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Annotated List of Wetlands of International Importance

Libya

2 Ramsar Site(s) covering 83 ha

Ain Elshakika

Site number: 1,026 | Country: Libya | Administrative region: Jabal al Akhdar District

Area: 33 ha | Coordinates: 32°46'N 21°21'E | Designation dates: 05-04-2000

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Ain Elshakika. 05/04/00; Darnah; 33 ha; 32°46'N 021°21'E. National Park. An hypersaline coastal sebkha with limestone rock formations to the south, dunes and mudflats with extensive shrubs from west to east. The site has two connections to the sea, and at high tide seawater reaches the sebkha during winter and raises the water level to about one meter, but freshwater springs decrease the salinity to some degree. Part of Kouf National Park, the site is an important wetland for migratory and resident waterbirds and has great potential for ecotourism and birdwatching. Ramsar site no. 1026.

Ain Elzarga

Site number: 1,027 | Country: Libya | Administrative region: Jabal al Akhdar District

Area: 50 ha | Coordinates: 32°46'59"N 22°21'E | Designation dates: 05-04-2000

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Ain Elzarga. 05/04/00; Darnah; 50 ha; 32°47'N 022°21'E. National Park. A small natural sebkha or depression with at least one natural connection to the sea, wet all year round but with increasing water levels and salinity during summer. The sebkha, with mudflats and salt marsh community, is surrounded by dunes from east to west and rocky hills to the south and east. The site is one of the most important wetlands in the area of the Kouf National Park for migratory waterbirds. The birdwatching and ecotourism potential is considerable but undeveloped. Unsustainable hunting and destruction of vegetation, especially during summer, are considered threats. Ramsar site no. 1027.