

A STUDY TO GUIDE STRATEGIES FOR
JAPANESE COOPERATION FOR
STRENGTHENING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
IN THE EARLY 21st CENTURY

- Arab Republic of Egypt -

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ABBREVIATIONS

ARC	Agricultural Research Center
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
CAA	Competent Administrative Authorities
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCC	Cairo Central Center
CDA	City Development Associations
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
COP	Conference of the Parties
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DDC	Desert Development Center
DFID	Department for International Development
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
EEAA	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
EGPC	Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIMP	Environmental Information Monitoring Program
EM	Environmental Management
EMU	Environmental Management Unit
EOP	End of Pipe
EPADP	Egyptian Public Authority for Drainage Projects
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FC	Fecal Coliform
FCC	Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas
Fe	Iron
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GDP	Gross Domestic Products
GEAP	Governorate Environmental Action Plan
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GIS	Geographical Information System
GOFI	General Organization for Industrialization
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit
IEMS	Industrial Environment Management System
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organization
LE	Egyptian Pond
MALR	Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation
MD	Ministerial Decree
MoHP	Ministry of Health and Population
MoHUNC	Ministry of Housing, Utilities and New Communities
MoHUUC	Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities
MoI	Ministry of Industry
MOPSE	Ministry of Public Sector Enterprise
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
MWRI	Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation
NAP	National Action Plan
NBU	National Biodiversity Unit
NEAP	National Environmental Action Plan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NREA	New & Renewable Energy Authority
pH	potential of Hydrogen
PMD	Prime Ministerial Decree

POPs	Persistent Organic Pollutants
PPP	Polluter-Pays-Principle
RBO	Regional Branch Office
SCA	Supreme Council of Antiquities
SPA	Shore Protection Authority
SWM	Solid Waste Management
TDA	Tourism Development Authority
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
UNDP	U.N. Development Programme
UNEP	U.N. Environment Programme
UNESCO	U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
VOCs	Volatile Organic Chemicals
WFP	World Food Programme

Unit: 1 Fadden = 1,038 acre

Currency: 1 Egyptian pound \approx 18 Japanese Yen