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Main Aspects of the Tunisian Waste Management Strategies

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Introduction

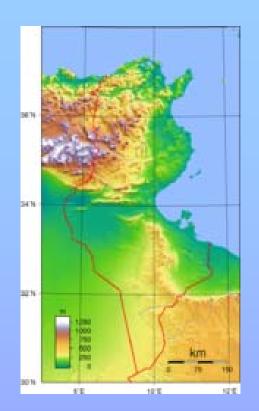




- Tunisia located in **North Africa** and is part of the **Maghreb region**.
- It is bordered to the **North** and the **East** by the **Mediterranean Sea**.

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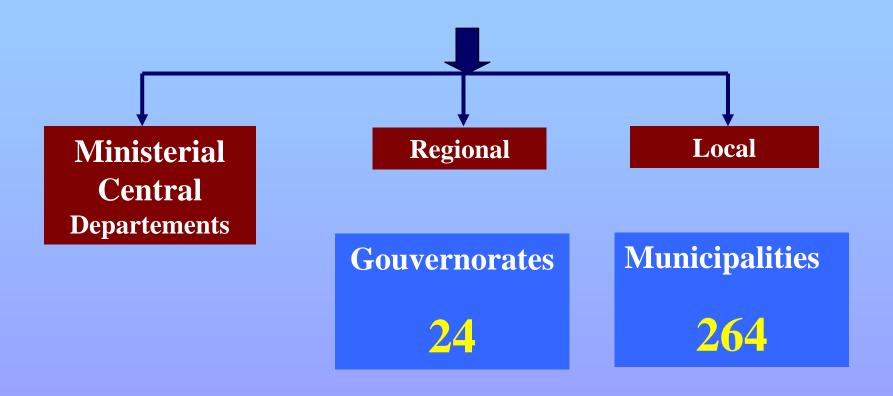
- The island of Djerba is located in the south of Tunisia
- Djerba covers an area of nearly 500 km².
- The 140000 (2004) inhabitants of Djerba are spread over three municipalities
- Djerba is a touristic island, there were 135 hotels in 2009, and 49000 beds for nine million nights
- The annual rainfall varies between 200 and 300 mm
- Average annual temperatures range from 12 °C in December to 30 °C in July. Sometimes peaking at 40 or 45 °C



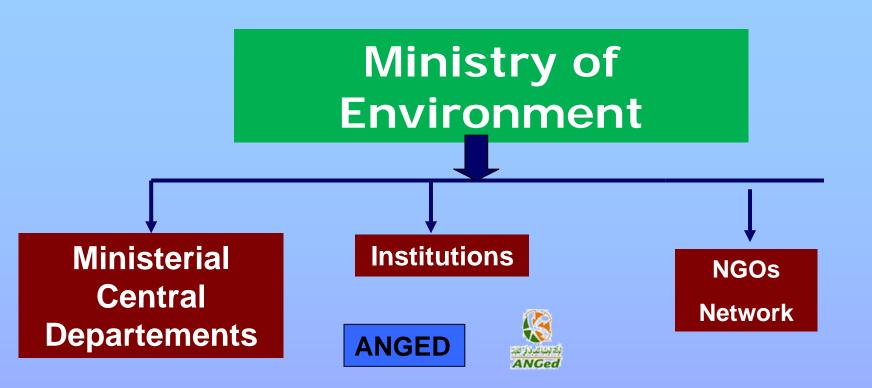


Responsibility for Waste Management

Ministry of Interior



Governorates and municipalities are responsible for environmental protection and solid waste collection and its transportation to landfills and transfer centers.



-The National Agency of Waste Management (ANGED) provides the treatment (after collection).

The Tunisian Approach

Tunisia opted for step-by-step-based institutional framework:

- -Municipalities collect solid waste
- -The National Agency of waste management (ANGED) provides the treatment (after collection).
- Municipalities are involved in the implementation of PRONAGDES
- -Providing or acquiring the landfill site.
- -Participating in the constrution of financing-controled-landfills.
- -Payment of operating expenses.

Main Objectives of the Environmental Strategy

- Improve the quality of life.
- Prevent and eradicate industrial pollution.
- Contribute to the improvement Tunisian industry competitiveness.
- Develop a regional initiative (decentralization), increase environmental awareness and community participation.



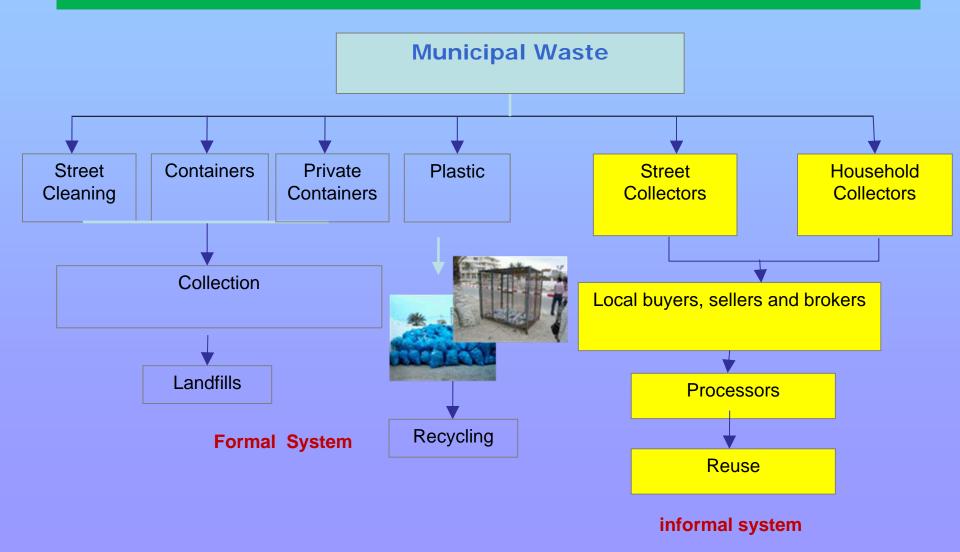
National Programme for Solid Waste Management

- Prevention and reduction of waste generation
- Recovery of waste through reuse and recycling
- Discipline the development of recycling
- Promote new technologies in the field of waste management
- Involving the private sector in waste management process (collection, recycling, treatment, ...).

Situation of Solid Waste Management in Djerba

- The situation of solid waste management in Djerba is summarized as follows:
 - Dump trucks with a capacity of 7-9 tons collect and transport solid waste from streets in touristic and residential areas.
 - In rural areas, solid waste is collected and transported by tractors.

The Municipal Waste Management Scheme of Djerba



Background Information on Djerba

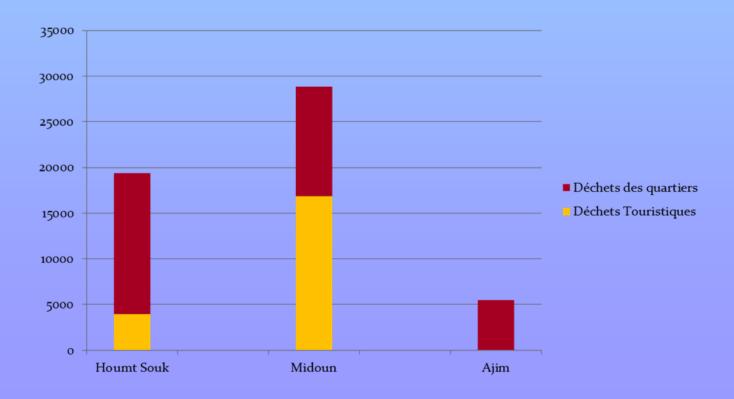
Household Waste Generation: 53000T/year

Green Waste Generation: 18000 m3/year

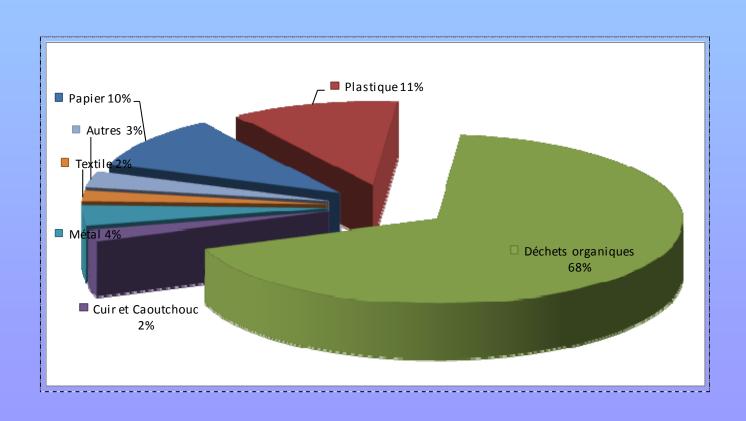
Rubble, Construction Waste Genergation: 4000T/year

Amount Of Waste Collected

 The following graph shows the amount of waste collected from three communes in Djerba



Waste Composition



Transfer Centers

 Djerba has three transfer centers managed by private companies.

Waste is emptied into bins.



Landfilling

 Waste is disposed of in a sanitary landfill equipped with cells (to prevent leachate infiltration and eliminate methane from waste decomposition





Problem of Solid Waste In Djerba

- Residents dispose of their waste (green, construction waste mixed with domestic waste) with domestic waste near the container.
- This situation causes pollution and has an impact on the aesthetic view of community streets
- The waste is wet and very high in organic matter, disposal of this waste in a landfill causes odor emission and leachate problems.





•The landfill in Djerba began operation in April 2007 and has since caused a lot of nuisance for local residents; especially bad odor release.

Perspective of Waste Management In Djerba

- Introduce a waste management policy specifically tailored for the tourism sector and ensures environmental protection.
- Priority action will be given to the creation of a organic/green waste compost
- that's why we are working on a project to implement a platform to compost organic waste and create designated waste disposal sites in areas of the city

Objectives of the Project

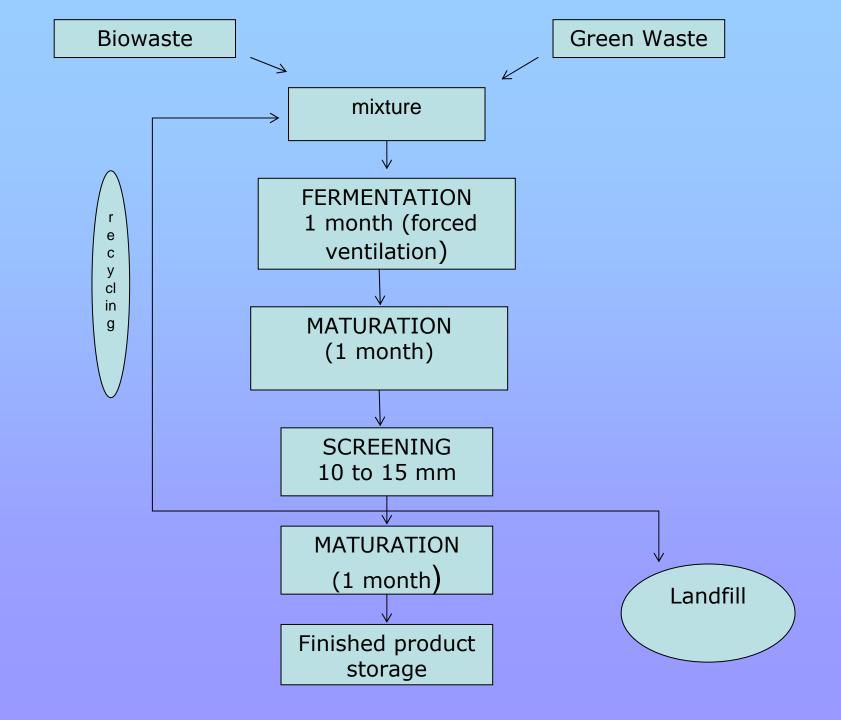
- Reduce pollution from organic waste disposal
- Valorization of organic matter and development of recycling programmes on the island
- Producing an organic soil amendment
- Outdoor composting, with forced ventilation compartments to mitigate nuisances to the neighborhood

COST of PROJECT

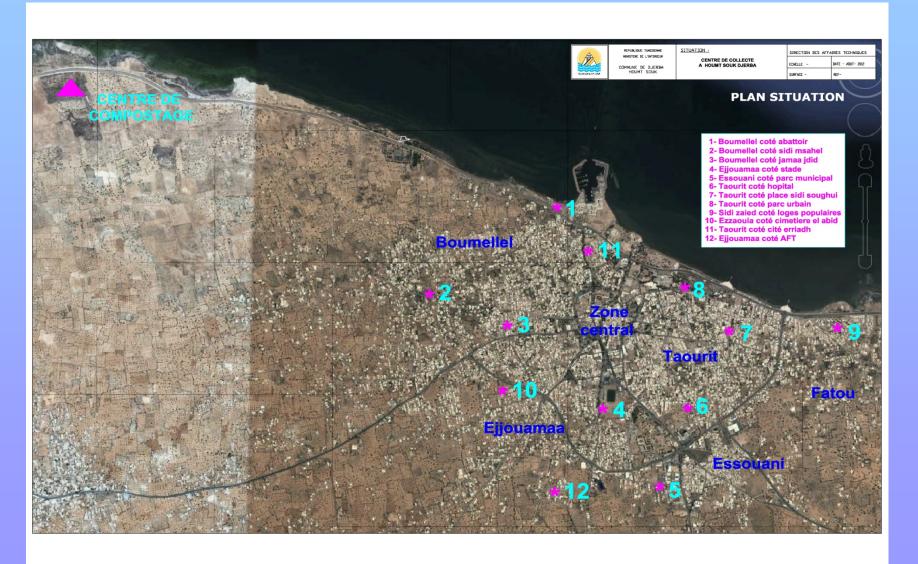
150,000 USD

Steps of Biowaste and Green Waste Composting

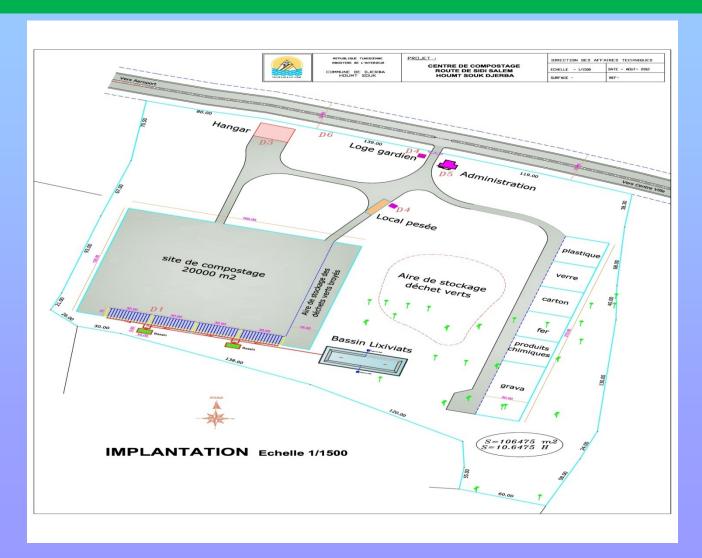
- Disposal of waste in appropriate areas
- Manual sorting of undesirables, if necessary.
- Grinding green waste
- Mixing with organic waste and composting
- Reversals and humidification as required.
- Screening, maturation of compost, recycling or refuse disposal.
- Finished product storage



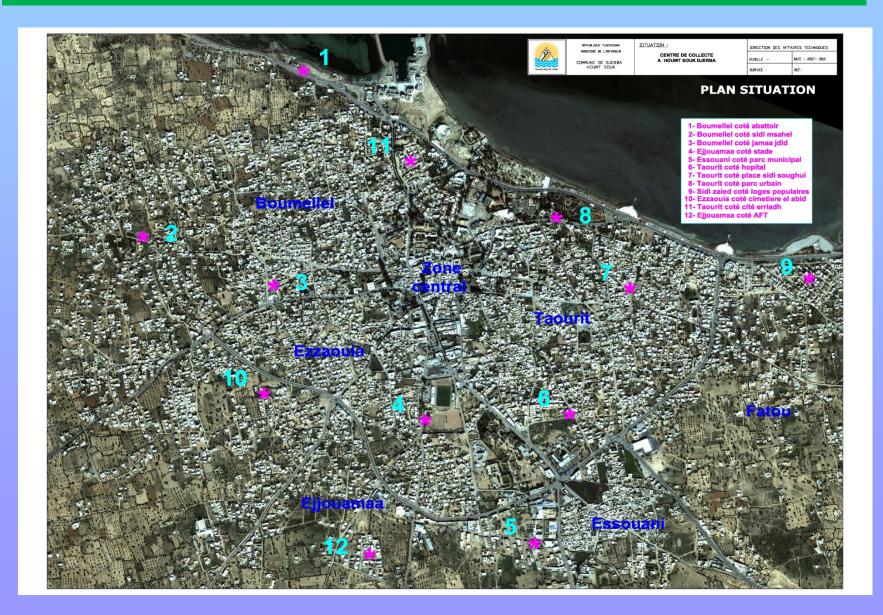
Situation of waste composting platform

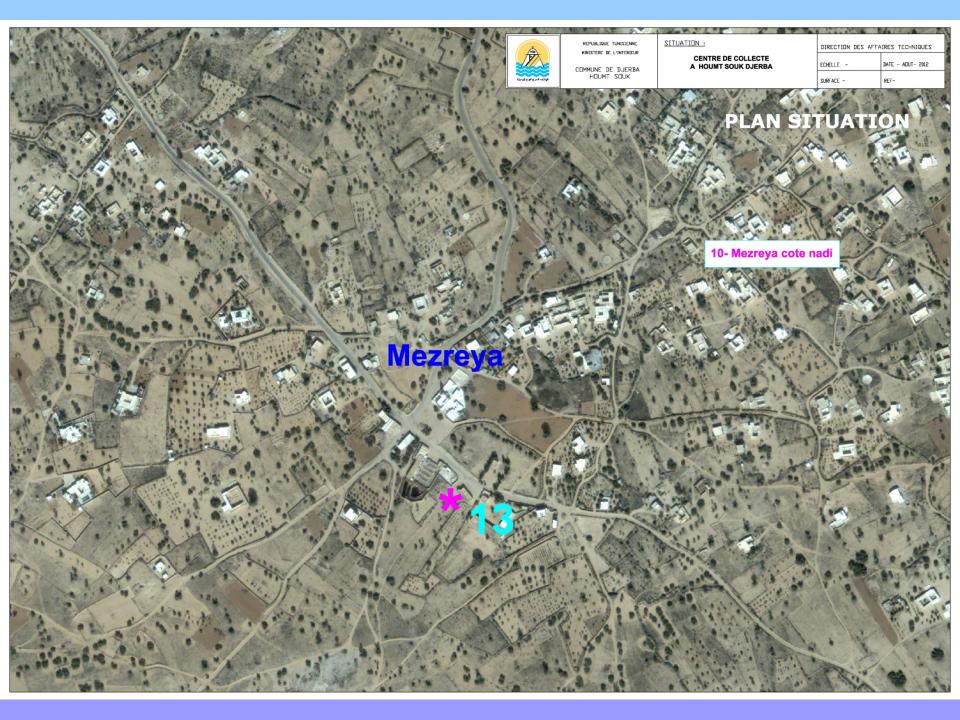


Map of the platform



Situation of waste disposal





Conclusion

- Despite new initiatives and programs, Tunisia aims to keep building on improving the national environmental situation.
- Specific focus on institutional, legislative and educational levels.
- A lot still needs to be done to preserve the environment and meet the objectives of sustainable development.
- Recycling and composting
- Eradicating pollution
- inter-communality and privatisation .

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