

Project Update: April 2019

Summary

The current localities of *Allium mareoticum*, *Pancratium arabicum* and *Anthemis microsperma* were georeferenced by using a GPS receiver and threats, habitats and population characters were recorded. We will condense our survey to search for the occurrence of the other three target species *Bellevalia salah-eidii*, *Muscari albiflorum* and *Sonchus macrocarpus*. We think the last three species are extinct but we can't confirm. Based on outputs of species distribution models, we will search for the rediscovery of localities of these species. With the help of local people and managers, we are now designing an appropriate fenced enclosure to mitigate the threats.

We conducted one field trip to 50 students of the Egyptian universities to visit our study area to increase knowledge and awareness about endemic exclusive vascular plant species in Matrouh. Further, we organised two workshops in the relevant institutions (Mansoura University and Desert Research Center).

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