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This thesis focuses on contacts of Egypt with the Land of Punt in the earliest period. It is important to investigate how the authorities of the ancient Egyptian civilization began to develop their long-term interactions with Punt via the Red Sea. Archaeological, textual and iconographic sources that reveal these interconnections are examined. Based on the evidence assembled, the origin and development of Egypt – Punt interconnections are discussed. The study is chronologically focused on the period from the 4th to the 6th Dynasty of the Old Kingdom.