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Environment Agency-ABU DHABI

Fact Sheet

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Profile

Established in 1996, the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) provides direction to government, business and industry, and the community on building environmental considerations into the way they plan and live, without compromising the development of the Emirate.

In 2008, EAD was awarded ISO 9001 for Quality; ISO 14001 for Environment and ISO 18001 for Health and Safety.

The Agency is committed to:

- Improve the quality and quantity of water resources
- Improve air quality
- Raise awareness on climate change
- Protect society and environment from waste and hazardous materials
- Conserve biological diversity
- Champion the implementation of the Environment, Health and Safety Management System

Milestones

- EAD oversees implementation of the Environment, Health and Safety Management System in Abu Dhabi. This system allows businesses to achieve

their objectives efficiently by managing their impact on the environment, and minimizing occupational and public health and safety risks

- EAD leads the development of a Climate Change policy and strategy for Abu Dhabi
- EAD partners with international experts to establish enhanced environmental management and air quality monitoring programmes for the Emirate
- EAD established the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Group (ADSG) the first of its kind at the level of public sector institutions in the Arab world. The ADSG comprises 15 of Abu Dhabi's leading government, private and non-profit organizations
- EAD published the Abu Dhabi Water Master Plan, which analyses the status of present and future water use in the Emirate.
- EAD established a programme to release the Arabian Oryx (Al Maha) back into its natural habitat after more than 40 years near extinction
- EAD established and manages several nature protected areas, including Al Wathba Wetland Reserve and Marawah Marine Biosphere Reserve
- EAD established programmes to monitor the Emirate's marine environment with special focus on endangered species, water quality, fisheries and critical habitats
- EAD manages the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital, the first and largest public falcon hospital in the world. This has been a commitment for over 10 years.
- At its National Avian Research Centre, EAD developed captive breeding techniques for the Asian houbara bustards to prevent the extinction of the endangered species
- EAD implements a range of environmental awareness programmes in the schools of the Emirate
- EAD leads the "Paperless Office" initiative
- In 2008, for the first time in the UAE, EAD conducted a survey on the level of environmental awareness and behaviour in Abu Dhabi
- EAD champions the Abu Dhabi Global Environmental Data Initiative providing user-friendly access to high quality environmental data
- In 2008, EAD won the Abu Dhabi Award for Excellent Government Performance (Best Large Government Entity and Excellent Managerial Project)
- In 2009, EAD was awarded the Environmental Management Award for best implementation of environmental management in an Arab government agency

