RURAL WOMEN ADOPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES
IN MENUFIYA GOVERNORATE

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed basically at identifying the level of rural women adoption of environmental practices in Menufiya Governorate. This main objective was achieved through the following sub-objectives: determining the environmental knowledge level of rural women, identifying the degree of rural women application of environmental practices, determining the factors which correlated with each of the environmental knowledge level and degree of rural women application of environmental practices. The study was carried out in two villages in Menufiya Governorate, the first village was Monshiat Bakhaty which belongs to Shebien Elkom district and the second village was Sahel Elgawaber which belongs to El shohadaa district. 100 rural women were selected randomly from each village. The study findings were: the environmental knowledge level was high as 83.5% from respondents. About 47% from respondents were applying the environmental practices. There were four independent variables (social participation, cultural cosmopolitanism, geographical cosmopolitanism, age) explained together 16.3% of the total variance of the environmental knowledge level. There were six independent variables (family monthly income, environmental situation at the village, cultural cosmopolitanism, family education, geographical cosmopolitanism, environmental knowledge) explained together 55.5% of the total variance of the environmental application degree.

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