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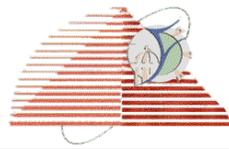
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Ecotourism , defined as (Lindsay,H,2003) ” responsible tourism focused on the natural heritage” , has emerged as a concept that unites the interests of environmentalists and developers . Proponents of ecotourism see it as potential salvation of some of the world’s most endangered ecosystems , and an opportunity for communities that possess biological resources to develop sustainable economic strategies , instead of pursuing environmentally-damaging patterns of resources use . However , finding a compromise between preservation and development is often challenging, and ecotourism can generate additional environmental problems for the very regions it is intended to protect .

At the local level in the coastal zones in Egypt , the rapid tourism development specially in the Red Sea coastal zone caused environmental and socio-cultural impacts at the shoreline and the local communities , so the main objective of this paper is to discuss the new conceptual planning of tourism’s types in the coastal areas , which belonged to sustainable tourism and called “Ecotourism in the local heritage areas” . It had been applied in many regional heritage areas , with outstanding natural values and reserves , since July 1998,(UNEP,2002) when the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)proposed to members of the UN to designate 2002 as the international year of ecotourism (IYE) .

So, by studying and analysing the international previous studies and researches , the paper will assume a guideline framework to apply the suggested type of tourism at our local zones specially in the Red Sea region , which have the major of the recent tourists attraction in Egypt , and have planned the all region of (Red sea , Sinai , and Gulf of Suez) to receive 9,5 million



tourists annually as a main goal to the Egyptian ministry of tourism (Garwood,Paul 2000) , the paper stresses as well as the need of implement innovative policies of ecotourism through the combination of the international principals and practices in that field .

The methodology of the paper consists of the following major parts : (figure 1)

- 1- Ecotourism : International Concepts & Importance
- 2- The challenge of Implementation (principles & practices)
- 3- Toward planning an Ecotourism in the Egyptian Natural Heritage areas
- 4- A Proposed Framework plan for Ecotourism Development & Promotion

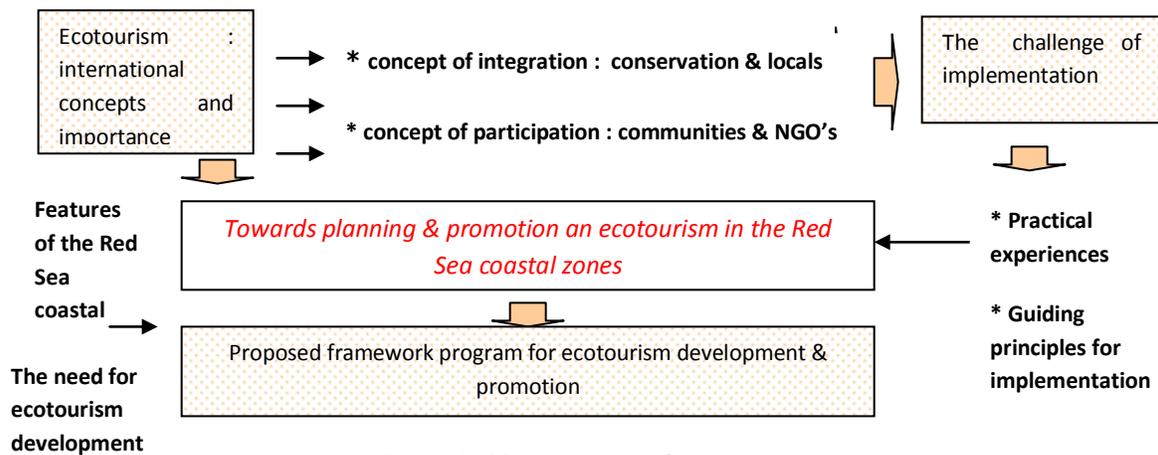


Figure 1. Methodology of research

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