

Project Update: August 2012

I am selected this year as a runner up for the IUCN Young conservationist award, my story and work on dragon tree will be featured in the IUCN website, international ranger federation and IUCN congress in Korea in September 2012. Main part of my nomination and selection or this award is my regional work for survey and conserve the dragon tree in Egypt and Africa with such support form Rufford small grant, Mohammed bin Zayed Conservation Fund and Conservation Leadership Programme - thank you all for help such young conservationists in Africa.

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/gebel-elba-ranger-named-runner-international-conservation-award>

Also, I have finished the first scientific paper on dragon tree to be published in the *Oryx* or/*and African Ecology* journal by end of this year.

The awareness materials and equipment will be used by the project are already prepare to be ready by September 2012.

We agreed with our partners in Somaliland to start our first field trip in October 2012.

As this award give me push towards more work, I am trying to prepare training material to be provided for number of youth and rangers in Djibouti and Somaliland as part of the project and field work.