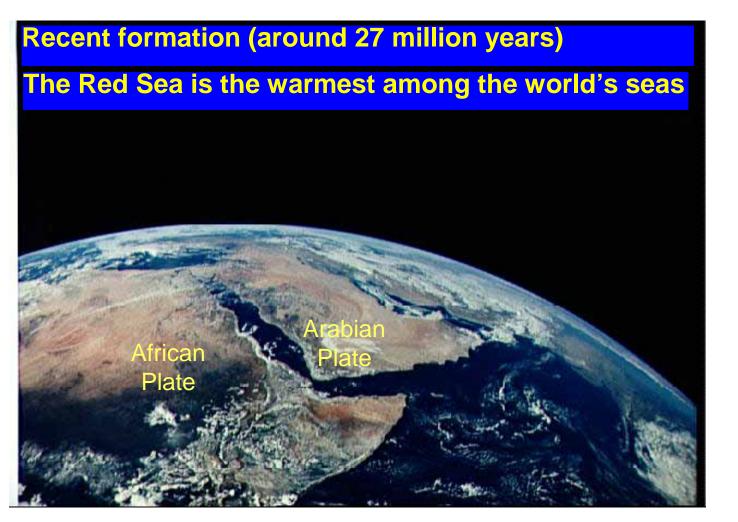
Member States: Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen.





## The Red Sea peculiarities

#### The Red Sea has distinct geology oceanography





#### **The Red Sea Biodiversity**

The Red Sea is one of the most important repositories of marine biodiversity.

More than 265 coral species; 6 % are endemic.

#### High degree of endemism (>30%) Outsized proportion of the coastal habitats are in pristine state Relatively low pollution

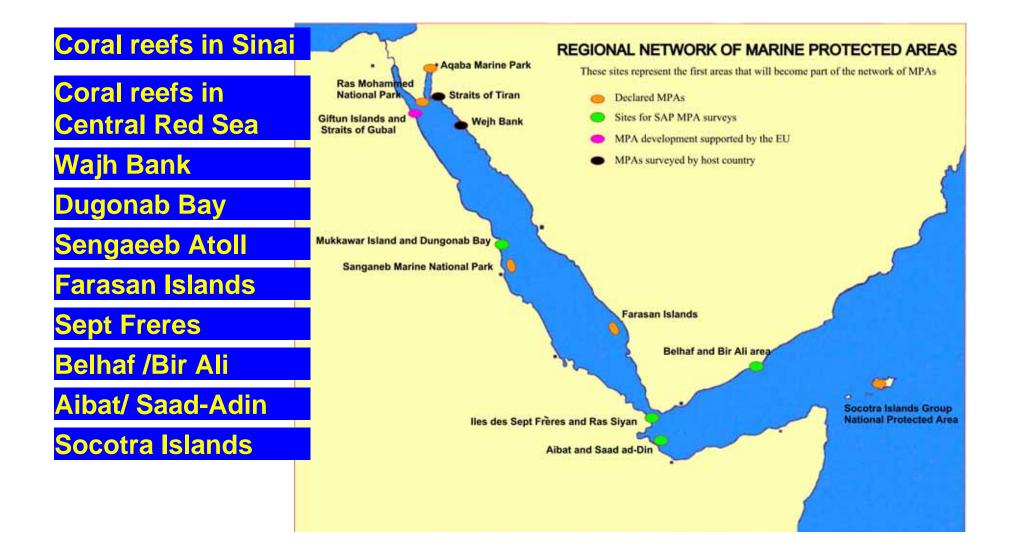


1350 fish species; 17 % endemic.

3 Turtle species, all are endangered

Marine mammals: small populations of Dugong; 15 cetacean species.

# The PERGA Region holds several sites of regional and global conservation significance



### **PERSGA Programs/Activities**



**On the-ground Activities** 

Protocol Concerning the Conservation of Biological Diversity and the Establishment of MPAs (2005)

Protocol for Protection of Marine Environment from Pollution from Land Based Activities (2005)



#### Protocol on Movement of Personnel & Equipment Borders in Case of Emergency in Jeddah









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