Mahoot Island Transcript

According to a recent publication exploring the **flora** red list in Oman, mangroves are considered a **rare** and **threatened** species. As a result, Oman has tried to maximise green cover and the area of mangroves through the National Programme for Mangrove Transplantation which started in **2000** in collaboration with the Japanese International Cooperation **Agency** (JICA) who sent experts and conducted studies to equip Omanis with the skills to **restore** some of the mangrove forests. As a result, **32** locations of transplanted mangroves out of a total of **50** where mangroves are located throughout Oman. Mahoot Island is a natural mangrove island containing over more than **150** Hectares (1,500,000 m2)of mangroves.

Mangroves are protected by law: the **Royal Decree** – prohibits cutting any species of local trees. Law on nature reserves, more than **40**% of mangrove lagoons are protected areas meaning the cutting of mangroves, collection of **eggs** from birds and other species is prohibited.