

# United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

## Project Summary Sheet

Project #: A5 - 19

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**Participating UN Organisation** FAO - UNIDO | **Sector:** Agriculture and Food Security

**Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture , Ministry of Industry

### Programme/Project Number: A5-19 (OSRO/IRQ/501/UDG)

<b>Title</b>	Rehabilitation of the date palm sector in Iraq				
<b>Location</b>	Mid and southern governorates of Iraq				
<b>Project Cost</b>	US\$ 8 011 117				
<b>Duration</b>	18 months				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>	30/04/2007	Start Date	June 07	Completion Date	December 08
<b>Project Description</b>	This project contributes to: Job creation and community building in rural areas of mid and southern Iraq; Food security through development of modern date palm plantations; Development of a date palm cultivation programme, including tissue culture lab through upgrading/rehabilitation, good agricultural practices for date plantations and development of a suitable integrated pest management system. The project will also rehabilitate selected storage, packing and processing units and build the capacity of support institutions such as Date Palm research and Training Centre (DPRTC)				

### Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

To create productive employment, and improve food security through increased agricultural production and productivity by improving on farm and post harvest practices and building capacity of research and development institutes and entrepreneurs.

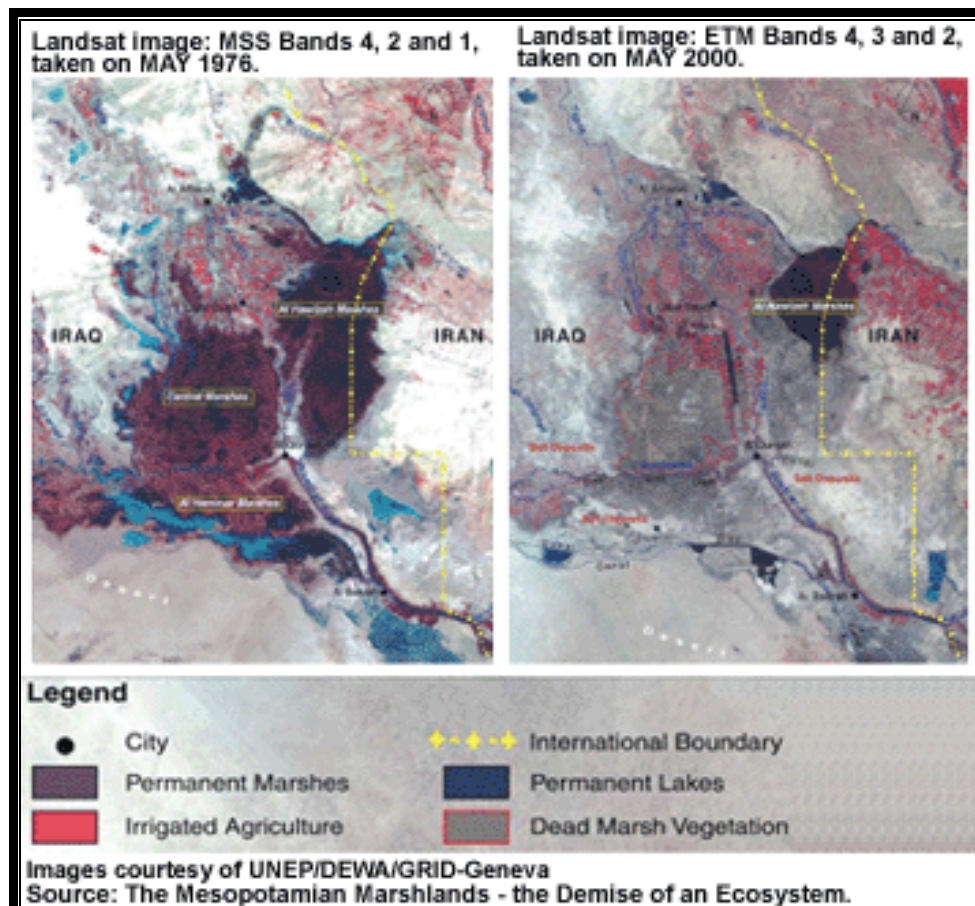
#### Immediate Objectives:

1. Assessment of date palm sector.
2. Establishment of tissue culture lab. with its supporting facilities.
3. Development of good agricultural practices
4. Introducing an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) aiming at controlling the main date palm pests and diseases on respect of the local eco-systems
5. Improving the date value chain from harvest to market in order to meet local demand and international requirements thus enhancing the access to markets and resulting in higher farm income
6. Strengthening the capacities and capabilities of support institutions to become a date palm research and training centre (DPRTC) focusing on post harvest activities

### Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

<b>Outputs</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Assessments made and site selected.</li> <li>8. Date palm tissue culture laboratory, green house, shade house established.</li> <li>9. People trained on GAP and extension services fully qualified.</li> <li>10. IPM programme identified and developed.</li> <li>11. Processing factory rehabilitated.</li> </ol>
<b>Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. 1- ASSESS THE DATE PALM SECTOR (FAO/UNIDO/MoA/MoT)</li> <li>13. 2 - ESTABLISHMENT OF TISSUE CULTURE LAB AND NURSERY (FAO/MoA);</li> <li>14. 3 - REHABILITATION OF DATE PROCESSING (UNIDO/MoT);</li> <li>15. 4 - ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMONSTRATION PLANTATIONS</li> </ol>

- 16. (FAO/MoA);
- 17. 5 - IPM activities;
- 18. 6 - REHABILITATE THE DATE PALM PROCESSING FACTORIES;
- 19. 7 - TECHNICAL FACTORY TRAINING;
- 20. 8 - REHABILITATE THE DATE PALM RESEARCH INSTITUTE (UNIDO).



**Procurement (major items)**

- 21. Green house, tissue culture, and IPM Lab;
- 22. IPM and extension services equipments are under delivery;
- 23. Tissue culture Lab. BoQ is under preparation.

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