

The Performance Audit of the Marine Environment Administration in the Gulf of Aqaba

Recommendations

1. Formulate clear perspectives of spending from the Emergency Fund and Environment account.
2. Establish standards or instructions organizing the transportation of coral from one area to another in the Gulf of Aqaba.
3. Adopting technical specifications to monitor the quality of industrial water basins implemented within the tourism projects.
4. Establish a legislative document that regulates the relationship between the Environment Directorate and the Aqaba Development Company with regard to coral transport and the referral of related bids.
5. Amending the current by-law to include more detailed explanations of the financial penalties for environmental violations in proportion to the type and size of the violation and its impact on marine waters.
6. Create a memorandum of understanding between the Environment Directorate at the Aqaba Economic Zone and the General Customs Department to carry out laboratory tests and collect environmental fees on the inputs and outputs of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone for the purposes of listing and collecting the due fees.
7. Create a clear standard for regulating the procedures for exemptions or reducing the value of environmental violations.
8. Commitment to the spending aspects of the Emergency and Environment Fund account for environmental purposes.