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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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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 Ministerial Decree 2009/10 “Protection of Marine Turtles” published by the former Ministry of Environment and Forestry in 2009 and is one of the 21 important nesting sites.

In the Ministerial Decree, 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.

In March 2017, The National Committee about Marine Turtles has held its ordinary annual meeting in Muğla Province. In that meeting, the representatives of SS. Ulupınar Çevre Koruma Geliştirme ve İşletme Kooperatifi (a local NGO about nature protection which is the complainant) gave the information that they had withdrawn their case from the court.

There is no established sports facility nor there is a plan about constructing it at the moment. Recently, the Regional Directorate of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs and the complainant, SS. Ulupınar Çevre Koruma Geliştirme ve İşletme Kooperatifi (a local NGO about nature protection) signed an agreement about monitoring the beach.

Representatives of Ulupınar Kooperatif also informed the authorities that as their contact information has changed, they don't receive any messages from the Bern Convention secretariat. Their new contact information is given below;

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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.