TURKISH FORESTER ASSOCIATION

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ABOUT US

Turkish Foresters’ Association (TOD), was founded on 26 December 1924, one year after announcement of Turkish Republic, formerly named “Association of Forestry High School Graduates” in Istanbul.

Its name has been changed as TURKISH FORESTERS’ ASSOCIATION on 21.06.1930.

Turkish Foresters Association was taken place as commonwealth association by government in 1951.
PERSISTENT ACTIVITES

• Association headquarters has been moved to Ankara Kızılay region in 1949.
Turkish Foresters’ Association is the oldest association on forestry in Turkey and gather all technicians on forestry under the same roof. By its activities constitute Turkish Forestry History and always has influence in the public.
PERSISTENT ACTIVITIES

• The first publication was “Soil Magazine-Toprak Dergisi” in 1925 in arabic alphabet before the alphabet revolution in young Turkish Republic.

• Forest And Hunting -Orman ve Av” Magazine is the regular publication from 1928 for 82 years and regularly 6 publishings per year.
We recently are on the way of being an International Refereed Journal very soon. And including not only Forestry and Hunting but also Forest Products.
PERSISTENT ACTIVITIES

- In the hard days of 1950’s Turkish Foresters’ Association was the main activist against the wrong regulations on Forest Policy by government. And Green Book had aware and effect the Public Opinion widely and strongly.
**PERSISTENT ACTIVITIES**

- Turkish Foresters’ Association was being the founder of The Union of Turkish Engineers' and Architects' Chambers (TMMOB) in 1954 which has a forestry engineer as the first and constitutive chairman. TMMOB is recently the official Union of 23 Chambers of Engineers’ And Architects’ with 360,000 members in total.

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PERSISTENT ACTIVITIES

• In 1957 General Assembly decided for “Atatürk Forest” in Ankara where was not a green city. And Turkish Foresters’ Association established main woods of Ankara recently in the campus of Middle East Technical University (ODTU).
PERSISTENT ACTIVITIES

• Government allocated a 20 hectares forest property to Turkish Foresters’ Association and we take care of the place for many years. But in 2002 we could not stay under pressure of hotel owners and only let one hotel construction after a long term of courts. And 3 times a year we seriously survey on the area and do not let them for new construction.
We have 30 branches in different regions of Turkey and also in each university academic representative members.
We are member of Mediterranean International Association for Mediterranean Forests (AIFM) where we are represented as Member of Board by one of our members.
We have 3 student representatives in each of 9 Forestry Faculties in Turkey. And also organise a student conference once in each 3 years.
Eco-Tourism Group was established in 2000 and also a member of The International Ecotourism Society based in USA.
RECENT SITUATION IN TURKISH FORESTRY

• Turkish Forest Property is 21,1 millions hectares and its nearly 27,2 % of Turkey acreage. All is governmental property in Turkey.

• During the government of Democratic Part, by the beginning of Multiparty System in Turkey, half of the 370.000 hectares (3.700.000 m²) were definitely extracted from forests and the rest half were finished down and ready to be actual extraction. But our association succeeded to stop this illegal movements and earn this area as woods of Turkey and save the forests according to the constitution.

• By a new law, known as 2/B LAW, which was rejected 6 times by Constitutional Court, Turkish Government try to change the Constitution recently and sell Forest Property to whom occupy these regions illegally before each local elections. Property under this law is totally 474.000 hectares. And the worst publicity by government is IMPOSSIBLE REFORESTATION anymore in these regions.

• This situation is unlogical. Because international literature indicate that deforestation can only be by flood of sea, volcanic eruptions, landsliding or blighting.
By the regulations in Mining Law it was very easy to get permission on forest property and let companies to do all in the area. We and some other NGO litigate to Constitutional Court and stop the new regulations. Now its pending and government must regulate it or keep it as ex-law. We had a seminar on this April try to warn public widely.
“To live! like a tree alone and freely
and like a forest in brotherhood…”
Nazim Hikmet RAN

Thanks for listening...

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