Project Update April 2024

- Citizen science activity was performed by designing and publishing a poster for reporting the dugong sighting by using a mobile scan for the QR code.
- Many volunteers participated by reporting a very useful information by determining five calving areas of dugongs in the Red Sea, four on the Egyptian coast, and one on the Saudi Arabian coast.
- In the Egyptian Red Sea a mother-calf pair was sighted in different regions as follows:
 - Hurghada in March and April 2024, by New Son Bijou diving center.
 - Hurghada in April 2024, by Linda Boat Hurghada.
 - Marsa Alam in March 2024.
 - Wadi El Gemal National Park for three individuals (i.e. two adults with a calf) in February 2024.
- In Saudi Arabia, one sighting of a mother-calf pair in the NEOM region, Tabuk in February 2024. This result improves the cooperation by extending the dugong conservation activities in the Red Sea region.



A poster for reporting the dugong sighting in the Red Sea using mobile scan for the QR code.





Dugong mother-calf pair sighted in Hurghada, Egypt. Photos credit: New Son Bijou Diving Center.







Dugong mother-calf pair sighted in Hurghada, Egypt. Photos credit: Linda Boat Hurghada.







Three dugongs in Wadi El Gemal National Park, Egypt. Photos credit: Jean Quichon, Red Sea Diving Safari







Dugong mother-calf pair sighted in NEOM region, Saudi Arabia. Photos credit: NEOM LinkedIn.