Our wetlands, our people: Egypt

Egypt acceded to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in 1988. Four Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites) have been declared so far, covering 415,532 hectares.

Farming areas and even entire civilisations emerged along and within watercourses. The religious cults that emerged around these wetlands sometimes helped to maintain and preserve the fragile equilibrium between human activities and water.

Ancient civilisations and watercourses. Qurun Lake and Philae Temple, Aswan.

Civilisations antiques et cours d’eau. Lac Qurun et temple de Philae, Assouan.