

## Complete the letter below by filling in the gaps with the appropriate word from the box.

As a result – For example – However – because – For this reason – Therefore - For all of the above reasons

Dear Editor,

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. \_\_\_\_\_, it isn't as attractive as other endangered animals, like the Arabian Oryx or Siberian tigers. \_\_\_\_\_, 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. \_\_\_\_\_, there are hundreds of dugong mothers with their little ones. Scientists are studying them \_\_\_\_\_ they want to save them, to keep the sea ecosystem intact.

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. \_\_\_\_\_, they are a big part of our past.

I think there is also a cultural reason to save the dugong. These aquatic mammals were once the subject of sea tales dealing with mermaids, or half-fish half-human creatures, that lived in the sea. \_\_\_\_\_, if the dugong becomes extinct, an important link with Arabian gulf culture will be lost forever.

\_\_\_\_\_, I strongly believe that we should do everything we can to save this amazing creature. Thank you for your attention,

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