



## **Benefits of Being Part of the Protected Areas List under the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Especially (SPAW, 1990)**



### **Becoming part of the SPAW Protected Area (PA) List and Cooperation Network will:**

- ✓ Increased recognition and awareness of the site as a local, regional and global place of importance
- ✓ Engender local and national pride which will encourage national responsibility for supporting protected area management
- ✓ Heighten visibility and possibly create opportunities for employment and income generation (e.g. marketing the site for tourism)
- ✓ Place sites in a position to become beneficiaries of SPAW Programme grants and other means of assistance from the SPAW Secretariat
- ✓ Create opportunities for enhancing the capacity, management, protection and sustainability of PA sites
- ✓ Enhance opportunities to obtain support from other areas of work of UNEP-CEP and SPAW CEP (i.e. species conservation, pollution control, EBM, etc.)
- ✓ Provide opportunities for PA managers to network and benefit from mentoring as well as peer to peer exchanges and training