



DEPARTMENT FOR CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT

LETTER CIRCULAR

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To: All Heads of School (State & Non-State) and Sections
Arbor Day School Representatives
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Subject: **1. Forest Week Activity in Gozo**
2. Infosheet on three trees

The School Arbor Committee would like inform all that further to Letter Circular DCM 140/2006's announcement that this scholastic year's forest week activity in Gozo is going to be held on Thursday 18th January 2007, the exact details are as follows.

Time: 09.15-12.30hrs
Meeting Place: Għadira ta' San Rafflu, Kerċem, Gozo.
Programme: A short talk on the significance of this day for Malta and Gozo.
Planting of a few trees on site.
Other activities

Schools that would like to take a more active part in this activity are to contact Mr. Joseph Grima YSO Officer Gozo on Tel: 21562433.

An information sheet on the African tamarisk, the white willow and the Mediterrean willow is being appended to this circular for the information of all.

Siġra ta' l-gharghar / Araar tree: National tree's seeds being collected from Gozitan Trees

The efforts of several schools in Gozo at growing the national tree are bearing fruit. Mr. Joe Grech and Mr. Ronnie Farrugia of the handsonfarming programme in Gozo have informed the School Arbor Committee that this year they have been able to collect seeds of the Araar tree from trees growing in Gozitan Schools. Naturally congratulations go to all those who took the trouble to plant and irrigate these trees. Hopefully the seeds will germinate and then the forest seedlings will be planted all over Gozo.

Last year's Arbor Day activity at Dar il-Lunzjata at Ta' Kerċem involved the planting of a number of Araar trees in the area and the distribution of the trees to several schools by the School Arbor Committee's Gozo representative Mr. Joe Grima. The trees in question were sponsored by Messrs APS Bank Ltd.

TLIET SIĠRIET MALTIN: IŻ-ŻAFŻAFA L-KBIRA, IŻ-ŻAFŻAFA Ż-ŻGHIRA U L-BRUKA

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Fost is-sigar li jikbru fil-Gżejjer Maltin, insibu tlieta li jagħmlu parti minn tipi ta' imsaġar differenti. Tnejn minn dawn, iż-żafżafa l-kbira u iż-żafżafa ż-żghira huma sigar li f' Malta jinstabu fl-imsaġar horfin ta' qiegh il-widien. Kif jidher minn isimu dan it-tip ta' masġar jinstab fejn hemm l-ilma helu u fejn il-hamrija tibqa' bit-tira' is-sena kollha. It-tip ta' masġar l-iehor huwa ta' tax-xatt li jinstab madwar ix-xtut tal-Gżejjer Maltin.

IŻ-ŻAFŻAFA L-KBIRA (*SALIX ALBA*, WHITE WILLOW)

Iż-żafżafa l-kbira hija sigra li hija mifruxa sew fl-Ewropa, l-Afrika ta' Fuq u fl-Asja. Fl-Ewropa tinstab kważi kullimkien. Hija tikber mal-ġnub tax-xmajjar u ta' l-ghadajjar kif ukoll fejn hemm il-bwar ta' l-ilma helu. Hija sigra hrofiga li twaqqqa' l-weraq fil-harifa. Fil-Gżejjer Maltin l-ambjent fejn tista' tikber huwa ristrett hafna minhabba n-nuqqas ta' xmajjar, ghadajjar u ghejjun permanenti. Barra minhekk, l-użu ta' l-ghejjun mill-biedja jkompli jnaqqas l-ambjent addattat għall-din is-sigra. Tant naqset, li daqs għoxrin sena ilu kien għad fadal wahda biss haġġa fil-Gżejjer Maltin. Illum din is-sigra tkattret bil-biċċa u tinstab f'xi ftit aktar imkejjen. Biex titkattar kull ma hemm bżonn huwa li wiehed iġharras biċċa fil-hamrija niedja u li wiehed ikun żgur li din il-hamrija sejra tibqa' niedja s-sena kollha mqarr fl-eqel tas-sajf u żmien in-nixfa.

IŻ-ŻAFŻAFA Ż-ŻGHIRA (*Salix pedicellata*, MEDITERRANEAN WILLOW)

Din is-sigra għandha weraq ikbar w usa minn daww taż-żafżafa l-kbira. Hija ukoll sigra tal-masġar horfi ta' qiegh il-widien. Hija xi ftit aktar addattata għan-nixfa u hija tinsab tikber fiż-żona tal-Mediterran. Hija titkattar bil-biċċa u hija rari ukoll għalkemm mhux daqs iż-żafżafa l-kbira. Iż-żafżaf jistgħu jithawlu fil-widien imxarba u qrib xi nixxiegha permanenti.

IL-BRUKA (*Tamarix africana*, AFRICAN TAMARISK)

Il-bruka hija sigra li hija addattata għall-qrib il-baħar. Hija għandha il-weraq tagħha żgħar hafna jksu l-friegħi. Tant tiflah għall-baħar li fuq Kemmuna hemm bruk li jilhaqhom il-baħar meta jkun qawwi. Il-bruk jinstab imferrex ma' l-irdumijiet tal-kosta ta' Ghawdex u titkarrar bil-biċċa ukoll.

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