

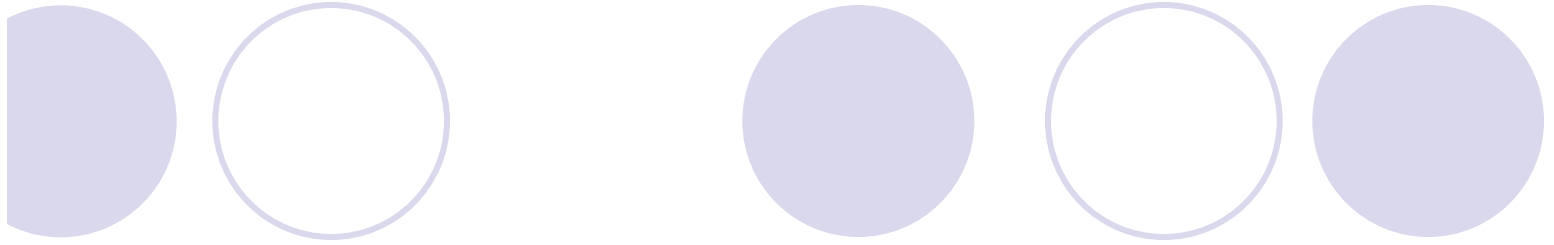


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WWF Contribution to Ramsar implementation in the Maghreb

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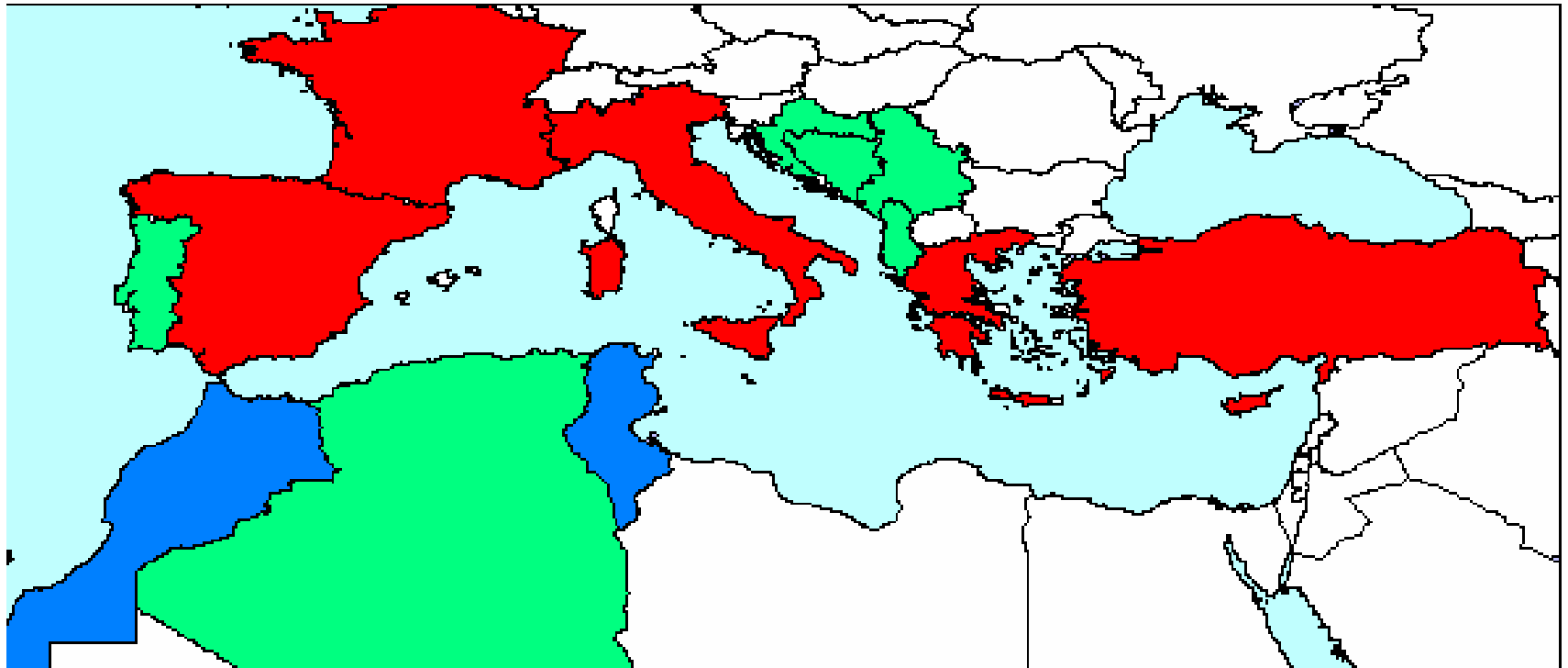
Our Goals in the Region:

- ***National and international policies & funding mechanisms promote sustainable water management***
- ***IRBM becomes the standard approach in the Mediterranean***
- ***Empowered civil society and capacitated institutions implement IRBM***





Mediterranean Freshwater Programme Area

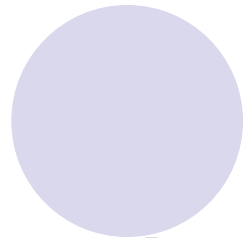
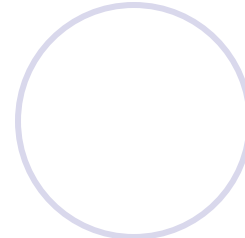
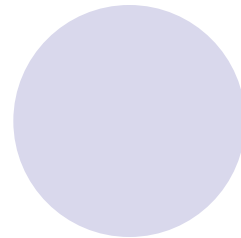
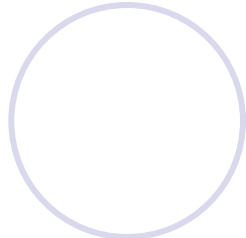


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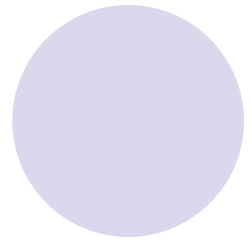
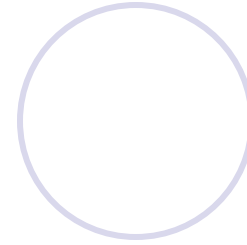
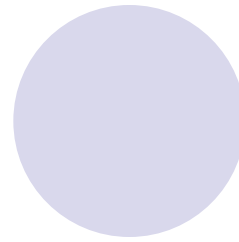
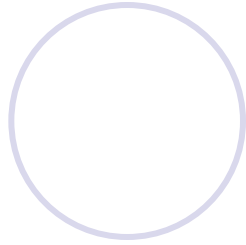


IRBM becomes the standard approach in the Mediterranean

Priority objectives

1. IRBM promoted in priority basins
2. Damaging water infrastructure prevented-minimized
3. **Priority freshwater habitats protected**





Priority freshwater habitats protected

- Support the Ramsar sites designations in Morocco-Algeria-Tunisia
- Contribute to effective site management and protection
 - Further Ramsar listing
 - Wetland policies in priority countries





Contribution to Ramsar sites designations in Morocco-Algeria-Tunisia

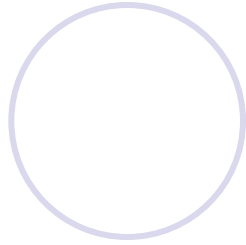
● ALGERIA:

- 10 sites registered on February 2001 (with total area of 1861.370 ha)
- 13 sites registered on June 2002 (with total area of 924.932 ha)
- 16 sites registered on December 2004 (with Total area 167.623 Ha)
- 25 new sites are ongoing , 80 % of the work has been done.

● Morocco:

- 20 sites registered on January 2005 (with Total area 243,260 ha)

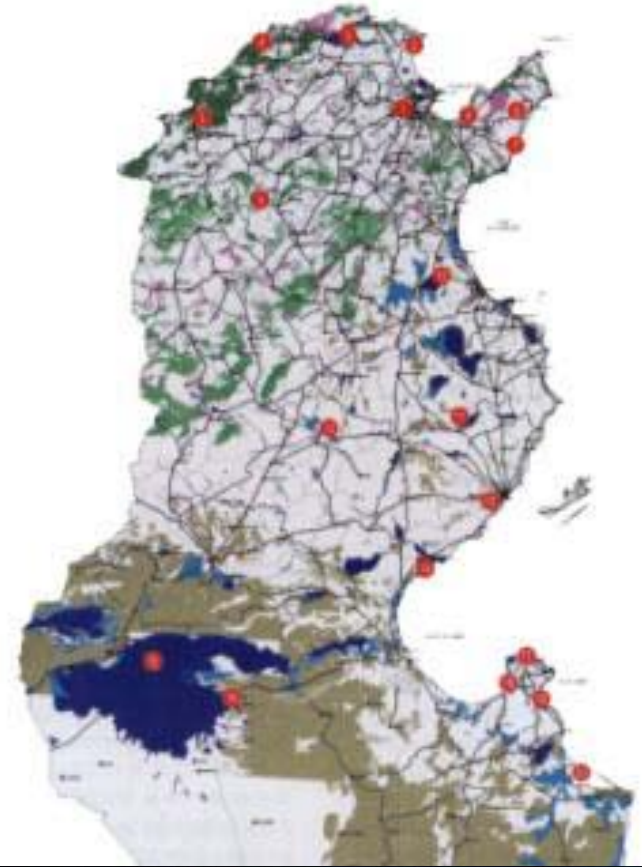




● TUNISIA

- 19 sites registered on November 07 (with Total area 713.941 Ha),
- 22 New sites ongoing end 2009,

wetlands type : Graet, chott, Lagoon, Peat bog, Oasis, Small Dams, Salinas, karstic





Summary : 2001-2009

- 7 designation projects : 125 sites (ALG: 65 sites TUN: 40 sites, Morocco 20 sites)
- In 2008: 3 900,000 ha and by the end of this year we reach the 5 Million Ha
- WWF contribution for the three countries : 175,000 Euros.
- Thanks to the Countries commitments and the willing for collaboration with WWF and Ramsar





Effective Ramsar site management and protection

Algeria

- **Contribution to the first phase for the Establishment Wetlands center in Regaya, Ramsar site, September 2003, Now one of the famous center in the region**
- **Contribution to the restoration of the Oasis de l'Oasis de l'oued said, in the South of Algeria: the site was listed in the Montreux register just after the designation in 2001. The restoration of the oasis allowed the STRP (scientific and technical Review Panel) to decide to take it out from the Montreux list in May 2009,**
- **Contribution to produce a short movie about Oasis restoration of Ouled Said in 2002.**





Algeria

- **New project in Sanhaja-gerbess wetlands site about Management and conservation, financed by UNDP/WWF/DGF and the Ministry of Finance of Algeria.**
- **National wetlands strategy is ongoing**





Tunisian Wetlands: Home for people and nature”

- We believe that this pro-active attitude of the government is a good foundation on which to build further work on Tunisian wetland conservation.
- The approach we propose is based on actions at three critical levels:
 - increase institutional buy in and leadership by creating and facilitating a national wetland committee
 - improve capacity of wetland managers to deal with the complex web of issues affecting wetland management and develop wetland management plans with participation of key actors;
 - increase public awareness on wetland importance and values, targeting school children who not only will be the wetland users and decision makers of the future, but also an effective vehicle of messages to their families and, therefore, the current users and decision makers.

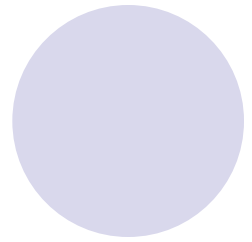
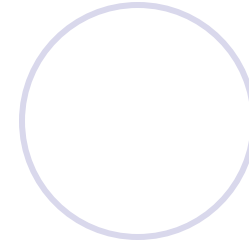
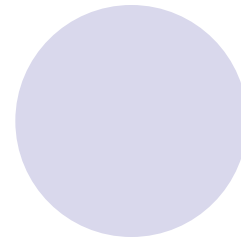
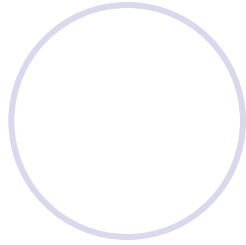




Expected results

- **22 new Ramsar sites will be registered covering all Tunisian wetlands type**
- **New information and education center on Tunisian wetlands will be fully equipped located in sejoumi**
- **Environmental Education program focusing on Ramsar sites will be developed and implemented**
- **6 training workshop will be planned targeting managers and local NGOs**
- **Information and communication campaign on Ramsar sites will be organized through National and local media**
- **Three management plan for three Ramsar sites will be elaborated using participatory approach and involving all stakeholders.**
- **National Ramsar committee will be established and functioning composed by different actors**





- Implementation :

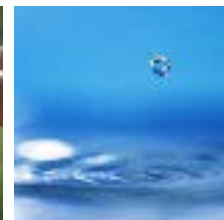
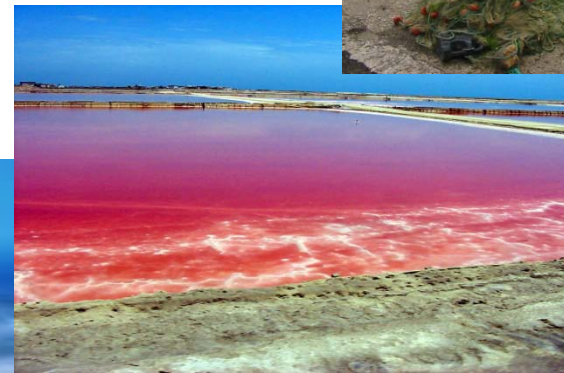
- DGF as a leader

- WWF Executing agency

- Three years period :

- from November 2008

- Budget : WWF and MAVIA : 330,000 Euro



Thank you for your attention

