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## UAE committed to protecting and conserving natural environment

*H.E. Dr. Muhammad Saeed Al Kindi, Minister of Environment and Water of the United Arab Emirates spoke with Helene Rang, CEO of NUMOV / German Near and Middle East Association*

*H.R.: The establishment of a Ministry of Environment and Water (MEW) in the UAE underlines the importance of environmental issues for your government. In what areas has the ministry gained its most visible achievements so far?*

**H.E. Dr. Mohammed Saeed Al Kindi:** The establishment of the Ministry witnessed more than one year. In spite of that, the MEW is continuing the commitments and activities of the previous Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, with new mandates that deal with all environmental aspects and following up the implementation of the UAE environmental strategy. The ministry has been successful in that and in passing new regulations that lead to the pro-



*H.E. Dr. Muhammad Saeed Al Kindi, Minister of Environment and Water, UAE*

tection of the environment and the protection of the present and the future generations. The Ministry is also continuing the technical executive role of the Federal Environmental Agency (FEA).

This vision has been extended to involve priority areas such as water resources; environmental development, agriculture and marine resources.

The Ministry is responsible for issuing all laws and regulations concerning development and protection of the environment, water, agriculture, fisheries and livestock.

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