

Project Update: June 2009

In April 2009, the Rufford Small Grants Foundation has approved the "Ganji Tabiat" Public Organization's project - Enhancing conservation of rare and endangered plant species by conduction of field researches and increasing the level of public awareness in Eastern Khatlon. The project grant was received in early May 2009.

During the first month of the project period, May 2009, a work plan was prepared in order to undertake project activities. Furthermore, the different literary sources and materials for studying the ecological and biological features of rare and endangered species such as *Eremurus*, *Tulipa*, *Juno*, *Iris* and were processed.

In addition to above, a special area was selected in the Kulob Botanic Garden for planting the rare and endangered species in order to organize an "Alive Red Book" with the purpose of educating the public during open days. The area of the demonstration plot consists of 0.01 ha.