



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN MOROCCO: QUANTIFICATION, MAINSTREAMING AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

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Morocco has a great diversity of ecosystems, which represent an important livelihood for the (rural) population – but economic development, demographic growth, climate change and urbanisation are leading to a sharp increase in pressure on natural resources and biodiversity. The project helps Morocco to recognise the value of biodiversity and its ecosystems for the population and the economy – and to integrate it into sector policies and planning. On this basis, (economic) incentives and instruments are created with the aim of preserving biodiversity. The project works closely with the private sector, strengthening Morocco's capacities for the utilisation and conservation of biological diversity and its ecosystem services.

State of implementation/results

- Support of the Division for Environment for the institutionalization of the Biodiversity Steering Committee: The draft decree to establish the National Commission for Climate Change and Biodiversity was approved by the Government Council at the beginning of February 2020. However, the nomination of the members the Commission is still pending.
- Support of the project for the development of the Moroccan position for the global CBD Framework Convention on Biological Diversity after 2020 (through an intensive, national-wide stakeholder process).
- IPBES: Support of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Environment in organizing the 8th IPBES meeting. The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Environment has announced to present the national evaluation of biodiversity and ecosystem services during the 8th IPBES meeting organized by Morocco in June 2021.
- Cooperation with the Regional Council in Souss Massa to review its development plan and

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Marokko

Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Political partner(s):

- Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Sustainable Development - Morocco

Implementing partner(s):

- High Commissary for Water, Forest and the Fight Against Desertification (HCEFLD) - Morocco
- Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Sustainable Development - Morocco

BMU grant:

€ 3,940,000

Duration:

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integrate indicators on biodiversity and ecosystem services --- COP14 in Sharm el Sheikh: The project presented the approaches and experiences of the German-Moroccan cooperation in the field of biodiversity, in particular the management of the Argan Forest Biosphere Reserve in southwestern Morocco. Further results on the value and ecosystem services provided by the Argan Forest will be presented at the CBD COP 15 in October 2021 in Kunming.-- Two short videos on ecosystem services were developed in French and Arabic.

