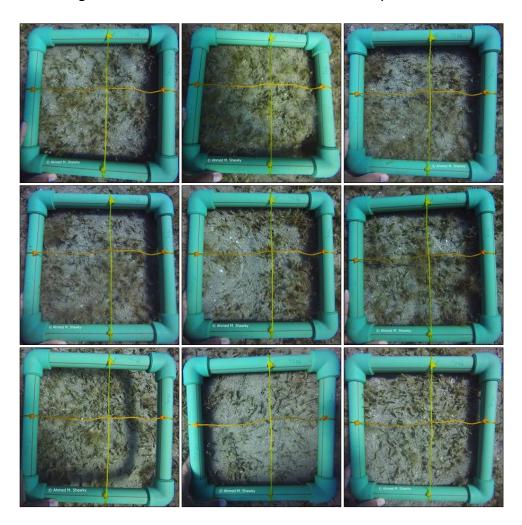
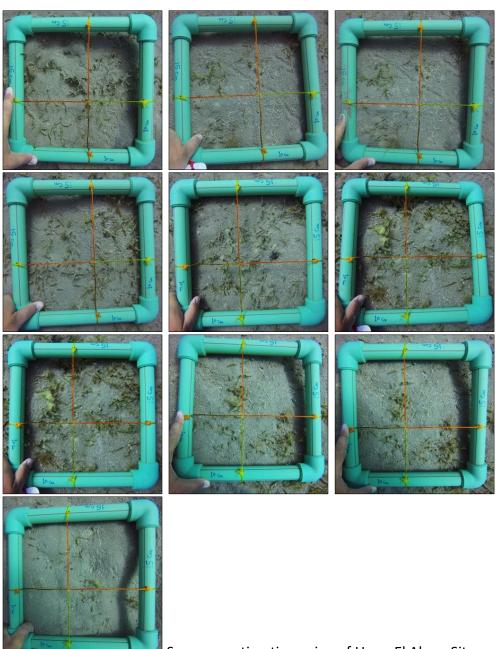
## **Project Update: April 2016**

- Data for the feeding ecology was collected for another two sites; Torpha South (24.642846° N and 35.100880° E) and Umm El Abass (24.518005° N and 35.137523° E).
- Five members of The Egyptian Dugong Team participated in this survey, two doing SCUBA diving from the boat, one snorkeling and two girls on board for surface observation.
- The surface team recorded one observation for a dugong not more than 2 m away, which confirmed that it is another individual differ from that recorded before underwater last month.
- For the diving team, one collected the data for sediment compaction by measuring the sediment penetration using 1.2 m rod and other one measured the dugong trail dimensions like length, width and depth.
- I was responsible for collecting the data of seagrass % cover and abundance using a 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> quadrat. Also, I calculated the abundance of seagrasses within the feeding trails and outside in addition to the selectivity data.

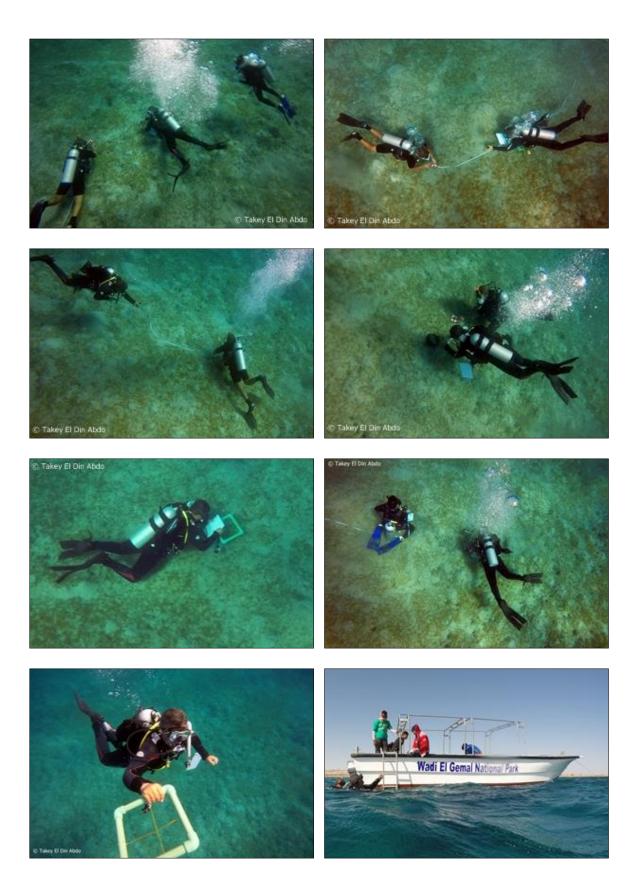




Seagrass estimation using of Torpha south Site



Seagrass estimation using of Umm El Abass Site



Part of Dugong Team during conducting the feeding ecology survey underwater