

Project Update: August 2018

I conducted a presentation on the dugong at Marsa Nakari Diving Center for the staff and participants of Reef Check Course including rangers from Red Sea protectorates. The presentation included our activities in the last projects and the further study for this project.

I Informed PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructor) to teach 20 dive guides the new specialty course of PADI Dugong Conservation Diver. Therefore, I bought 20 online PIC certificates from PADI to certify the dive guides. In addition, I got acceptance from PADI to add the logo of Rufford Foundation on the cover of the outline (attached).

To increase the number of the Egyptian Dugong Team (EDT), I am planning to upgrade the knowledge of the current team members and teach more staff. Therefore, a professional designer designs a new logo for the team and I printed 2000 stickers (small size 5 X 5 cm, 10 X 10 cm) and 170 plastic stickers (large size 15 X17cm).

I ordered a laser photogrammetry unit from Ocean First Institute and bought for the unit (without camera) including two waterproof lasers and it takes a time until built successfully (attached). The unit arrived in the Cairo Airport, Egypt but held in customs until now.

I did not start the fieldwork until receiving laser photogrammetry unit. Therefore, I am planning to collect the data for the season of Autumn that will start on 21st September 2018.





Dugong presentation at Marsa Nakari Diving Center in Marsa Alam



Left: Logo of Egyptian Dugong Team (EDT). Right: The unit of Laster Photogrammetry after building by Ocean First Institute without a camera. ©Dr Mikki McComb-Kobza.