I am writing to ask for support in protecting an endangered animal, the dugong or the "sea cow". It lives near the beaches of Hawar islands now, but scientists believe that it could be extinct in the next few years. However, it isn't as attractive as other endangered animals, like the Arabian Oryx or Siberian tigers. As a result, it doesn't get very much attention. In my opinion, the dugong contributes to the diversity of the sea creatures on the coast of Bahrain. For example, there are hundreds of dugong mothers with their little ones. Another interesting fact about the dugong is that they have provided economically valuable products in terms of meat, oil, and fat to the Bahraini people in the past. For this reason, they are a big part of our past. These aquatic mammals were once the subject of sea tales dealing with mermaids, or half-fish half-human creatures, that lived in the sea. Therefore, if the dugong becomes extinct, an important link with Arabian gulf culture will be lost forever. For all of the above reasons, I strongly believe that we should do everything we can to save this amazing creature.

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