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Encouraging citizen science for marine biodiversity of the Black Sea

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Black Sea Watch – Press Conference

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- **The Turkish Marine Research Foundation** was established in 1997 for the aim of conducting researches on marine sciences, protecting marine lives, educating public on marine environment and rising awareness on its importance in our life.
- More than 50 books as well as a scientific journal “**Journal on the Mediterranean/Black Sea Environment**” three times a year.
- **TUDAV** has conducted several researches and projects by the support of international institutions like UNEP–UNDP and European Union, as well as by the support of private sectors.
- **TUDAV** has also become an observer for Black Sea Environment Program (BSEP), Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), ACCOBAMS, MedPAN, and ICCAT.
- Workshops on current problems like pollution, marine biodiversity, sustainable fishery, marine protected areas and alien species.



Activities during the project (Turkey)

- Press Conference
- Kid Education Program
- Dissemination Visits
- International Conference in Belgium
- Winter School (Şile)
- Teacher – Student Education Event





Press Conference in Istanbul

- First press conference of the Black Sea Watch project held in Istanbul (19 August 2016) with 15 journalists.





Kid Education Program in Limanköy

- An education program was organized in Limanköy-Kırklareli to inform about the biodiversity of the Black Sea and the recent threats.
- They also send their first submissions.





Dissemination Visits



- Dissemination visits were made on the Turkish coast of the Black Sea.





International Conference in Belgium



- 2nd International Marine Science Communication Conference held in 06-07 December 2016 in Brugge (Belgium).
- Black Sea Watch project was presented there as a poster.





Winter School





- Winter School was held on 17 – 18 December 2017. 20 university students (also grad students) participated this event.
- Biology, Geology, and Chemical properties of the Black Sea
- Web site and the smart phone application
- 2 workshops
- Visit to the sea side and practice on sharing submissions

Winter School (Şile)





Teacher – Student Education Event (8 – 9 February 2016)

- 2 different schools (Primary School and HighSchool)
- A total of 100 students and 25 teachers are expected
- Briefing about the Black Sea biodiversity
- Introducing the Black Sea Watch App



Thank You