

### Additional information

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#### Ecosystem services:

##### Social and cultural values:

Main use of the land in the site is agriculture. Ratio of irrigated agriculture is very high in the region. Livestock production and grazing are other benefits of the wetland. Yumurtalik Lagoons are very important for fishing since the environment is very suitable for fishing. Present fishery activities can be grouped under four categories: fishgirth fishery (According to the seasons, fishes come to the lagoon to grow up, then when they grown up, start to go the sea; and they are caught at the gates.), shore fishery, troll fishery and culture fishery. In addition, recreation properties of the site are very important, since it's close to Adana with its long and not crowded coastal line.

##### Current scientific research and facilities:

One of the current and detailed research on the whole Çukurova Delta including Yumurtalik Lagoons is "Çukurova Deltası Biyosfer Rezervi Yönetim Planı – Çukurova Delta Biosphere Reserve Management Plan-" which was prepared by Türker ALTAN, Mustafa ARTAR, Meryem ATİK, Gülay ÇETİNKAYA as collaboration of Çukurova University and Life 3<sup>rd</sup> Countries Programme.

Current communications, education and public awareness (CEPA) activities related to or benefiting the site:

- Training of trainers and the experts about the Yumurtalik Lagoons with the collaboration of ministry, university, and NGO's are held on.
- Some information books and booklets about the whole delta (Çukurova Delta) are published.
- Trainings for schools and local people about the area, environment, agriculture and eco-tourism are held on.
- Field trips are organized

##### Current recreation and tourism:

Since the delta is close to Adana city and has a long coast with natural beauties, the area is attractive for tourism. Main tourism activity is seasonal (especially summer) and there are many summer houses of the local people close to the site. Also fishing is one of the important activities at the site.