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Sudan is a member of the regional organization for the conservation of the environment of Red Sea & Gulf of Aden (PERSGA) which was established in 1982 under the umbrella of Arab League.

PERSGA is responsible for the development & implementation of regional programme for protection & conservation of marine environment of the Red sea & Gulf of Aden major functions of PERSGA are including the action plan & protocol.

PERSGA has played an active role promoting regional co. Operation & has recently supported regional workshops concerning environmental assessment of marine protected areas navigation risks & living marine resources. In addition of series of national workshops has been sponsored by PERSGA to facilitate the development & review of the country reports prepared as part of the strategic plan process (PERSGA 2004).

Turtles:

The eastern shore of Mukawwar island in Red sea is turtle resting site of regional & possibly international significance.

There is no deliberate capture of turtles within the MPA (PERSGA 2004).

All species of marine turtles are globally endangered and are CITES listed.

Sea birds:

The whole area of Dungonab Bay & Mukawwar island (MPA) is internationally recognized as an important Birds Area (IBA) Breeding sea bird species include: sterna bengalensis, sterna repressa, sterna anaethetus, Larus hemprichi & Larus leucopthalmus. (PERSGA 2004).

Sharks:

Sudanese Red sea support high biodiversity including an estimated 200 species of soft & hard coral 300 bony fish species over 50 of sharks & rays.

The coast also functions as an important feeding & breeding ground for endangered olugang & sea turtle as well as for migratory & residential bird life.

International obligations :

Sudan has a number of international obligations that are relevant to the fisheries policy.

- The convention on biological diversity (CBD).
- UN convention on the law of the sea.
- Port State Measures agreement in 2014 Sudan adopted strategy & road map for MCS to control & combat IUU fishing in red sea there PSMA agreement .
- Red sea state law (2008) which prohibited catches sharks & all endangered species (CITES)

Challenges:

- 1- Financing.
- 2- Training.
- 3- Lack of tracking system.
- 4- Lack of advanced MCS Equipment.

Note:

All activities concerning NPOA implementation affected negatively by Covid -19

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