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to Save the Sea Turtles

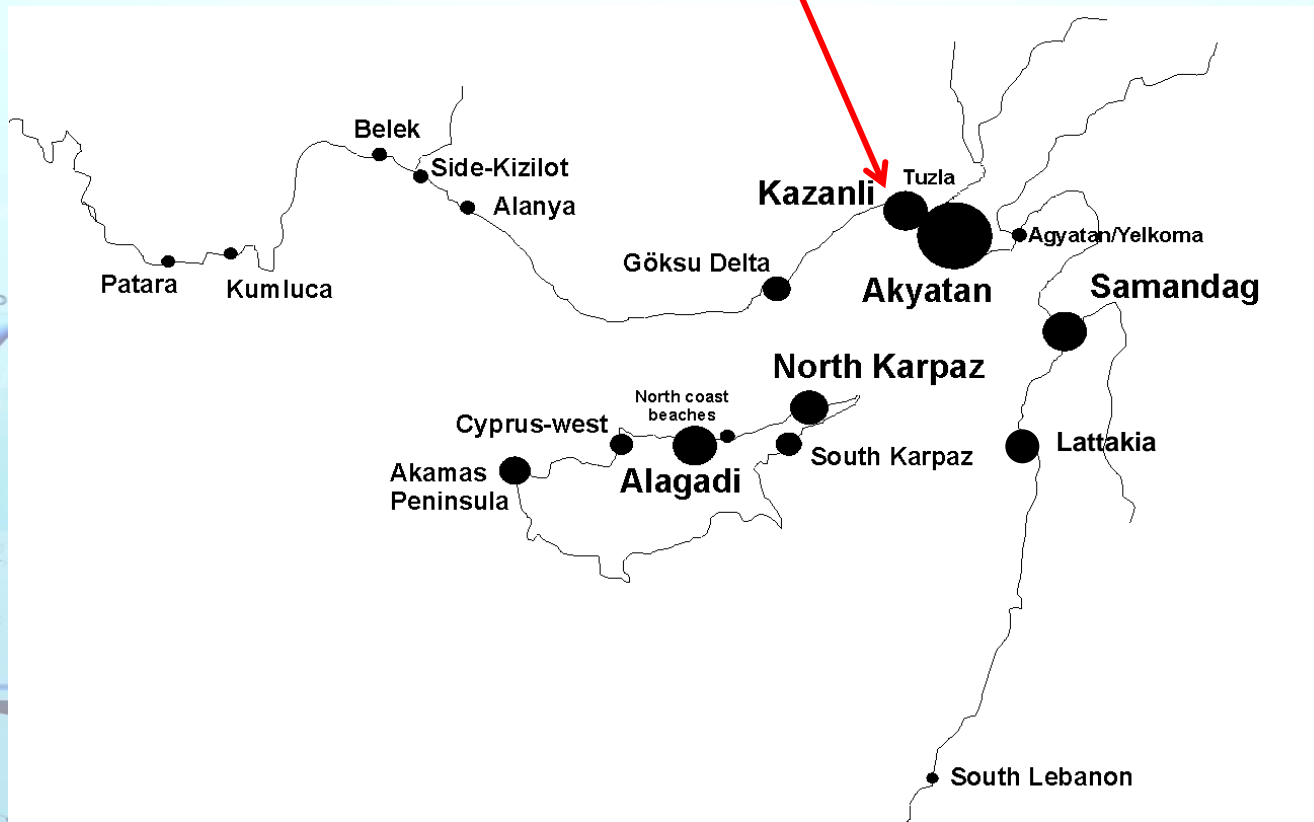
Agenda Item 5.5:

Follow-up of Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı (Turkey)

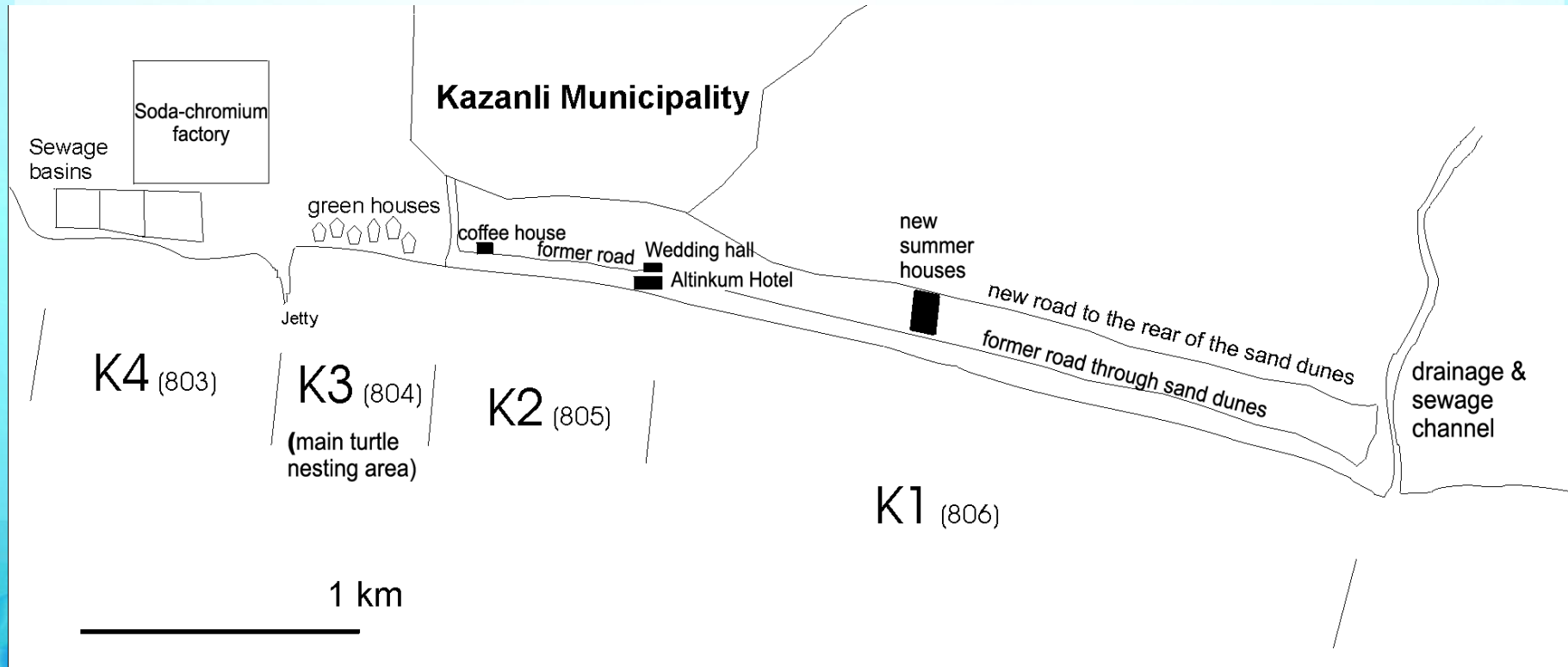
**35th Meeting of the Standing Committee
Bern Convention**

Wednesday 2 December 2015

Main green turtle nesting beaches in the Mediterranean & Location of Kazanli



Map of Kazanli green turtle nesting beach



THREATS

- ✓ Erosion
- ✓ Toxic waste pollution
- ✓ Litter, sewage & agriculture runoff
- ✓ Light pollution
- ✓ Greenhouses & buildings
- ✓ Sand extraction
- ✓ Coastal fishing
- ✓ Low public awareness



Kazanli nesting beach:

**Erosion
is a severe threat that
undermines conservation
efforts**



Kazanli Soda Chrome Factory

**Nesting green turtles encrusted
in calcium carbonate compounds
due to the factory's discharges
into the sea**



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Recommendation No. 95 (2002)

2002-2015: PROGRESS TOO SLOW

■ 2009 Report by Government:

- 7 measures implemented, 3 partly, 4 not implemented.
- 1.5 m tons toxic waste removal delayed. Neutralisation plant established. EIA for landfill site in progress. Completion in 9-10 years (2019).

■ 2010, 2012-2013 Turkish Delegate orally informed that:

- 200,000 tons of waste neutralised
- by-product kept in factory until landfill site established

■ 2015 Report by Government:

- **6 Measures implemented:** awareness, nest monitoring, chemical analysis of discharges at sea, etc
- **2 Measures partially implemented or info unclear:** beach cleanups & light screening
- **6 Measures not implemented, in planning stage or in progress:**
 - **Some buildings & greenhouses remain on beach.**
 - **Erosion:** Implement planned study, take action with no further delay
 - **Toxic waste: 46.593 tons of waste moved to landfill**
 - ASAP transfer 200.000 tons to landfill
 - Greater effort needed: 2022 is too slow, 3 yr delay
 - Geomembrane cover: enough to prevent spill in case of natural disaster in the meantime ?

MEDASSET URGES:

TURKISH AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE FULL PROGRESS REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE TO KEEP REC. NO. 95 ON THE AGENDA FOR FOLLOW UP



Green turtle *Chelonia mydas*

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