

Assets are to be protected from damage and destruction sufficient to maintain their structure and function.

For off-site compensation strategies, the following is required:

- A Natural Systems Assessment in line with the requirements of NS-R1 Natural Systems Assessment, to identify site constraints and suitability for habitat provision at the compensation site.
- Undertake consultation with EAD when identifying or proposing suitable site(s) for habitat establishment to ensure delivery of the most appropriate habitat.
- The compensation site must be:
 - Located within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
 - A degraded habitat; and
 - Located outside an area allocated for development within a 2030 plan.
- The habitat to be created must be:
 - A similar type to the habitat lost at the project site; and
 - Of a type appropriate to the compensation site location.
- Located in an area surrounded and connected to a similar habitat.

A *suitably qualified environmental professional* is an individual with:

- A degree in a relevant subject;
- A minimum of three years relevant work experience (this is to include providing advice on ecological protection, enhancement and mitigation measures); and
- Experience working on similar projects in the region.

The EAD holds a list of consultants carrying out a range of environmental services within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

References

- NS-R1 Natural Systems Assessment. www.estidama.upc.gov.ae.
 - Environment Agency Abu Dhabi, EAD: www.ead.ae.
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