

The Environment of the Nile



WETLAND DEGRADATION

- Wetlands cover 100,000 Sq. km, approximately (3%) of the Nile basin.
- The Nile flood plain is Africa's largest wetland and a home to endemic fauna and flora.
- Wetlands store water and recharge the Nile River.
- 19.5m people in the basin depend on wetlands for livelihood.
- The Nile wetlands are threatened by drainage, filling, dredging and stream channelization, hydrological alterations, ground water abstraction, siltation and pollution.

Actions required

- Do not drain wetlands
- Develop policies/bye laws for wise management
- Develop management plans and guidelines for sustainable use

Wetlands are Wealthlands
Do not destroy them



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