

# STUDY VISIT

**The contribution of societies in determining  
the Biodiversity of Turkey and the  
introduction of main databases**

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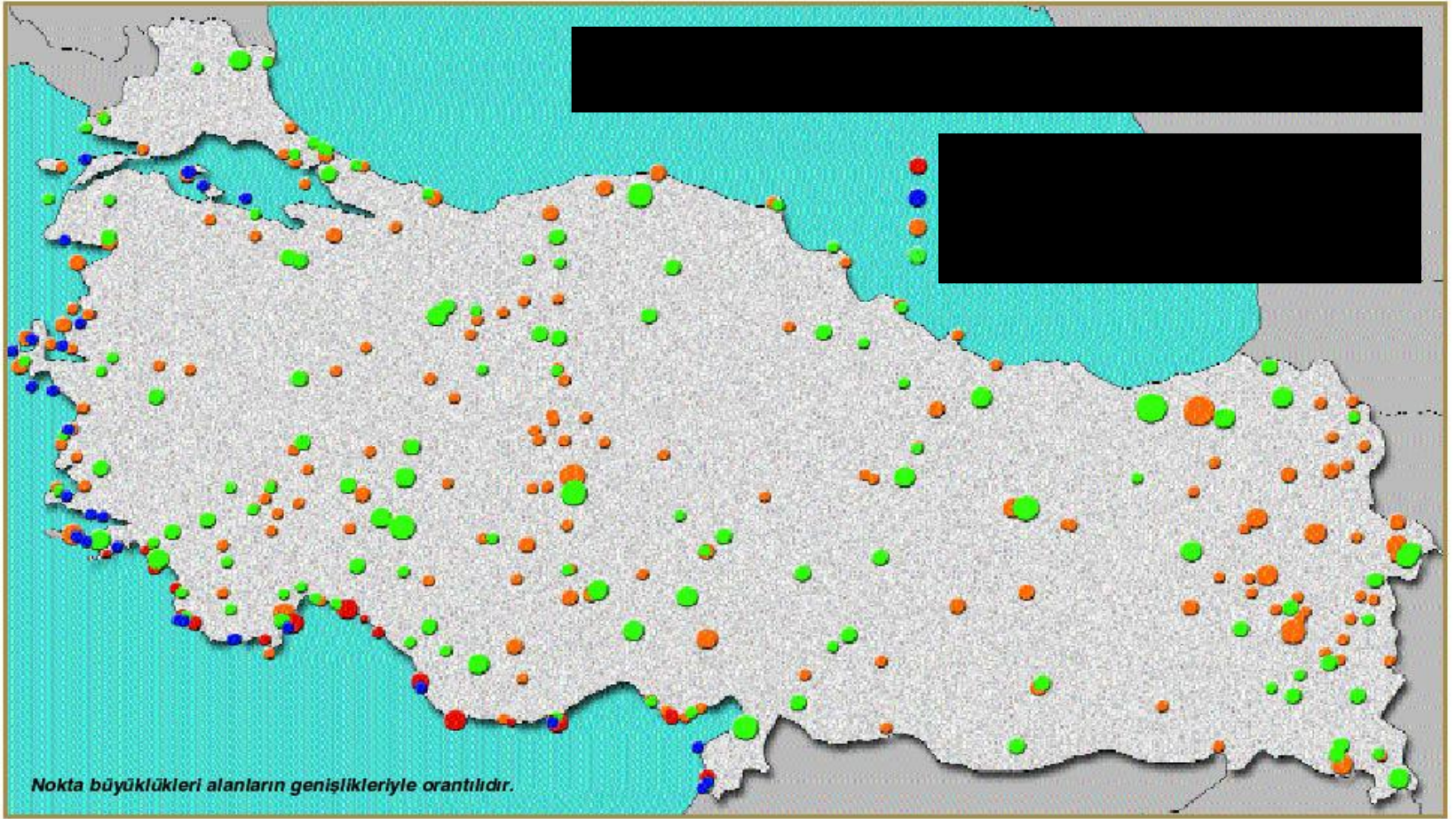
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# BIODIVERSITY OF TURKEY

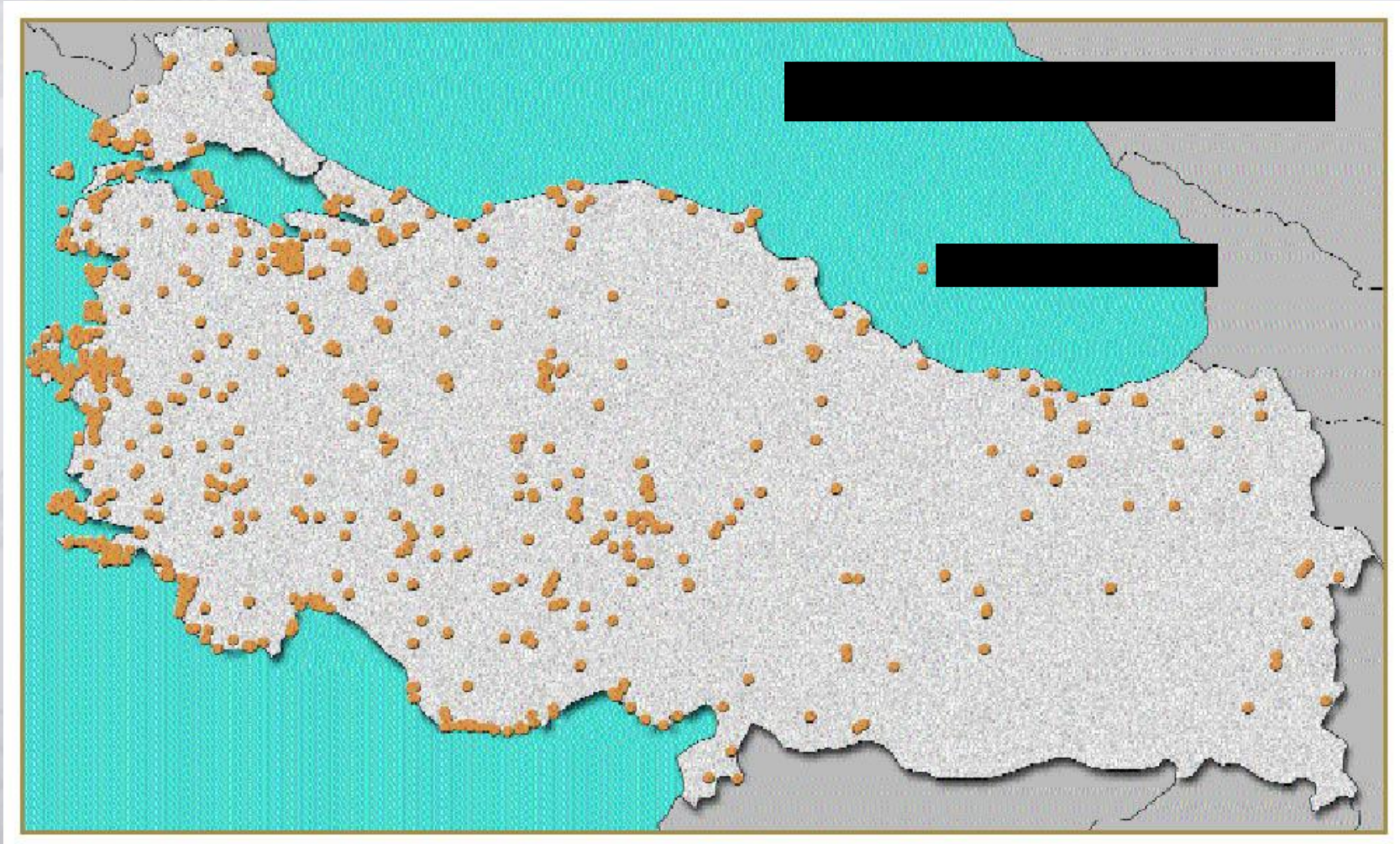


# IMPORTANT BIODIVERSITY AREAS



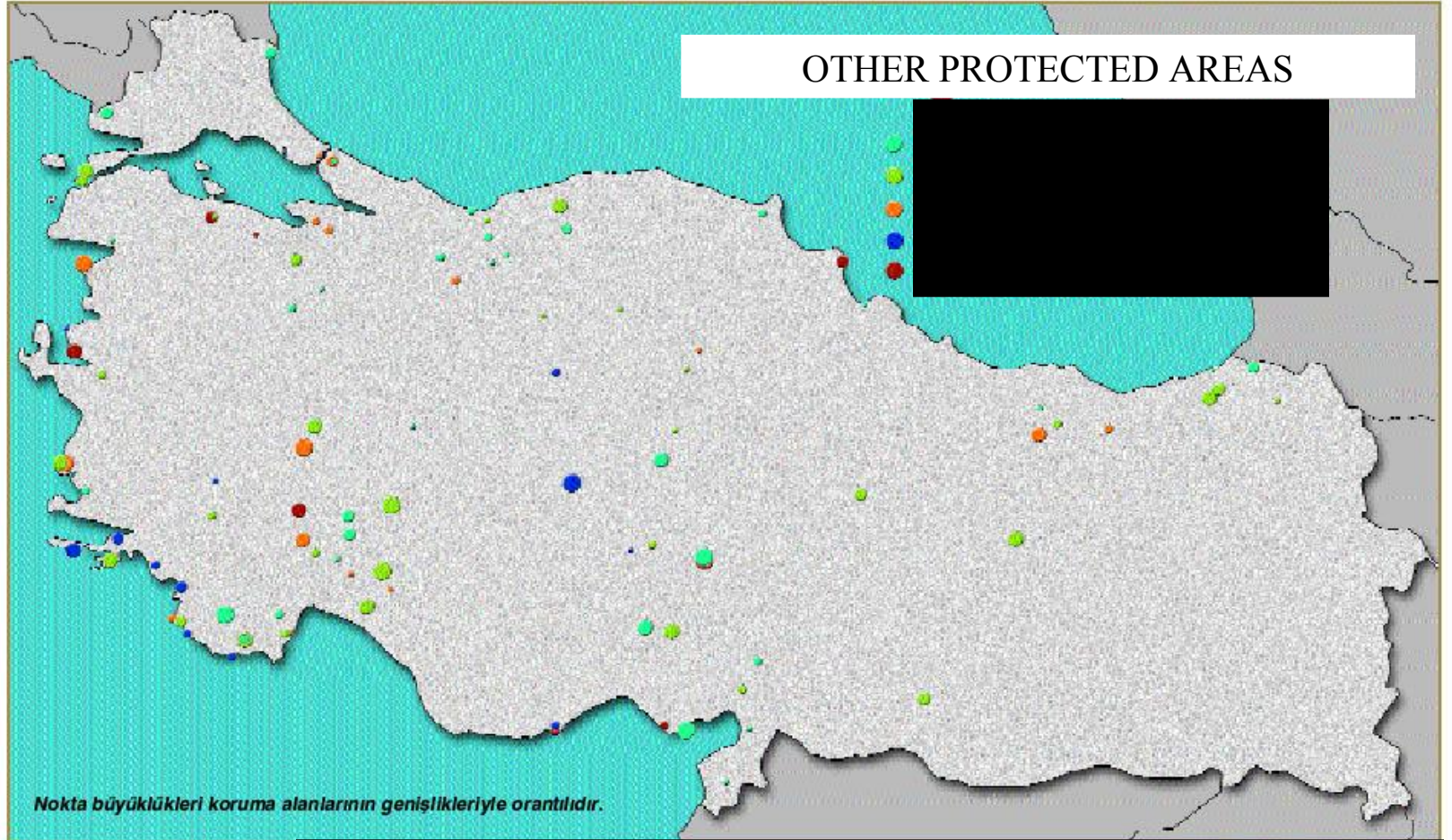


# NATURAL PROTECTED AREAS





# OTHER PROTECTED AREAS



# NGO ORGANISATIONS



## ***DHKD – Wildlife Protection Fund***

[www.dhkd.org](http://www.dhkd.org)

Established in 1975.

Activity: To establish and protect habitats of the plants and animals living in Turkey



## ***WWF Turkey – World Wide Fund Turkey***

[www.wwf.org.tr](http://www.wwf.org.tr)

Founded in 1996 and got its name as WWF-Turkey in 2001

WWF-Turkey is working for protecting the biodiversity and to maintain the sustainable use of the natural resources

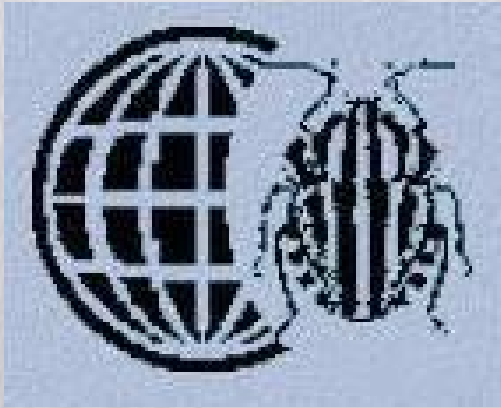


## ***Entomology Society of Turkey***

<http://agr.ege.edu.tr/~turkento/English/Ted/indexted.html>

Established in 1976.

Activity: To organise scientific meeting, to encourage the young entomologist to make research in the field of Entomology, to co-operate with other entomological organisations, to publish scientific journal



## ***Journal of The Entomological Research Society***

[www.entomol.gazi.edu.tr/default.htm](http://www.entomol.gazi.edu.tr/default.htm)

Founded in 1999

Activity: To publish scientific researches on Turkish Insect fauna, introduce scientific research in the field of Entomology



## ***TTKD–Turkish Nature Protection Association***

[www.ttkder.org.tr](http://www.ttkder.org.tr)

Established in 1955.

Their aims are; to protect natural resources, to maintain the balance between soil, water, plant and human, and to avoid the pollution made by industry.



## ***TÜRÇEK–Turkish Environmental and Woodlands Protection Society***

[www.turcek.org.tr](http://www.turcek.org.tr)

TURÇEK has been established in 1972

TURÇEK is a non-benefit non-governmental organization (NGO) which aims at developing non-political environmental policies in a democratic, participatory understanding with a respect for difference.





## *ÇEKÜL–The Foundation for the Promotion and Protection of the Environment and Cultural Heritage*

[www.cekulvakfi.org.tr](http://www.cekulvakfi.org.tr)

Founded in 1990 by 25 professors and experts from various academic and cultural fields, ÇEKÜL has become one of the largest non-governmental organizations of Turkey with 100 representatives throughout the country along with nearly 650,000 participants involved in various projects and an advisory board of 700 specialists.

ÇEKÜL conducts educational, community organizing, and promotional activities for environmental and cultural protection.



***TEMA – The Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats.***

[www.tema.org.tr](http://www.tema.org.tr)

The TEMA Foundation was founded in 1992 by two prominent Turkish businessmen Hayrettin Karaca and Nihat Gökyiğit.

TEMA Foundation's primary goal is to raise public awareness about the dangers of desertification resulting from widespread soil erosion within Turkey.





## ***TURMEPA–Turkish Marine Environmental Protection Association***

[www.turmepa.org.tr](http://www.turmepa.org.tr)

Established in 1994.

TURMEPA's mission over the next five years is to become the most powerful force for protecting Turkey's seas and waterways.



## ***TÜDÜV – Turkish Marine Research Foundation***

[www.tudav.org](http://www.tudav.org)

It was established in 1996 by academicians, scientists and nature lovers working in the field of marine protection and preservation.

The overall mission of TUDAV is to increase knowledge on marine life within Turkish waters by conducting research, initiating projects, publishing scientific studies and increasing public awareness.



## ***KAD – Turkish Bird Research Society***

[www.kad.org.tr](http://www.kad.org.tr)

Bird Research Society (KAD) was founded in 1998 by birdwatchers, ornithologists and conservationists for the study and conservation of birds and for raising public awareness.



## ***ÇEVKO – Environmental Protection and Packaging Waste Recovery and Recycling Trust***

[www.cevko.org.tr](http://www.cevko.org.tr)

ÇEVKO was founded in 1991.

ÇEVKO considers as mission the protection of the environmental values in accordance with the principle of "sustainable development".





## ***ÇEV-KOR***

[www.cev-kor.org.tr/](http://www.cev-kor.org.tr/)

ÇEV-KOR was established in 1991.

The aim is; protecting and improving natural, historical, and cultural beings.



## ***FDA – Flora Research Society***

[www.flora.org.tr/](http://www.flora.org.tr/)

FDA was established in 2005.

The aim is; to introduce the plant diversity and richness of turkey to the world. For this, projects and executions are made.



## *DD – Nature Society*

<http://www.dogadernegi.org>

DD was established in 2002.

DD aims to protect Turkey's threatened species, starting with birds, Important Bird Areas, Key Biodiversity Areas and priority habitats, through a national grassroots network.



# DATABASES



## ***BIOCES***

<http://bioces.tubitak.gov.tr/>

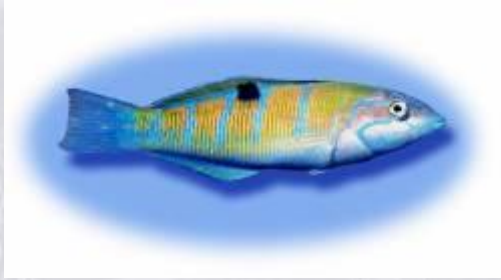
It is a species list aiming to include all the species belonging to our country with their taxonomy.



## ***TUBIVES***

[www.tubitak.gov.tr/tubives](http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tubives)

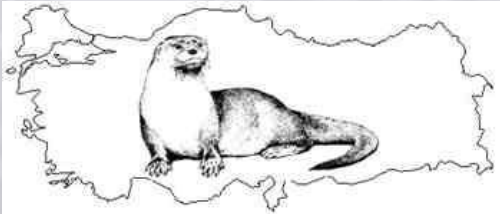
With TUBIVES, the Turkey Plants database, established before, is aimed to serve the Turkish and world scientists via Internet.



## ***CLOMFOT – Marine Fishes of Turkey***

<http://bornova.ege.edu.tr/~mbilecen/>

This site contains information on the recent status of marine fishes inhabiting Turkish Seas; i.e. the Black Sea, the Sea of Marmara, the Aegean Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. The database includes a total of 457 species, which was compiled in the light of previous inventory studies carried out at the Turkish continental shelf



## ***National Fishotter Database***

[www.akyaka.org/otter/eng/otter\\_database\\_project.htm](http://www.akyaka.org/otter/eng/otter_database_project.htm)

The main objective is to gather available information and unite it with the results of almost 15 years investigations. As everywhere else solid knowledge is a fundamental part of protection measures for Fishotters in Turkey. This work is a first step to provide vital conservation data concerning Fishotter abundance.



- \* Kızıl Gerdanlı Dalgıç-Red-throated Diver-*Gavia stellata*
- \* Kara Gerdanlı Dalgıç-Black-throated Diver-*Gavia arctica*
- \* Buz Dalgıç-Great Northern Diver-*Gavia immer*
- \* Küçük Batağan-Little Grebe-*Tachybaptus ruficollis*
- \* Tepeli Batağan/Bahri-Great Crested Grebe-*Podiceps cristatus*
- \* Kızıl Boyunlu Batağan-Red-necked Grebe-*Podiceps grisegena*
- \* Kulaklı Batağan-Slavonian Grebe-*Podiceps auritus*
- \* Kara Boyunlu Batağan-Black-necked Grebe-*Podiceps nigricollis*
- \* Boz Yelkovan-Cory's -Shearwater-*Calonectris diomedea*
- \* Yelkovan-Yelkouan Shearwater-*Puffinus yelkouan*
- \* Fırtınakuşu-Storm Petrel-*Hydrobates pelagicus*
- \* Sümsükkuşu-Gannet-*Sula bassana*
- \* Tepeli Karabatak-Shag-*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*
- \* Küçük Karabatak-Pygmy Cormorant-*Phalacrocorax pygmeus*
- \* Yılanboyun-Darter-*Anhinga rufa*
- \* Ak Pelikan-White Pelican-*Pelecanus onocrotalus*



Karabatak-Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*







































İSTANBUL BÜYÜK ŞEHİR BELEDİYESİ

\* In my school we have a Project about biodiversity .Our Project purpose Necessary conditions in place for the conservation of Key Biodiversity Areas .

\* **Main Activities:**

- \* • Preparation of Nature School training program
- \* • Implementation of Nature School 1 in Turkey
- \* • *Implementation of Nature School 2 in other country.*
- \* • Establishment of working groups on nature conservation
- \* • *Publication of KBA Based Conservation Handbook*
- \* • *Establishment of the Center for Applied Nature Conservation (CANC) in Turkey*






- \* **Project Output 2:**

- \* The baseline information and scientific standards
- \* for the conservation of KBAs in the corridor
- \* enhanced.

- \* **Main Activities:**

- \* Establishment of an international working group and regular meetings
- \* for trans-boundary cooperation opportunities.
- \* And go on like this... 😊



Thank you  
For your attention

