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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am a Professor of Plant Ecology at Helwan University. My research interests are plant ecology, forest ecology, biodiversity, restoration ecology, dendroecology, population dynamics, and vegetation analysis. My current projects concentrate on the population ecology of some Egyptian plants and their conservation, contribution remotely in some research projects in Saudi Arabia, contribution in writing projects for some Environmental Saudi companies for restoration of natural vegetation in degraded areas in Northern region. Besides, I am interested in the evaluation of air and water pollutants on the eco-physiological performance of wild plants and crops, phytoremediation, and Quantitative anatomy of Egyptian desert plants and its dendrochronological potentialities. In our laboratory, we are in collaboration with some colleagues in Egypt, Sweden, Switzerland, China, and Saudi Arabia. We welcome collaboration with colleagues from all over the world.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Writing an international project as PI of research work for Saudi Arabia Environmental company called "RASHIDOON" entitled: study and design protection and rehabilitation areas, and to develop and implement experimental agriculture studies for the development of wild vegetation cover". This project presented to National Center for Environmental Compliance in Saudi Arabia. The sites of the project are located between the eastern region and the northern border region. Results not announced until now.
- Applying through The Environmental Balance Foundation for Environmental Consulting (Saudi Arabia) to a project for combating the invasive species in a number of protectorates in Southern Saudi Arabia 2023

- Visiting Professor at Swiss Federal Institute (www.wsl.ch) during 2018, 2020, and 2022/2023 through funded projects from Egyptian Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF), and Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), cooperated with Prof. Holger Gaertner.
- Working with my students and colleagues in Sweden and Egypt on many topics concerning the biodiversity in natural and man-made forests and natural habitats and the impact of climate change on it.
- Head of Botany and Microbiology Department from November 2018 until now.
- Professor of Plant Ecology in Helwan University, Faculty of Science, Botany and Microbiology Department
- Project director and Vice-director for "Re-innovation and modernization of Laboratory of Ecology in Botany and Microbiology Department, Faculty of Science, Helwan University (2017-present)
- Researcher in "Swedish Clean Air Climate" Project, managed by Swedish Environmental Institute from July 2014 for six months
- Researcher at Laboratory of dendrochronology in Gothenburg University, Sweden, in collaboration with Prof. Hans W. Linderholm, (from October 2012 for eight months).
- Principal investigator for Swedish research project (2009- 2012) on assessment and evaluation of the impacts of the treated wastewater on the trees in Egyptian artificial forests. The project was funded by the Swedish Research Council for 3 years with Dr. Hans Linderholm as the Swedish principal investigator partner.
- Postdoctoral fellow in McGill university, Biology department, Evolution, and Conservation Ecology Unit, Prof. M.J. Lechowicz, 10/April/2007 09/January/2008.
- Lecturer of Plant Ecology, Faculty of Science, Botany & Microbiology Dept., Helwan University from 30/4/2006- present
- Assistant Lecturer, Botany & Microbiology Dept, Faculty of Science, Helwan University: 2001–30/03/2006
- Demonstrator, Botany & Microbiology Dept, Faculty of Science, Helwan University: 01/01/1997 28/01/2001.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Plant Ecology 2006, Helwan University
- MSc. in Plant Ecology 2001, Helwan University
- B. Sc. In Botany 1995, Cairo University

AWARDS, PROJECTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

• Awarded Research visit for five months (2020 & 2022) from the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) to work at the Swiss Research Federal Institute (WSL), Zurich, Switzerland.

- Awarded the Superior Scientific Prize in basic Sciences from Helwan University 2018.
- Awarded project (14 months) including short-term Fellowship at WSL, Switzerland for four months, funded by The Egyptian STDF (Science and Technology Development Fund, <u>WWW.stdf.org.eg</u>) 07/2018-11/2018 (Grant no. 25431)
- Awarded fund from Helwan University for updating the plant ecology laboratory (2250000 Egyptian pounds) during 2017-2018
- Working as a Researcher at Swedish Environmental Institute 2014
- Postdoctoral fellowship at Gothenburg University, Sweden starts in October 2012/2013 for six months and is funded by the Ministry of Higher Education in Egypt (Parown Initiative)
- Awarded research project from the Swedish research council for four years including extended financial year (Sweden) 2010-2012
- Postdoctoral fellowship at McGill University, Quebec, Canada 2007/2008 for 9 months.

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

- Quality assurance unit coordinator at the department
- Member of the University technical office for research projects and technical support
- Member of many faculty committees (Environmental and cultural)
- Head of Exam control units for many years
- Member of organizing team for all departmental Scientific conferences
- A representative for the department, faculty, and university in many official meetings
- Supervisor for Ph.D., M.Sc., and Bachelor students

EXPERT EVALUATOR

- Reviewer Member for the Egyptian Permanent Scientific committee for Professorship and assistant-professorship promotion.
- Reviewers for Egyptian Science and Technology Development Fund

REVIEWER FOR INTERNATIONAL and NATIONAL JOURNALS

Ecological Indicators, Ecological Engineering, International Journal of Phytoremediation, Environmental Sciences and Pollution Research, Frontiers in Plant Science, Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution, Flora, Archives of agronomy and Soil Science, Science of the Total Environments, Egyptian Journal of Botany, Taeckholmia, Nutrient Cycling in Agroecosystems, Biodiversitas, Soil Science Society of America Journal.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

• Review Editor for Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution and Frontiers in Plant Science

(My Frontiers (frontiersin.org)

- Editorial Advisory Board of Asian journal of Forestry (Editorial Team | Asian Journal of Forestry (smujo.id))
- Associate Editor in Advances in Basic and Applied Science journal (Advances in Basic and Applied Sciences Editorial Board (ekb.eg))
- Reviewer in the Egyptian Permanent Scientific Committee for the Professorship and Associate Professorship promotion
- Reviewer for the Egyptian Science and Technology Development fund (STDF)

TEACHING COURSES

Advanced Plant Anatomy, General Biology, Ecological Indicators, Plant Ecology, Economic Botany, Environment and Pollution, Flora of Egypt, Ecological Methods, Functional Plant Ecology, Plant morphology, Community Ecology, Plant microtechniques, dendrochronology and forest ecology

PUBLICATIONS

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- 2- El-Barougy, R. F., Dakhil, M. A., Halmy, M. W. A., Cadotte, M., Dias, S., **Farahat**, **E.** A., ... & Bersier, L. F. (2023). Potential Extinction Risk of Juniperus phoenicea under Global Climate Change: Towards Conservation Planning. Global Ecology and Conservation, e02541.
- **Farahat, E. A.,** & Gärtner, H. Wood anatomy and dendrochronological potentiality of some woody shrubs from the southern Mediterranean coast in Egypt. Frontiers in Plant Science, 14, 1183918.
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- 9- Dakhil, M. A., El-Barougy, R. F., El-Keblawy, A., **Farahat, E. A.** (2022). Clay and climatic variability explain the global potential distribution of *Juniperus phoenicea* toward restoration planning. *Scientific Reports*, 12(1), 1-8.
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- **42-** Hassan L.M., Galal T.M., **Farahat E.** and El-Midany M. (2015) The Biology of *Calotropis procera* (Aiton) W.T. *Trees*: 29(2), 311-320. DOI: 10.1007/s00468-015-1158-7
- **Farahat, E.A.** and Linderholm H.W. (2015) The effect of long-term wastewater irrigation on accumulation and transfer of heavy metals in *Cupressus sempervirens* leaves and adjacent soils. *Science of the Total Environment*, 512–513, 1–7.
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BOOKS and DATABASES

- 1- Encyclopedia of Egyptian medicinal plants, 2017-2018, as co-author in two monographs. Issues by the Egyptian Academy of Science and Technology. (28-29 April 2004), 3, 11-24.
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