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Complaints on stand-by

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

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

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**REPORT ABOUT COMPLAINT NO: 2012/5 : SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN ÇIRALI
KEY TURTLE NESTING SITE**

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As it was reported last year, the part of the nesting site on Çıralı beach, 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. The Circular regulates the conservation activities for marine turtles. This site 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. The case is in the supreme court and there is no decision yet.

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