

## Project Update: February 2016

- I conducted the first workshop to 4 Wadi El Gemal Rangers and 12 others (i.e., 10 university students from Suez Canal University and Port Said University, Faculty of Science, Marine Science Department, in addition to one photographer and one videographer), including 6 girls. I teach them our project objectives like: how to conduct the dugong questionnaire, feeding ecology techniques, Dugong Photo ID techniques and how to raise public awareness. The idea is to have a **Dugong Team** specialized in monitoring, education and awareness.
- I print T-shirts, pins, posters, stickers, banner and questionnaires.
- I conducted the second workshop to the dive and snorkel guides from different diving centers located within Wadi El Gemal National Park (WGNP). I introduced a presentation including Dugong taxonomy, our project objectives, what are we do for dugong survey and awareness, then open discussion occurred with them for any more comments of details need to add.
- Interview survey was conducted by some girls of The Dugong Team with the women's of local communities who are working in fishing (9 women's) from Abo Ghoson village (24.449085° N and 35.193287° E), while the others conducted the interview with the boat captains and dive guides (25 persons).
- We raise the public awareness to the children's of the local communities of Abo Ghoson Village by gives them the dugong stickers and told them the story about dugong, how it feed, breath and live.
- Posters of Dugong Photo ID Program were distributed to the diving centers and the tourism boats. A briefing on how to take special shots of Dugong for identification was introduced to the dive and snorkeling guides in addition to the boat captains as well.





The 1<sup>st</sup> workshop for WGNP Rangers and the students of marine science







The 2nd workshop for the diving and snorkeling guides





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The Dugong Team conduct the interview survey





Public awareness to the children's of Abo Ghoson Village







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The Dugong Team distribute the Dugong Photo ID Program Poster on the Diving Centers and tourism boats located within Wadi El Gemal National Park