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**SUBJECT: Sea turtle nesting beach conservation in Turkey**

Dear Ministers,

**I am writing to express my extreme concern about the conservation status of three sea turtle nesting beaches in Turkey.** As you may be aware, MEDASSET has worked with Turkish authorities, researchers, universities and environmental organisations to improve sea turtle habitat conservation in Turkey since 1988.

I wish to draw your attention to three sea turtle habitats that are in urgent need of management in order to halt habitat destruction. In Patara SEPA, construction of numerous villas inside the protected area is threatening the archaeological site, the natural site and the *Caretta caretta* nesting beach. In Kazanlı, the *Chelonia mydas* nesting beach continues to be threatened by erosion and by the 1.5 million tonnes of hazardous toxic waste next to the beach, which has not yet been neutralised and removed by the Kazanlı soda-chromium factory. In Fethiye SEPA, the lack of management of tourism activities and developments on the protected *Caretta caretta* nesting beaches has resulted in severe decline of nesting levels and habitat damage. In addition, authorities are promoting the construction of a shipyard on one of the SEPA's nesting beaches (Akgöl /Karaot), although such a development is clearly inappropriate and incompatible with the protected status of the area.

As you may be aware, the conservation problems in Fethiye, Patara and Kazanlı have been discussed repeatedly at the Bern Convention Standing Committee Meetings, to which Turkey is a signatory state. **The 33<sup>rd</sup> Standing Committee of the Bern Convention in December 2013 decided to monitor these problems and offer assistance to Turkey to achieve improved protection of the sites**, by opening a case-file for Fethiye and Patara SEPAs and by following-up in December 2014 on progress to resolve conservation problems in Kazanlı.

Attached to this letter is a full list of our reports and correspondence, which describe in detail the identified problems and solutions for improved conservation in Kazanlı, Patara SEPA and Fethiye SEPA. In summary, **MEDASSET calls upon the Ministry of Environment & Urban Planning and the Ministry of Water Affairs & Forestry to:**

*For Fethiye SEPA*

- Implement, **before May 2014** (the start of the sea turtle nesting season), a comprehensive action plan that will strengthen management and ensure adequate protection of the SEPA and especially of the nesting beaches. Consider the list of recommended actions in MEDASSET's reports.
- Produce a SEPA management plan for the land and marine areas that will include a clear description of permitted uses and activities.

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- Allocate the necessary financial and human resources that will ensure enforcement of regulations and measures by authorities. With the support of the government, scientific teams attempt to protect nests from increasing disturbances and raise awareness among beach users each summer; these efforts cannot be fruitful in the absence of effective SPA management by local and national authorities that will deal with the uncontrolled expansion of economic activities and subsequent habitat destruction.
- Reject plans for the construction of a shipyard, drydock or marina, near or on the nesting beaches. Provide the official position of the Ministry on this matter.

*For Patara SEPA*

- Provide the official position regarding the villa construction project and address the concerns raised in MEDASSET's complaint regarding the associated impacts, lack of an EIA and carrying capacity study.
- Re-evaluate the scale of the villa construction project.
- Revise the SEPA management plan to sufficiently manage the increased number of visitors and implement, **before May 2014**, a comprehensive and updated action plan that will strengthen management and ensure adequate protection of the natural and archeological site.
- Allocate the necessary financial and human resources that will ensure enforcement of regulations and measures in the SEPA.

*For Kazanlı:*

- Remove illegal beachside buildings and greenhouses from the nesting beach.
- Provide an update on action taken to deal with the beach erosion problem.
- Provide an update on the progress of the removal of the toxic waste from the nesting beach. At the Bern Convention Standing Committee Meeting in December 2013 the Delegate of Turkey provided the same information as that conveyed in the 2010 Meeting, that only 200,000 tonnes of toxic waste have been treated and that the final disposal site is still sought, which indicates that there has been **no progress**.

**There are several examples of successful sea turtle habitat management in Turkey, however in these three sites there has been very little or no progress to date, with evident impacts on these priority habitats and species. Your leadership and commitment is needed as a matter of urgency to ensure that concrete action is taken to safeguard the well known ecological value of Fethiye, Patara and Kazanlı.**

MEDASSET remains at the disposal of your government to assist in the improvement of the conservation status of these important sea turtle nesting sites. We cannot stress enough the significance of protecting these habitats for the future viability of sea turtle populations in the Mediterranean.

Thank you for taking the time to address our concerns and recommendations. We look forward to receiving your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,



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President

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*Attachments: List of Recipients. List of reports and correspondence. Files 'PataraBinder.pdf' and 'FethiyeBinder.pdf'*

**LIST OF RECIPIENTS****TURKEY****Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation**

DG Environmental Impact Assessment  
DG Protection of Natural Assets  
DG Environmental Management  
Marine and Coastal Management Department  
Foreign Affairs Department  
Muğla Provincial Directorate  
Antalya Provincial Directorate  
Mersin Provincial Directorate  
Project Office, Strengthening the System of MPAs

**Ministry of Water Affairs and Forestry**

DG Nature Conservation and National Parks  
Monitoring and Evaluation Unit  
Survey and Inventory Division  
Wildlife Protection Department  
Nature Conservation Department  
Muğla Provincial Directorate  
Antalya Provincial Directorate  
Mersin Provincial Directorate

**Ministry of Culture and Tourism**

Antalya Provincial Directorate  
Muğla Provincial Directorate

**Ministry of Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Communications**

DG Infrastructure Investment  
DG Shipyards and Coastal Structures

**Grand National Assembly of Turkey**

Muğla Deputies  
Antalya Deputies  
Mersin Deputies

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Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat  
Council of Europe, Bern Convention Secretariat  
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Delegation of the European Commission in Turkey  
DG Enlargement & European Neighbourhood Policy  
DG Environment  
European Environment Agency  
European Parliament, EU-Turkey Joint Committee  
UNDP Turkey  
UNDP Resident Representative in Turkey  
UNEP/MAP  
Compliance Committee  
MEDPOL  
Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas  
UNESCO  
Permanent Delegation of Turkey  
Turkish National Commission  
World Heritage Centre  
Europa Nostra  
GEF - Global Environment Facility  
IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation  
Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory  
MEDPAN - Network of marine protected area managers in  
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MIO-ECSDE  
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WWF MedPO

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