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THREAT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN MONK SEAL
(*MONACHUS MONACHUS*)
IN TURKEY

REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT

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GOVERNMENT REPORT ON**“Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean Monk Seal (*Monachus monachus*)”**

As it was raised by Middle East Technical University (METU) in the complaint form, there was a “re-construction of a marine terminal and construction of a road Project” in Yeşilovacık. The missing point in that complaint was that: all **EIA procedures** for the Project were held, the **EIA report** was finalized and an “**ecosystem evaluation report**” was conducted by three Professors from Ankara University.

In addition, after the meeting of sub-committee on Monk Seals were held within the Ministry in 27 September 2012, two members (METU and SAD-AFAG) decided to take this issue to the Turkish Courts.

Underlining that, as this file is also under consideration of a Turkish National Court, it will not be possible to make any further comments on this issue as soon as the court reaches a final decision.

So, The Turkish Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs will be monitoring all progress and send all relevant information to the Secreteriat as soon as the Turkish Justice Authorities reaches a final decision.