



## 05/2014 – 11/2014 Period Activities Report

Dear Members,

In 2014, after our 7<sup>th</sup>.Genel Assembly in May, our activities focussed on organizing the volunteers schedule for successful promotion work in the "Hut", getting more people involved in our work by making them friends or supporters of the foundation, to follow up the court case opened against the planned project for a building at the beach by DEKAMER, assisting Thomas Cook Travel Agency in their effort to only use propeller guarded boats for their trips, survey the installation of guards and provide the boats with hallmarks and provide best information possible for all our visitors.

In short:

May:

- \* Foundation started keeping the centre open regularly.
- \* Roman & Judy Mury from Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) visited Captain June in her home and offered to promote June's books through an auction on Facebook, revenues will be forwarded to our foundation.
- \* Our seventh General Assembly was held. Audit and activity reports were discussed and approved. No changes in the distribution of tasks were made.
- \* On May 30 an expert examination took place at Iztuzu Beach to create a report for the court case opened for the cancellation of the building project. Members of the foundation and "IKUP" Platform followed the investigations.
- \* Thomas Cook has prepared a brochure introducing our Foundation and presented it to our board of directors for approval or corrections. Distribution of brochures to their customers started.
- \* Diana Travel and Thomas Cook cooperated in making a deal with Dalyan Boat Cooperative to work only with boats provided with propeller guards. 10 propeller guards were fitted by our Foundation.

June:

- \* The traditional volunteers meeting was held at Captain June's house and the work program has been updated. Judy & Edith Neal, who joined our group were introduced to our volunteer group.
- \* A master student of Mugla University held a meeting with our President, being one of the first women involved as an environmental activist in Turkey.
- \* David Bellamy spent one week in Dalyan. An open day in our Iztuzu Cottage with a breakfast for our supporters was organized during this time.

\* As at other beaches in Muğla, the operation of Iztuzu beach was transferred to a private company without notice to the municipality. IKUP platform launched a signature campaign to stop the execution. A court case for this matter was opened by Ortaca Municipality. In order to prevent the transfer of Iztuzu Beach on several days a human chain was formed and the transfer did not take place. June 23rd the administrative court of Mugla decided to halt the execution in order to give the opposite side time for defence.

\* The Lykian Cultural Centre in Ortaca organized a painting competition 'Caretta Caretta and I'. Children of preschool, elementary and secondary schools were competing in 3 categories. Our chairperson was invited as member of the jury. On June 8, the award ceremony was held at the Hilton Hotel and awards prepared by the Foundation were given to the winners by Captain June.

\* Marmaris Orhaniye Secondary School students prepared information booklets and kitchen magnets in the framework of their project "SOS" (Save our Species) related to Sea Turtles. During their visit on June 12 in the foundations hut they gave their products as a gift to our foundation. They were given colouring books and bags as gifts.

July:

\* President June Haimoff's new book 'Captain June Makes Waves' was published.

\* Steven Gallinger of German Mare TV ' met with our President regarding a documentary they plan to do in Turkey. They will begin filming in September and received permission for this documentary for the parts involving June.

\* On July 12, 15 Fethiye Helen Doron Elementary School students and teachers accompanied by Deniz Can had visited our foundation Cottage, they received colouring books as gifts. As they wanted to shop with money they had saved specifically for this visit items were sold to them at our own cost price.

\* The results of the measurements performed by Turkish Lloyd concerning the propeller guards reached us in March. As a result of scientific tests performed it was decided that a greater number of tests must be performed with more boats.

\* The court case relating to amendments of our constitution had another hearing, the judge decided to get more information and gave the date for another hearing in October.

August:

\* A volunteers meeting was held to discuss problems and recommendations that had turned up in the season.

\* Volunteer Barbara joined and was introduced to the group. Valuable ideas on creating new resources were discussed.

\* Installing of propeller guards was continued. This season the number of boats having guarded propellers reached 40.

\* Aydin Huseyin Celik together with 3 officers from Regional Directorate of Foundations visited the Foundation during their visit to the region. June invited them to her house.

September:

\* Volunteer Barbara paid a visit to the Rotary Club's Fethiye Branch and introduced our foundation. In the meeting the Foundation's specific needs were discussed, possibly some activities may be sponsored.

\* Steven Gallinger from German Mare TV , who had met with our president in June started the shooting of the documentary in September Dalyan and Iztuzu. The documentary was launched in October.

\* Journalist Florian Merkel, who is evaluating a travel book with the title " Mair Du Mont", had a meeting with our president in April. Shots required for this publication were carried out in September.

\* Liz Boulter from The Guardian met Captain June to prepare a publication titled 'Turtle Beach'. In the article the story of Iztuzu today and in the past is told.

October:

\* On October 11 a volunteers meeting was held at the home of Captain June in Kişla village. Susan Taylor's added excitement to the party with a cake that was prepared in the form of turtles. All volunteers were thanked for the interest they have shown in the foundation.

\* Last charter amendment hearing took place on 21 October. The judge approved the demanded change of the constitution. General Assemblies from now on will take place only once a year in November.

\* The foundation's centre was prepared for winter, connections of the solar energy system and batteries were removed and stored in June's house. In the end of the season stocks were counted and registered.

\* Preparations began for the General Assembly to be held in November, the day and time of the general meeting was determined, invitations posted to our members.

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Dalyan, on behalf of the Board of Directors 11/10/2014

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