

Coastal Management and Tourism in Turkey: Cirali and Belek, Antalya

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Abstract

The principle objective of the Coastal Management and Tourism in Turkey Project is to secure sustainable development and the conservation of biodiversity and natural resources in selected coastal areas of Turkey.

Two coastal sites in Antalya, southern Turkey, with different experiences of tourism - large scale and small scale, have been selected. A process towards inter-sectoral ICZM, under WWF-DHKD initiative and with World Bank funding, was started at one of the sites in 1995 for the first time in Turkey. This unique development must be supported to ensure the continuation of the process. Successful pilot examples may constitute attractive models for other cases in Turkey and, indeed, elsewhere in the Mediterranean.

The expected results are: participatory formulation and the officialization of ICZM plans at both sites, establishment of inter-institutional coordination bodies with local participation, improved capacity of local communities for sustainable development, conservation of biodiversity, establishment of monitoring systems, and the enforcement of national and international legal commitments for the protection of the coast. The Turkish Government will also benefit from model planning experiences providing solutions widely applicable to other similar areas.

DHKD prepared a proposal to the European Union Life Programme, EU-DG XI / LIFE-Third Countries with the support of the Turkish Ministries of the Environment, Culture and Tourism and it was approved and financed at the end of 1996. The project covers the period between 1997-2000.

With participation and support by communities and authorities at the local, regional, and federal level, the project purpose is to implement ICZM plans in two model areas along the Turkish Mediterranean coast with different tourism development experiences; and to promote improved enforcement at the federal level of national and international legal commitments vis-à-vis protection for the Turkish coast. There are three specific objectives to achieve the project purpose: To implement and monitor a Management Plan at a large-scale tourist development area (Belek). To promote environmentally and socially sound development through integrated planning, traditional and alternative economic activities and nature protection in a small-scale tourist destination (Cirali). To disseminate results from Belek and Cirali in order to promote legal enforcement and regulatory development at the national level. Cirali Physical Plan: The Cirali Physical

Plan is an integral part of the Cirali Coastal Management Plan. An agreement was constituted on priority of the Cirali Physical Plan and principally the support provides by these ministries who are the authorities for the approval and implementation of the plan. Belek Management Plan (BMP): BMP was revised with the relevant parties, completed and printed in English. A brochure that gives the summary, objectives and proposals produced by BMP was published in Turkish in October 1997.