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**Complaint on stand-by:**

**Sport and recreation facilities  
in Çıralı key turtle nesting beach  
(Turkey)**

**REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT**

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**GOVERNMENT REPORT**  
**ON COMPLAINT NO. 2012/5 - SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN ÇIRALI KEY TURTLE**  
**NESTING BEACH (TURKEY)**

Çıralı beach, being among the most important breeding sites of Sea Turtles in Turkey, is a 3,2 km beach located near Ulupınar Village of Kemer District of Antalya. This site is protected under the “Circular on Conservation of Marine Turtles” published by the former Ministry of Environment and Forestry in 2009. The area between shore edge line and the sea, which is suitable for nesting of sea turtles, is managed by the local National Parks Directorate of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs according to the National Parks Law. The width of the beach changes from 80 m, where the Olympus river discharges into Mediterranean, to 260 m in Cape Deşmece . The beach is also used for tourism activities.

In the above mentioned Circular, coded 2009/10, the provisions of protection and usage balance are determined for the nesting sites and four zones from sea to the land are identified. These are 1st degree protection zone, 2nd degree protection zone, buffer zone and impact zone. Within the scope of research, monitoring and protection of the nesting beaches of sea turtles, Çıralı beach has been monitored since 2007. All the nesting sites within the beach is monitored in terms of number of nests and number of eggs and activities that could have negative impacts on nesting success of sea turtles are prohibited. Recently, the Regional Directorate of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs and SS. Ulupınar Çevre Koruma Geliştirme ve İşletme Kooperatifi (a local NGO about nature protection which brought the case to the court) signed an agreement about monitoring the beach.

The nesting site which is the subject of the Complaint No 2012/5 is under the management of Antalya Forestry Operations Directory and it is inside the 1st degree protection zone according to the Circular coded 2009/10. It had been assigned by the Forestry Operations Directorate to a Forestry Sports Club, but the execution was taken to the court. The General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks gave its opinion to the court as “since this area is closed to construction in the Reconstruction Plan for Protection, assigning this area could have negative effects on the protection of sea turtles and it is inadmissible. The court cancelled the assignment of the area to the sports club.

Currently, the site is still a protected area under the control of governmental institutions and there is no sports or other facility in the site.