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MURAT RIVER WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROJECT (2013 - 2019)

BİNGÖL / ELAZIĞ / MUŞ







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THE PROJECT HAS A PARTICIPATORY APPROACH TO ENSURE THE INVOLVEMENT OF CONCERNED GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

The preparations for the Murat River Watershed Rehabilitation Project were launched in 2010, and the project implementation initiated upon the signing of a contract of loan on 15 February 2013 between the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Republic of Turkey. Project implementation spans from 2013-2019.

Murat River Watershed Rehabilitation Project: The project activities include natural resource rehabilitation, rural poverty reduction and monitoring activities with a view to relieve the stress on natural resources by alleviating the poverty of local communities inhabiting the upper catchments of 25 microcatchments around Bingöl, Elazığ and Muş provinces.

The project assumes a participatory approach to ensure the involvement of concerned government institutions and local communities to facilitate sustainable natural resource management.

It is ensured that all sections and concerned groups of society who bear responsibilities regarding natural resource management or who are affected by the mentioned management are involved in every phase of management including decision-making, planning, implementation, monitoring, assessment and inspection.

PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS;

o MAIN STAKEHOLDERS

- General Directorate of Forestry
- General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion
- United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

- Local Communities and Civil Society Organisations
- Municipalities and Provincial Private Administrations
- General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works
- Eastern Anatolia Project (DAP) Regional Development Administration
- Provincial Directorates of Food, Agriculture and Livestock







PROJECT TARGETS

The project will achieve;

- o Soil erosion, overflow and flood damage reduction;
- o Conservation and improvement of forest, agriculture, rangeland and water resources;
- o Stress relief on conservation (marginal) lands;
- o Improvement of land productivity;
- o Production diversity in agriculture;
- o Adoption and up-scaling of environmentally friendly agricultural practices;
- o Increased organic carbon stocks in soils;
- o Agricultural pollution reduction;
- o Improved living conditions and prosperity for local communities within the project site;
- o Employment opportunities and mitigation of migrations;
- o Enhanced institutional capacity.























PROJECT ACTIVITIES

o NATURAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENTS

- Afforestation;
- Soil conservation and erosion control;
- Rehabilitation of degraded coppice forests;
- Rehabilitation of rangeland and grazing lands.

o INCOME GENERATING INVESTMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS

- Improving wheat and barley yield;
- Improving livestock production;
 - Increasing forage crop production under irrigated and rainfed conditions,
 - Improving livestock shelters.
- Improving horticulturel production;
 - Orchard establishment,
 - Improving vegetable production in fields,
 - Improving vegatable production under plastic tunnels.
- Developing small scale irrigation;
 - Water storage ponds,
 - Rehabilitation of earth canals,
 - Drip irrigation systems within fields,
 - Village fountains.

Promoting and up-scaling of energy saving technologies;

- Solar panels for hot water,
- House insulations (building insulation),
- Energy saving stoves,
- Stone bread ovens for public use.
- Improvement of apiculture.

o EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES

With a view to protect natural resources and to enhance income levels of local communities, numerous educational and awareness raising activities are carried out regarding protection, use and improvement of natural resources; agricultural productivity improvement; livestock and horticulturel production improvement; promotion of environmentally friendly practices; organic farming; contracted sapling production; and product marketing.

o STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

The project helps to build institutional capacity and to facilitate co-operations between institutions through the experiences gained on project making methods, project approach, logical framework, monitoring and evaluation, and opportunity assessment for non-wood products.



EXPECTED PROJECT OUTCOMES, RESULTS AND IMPACTS

- o 30% increase in vegetative cover in treated micro-catchments, three years after project completion;
- o Improvements in living conditions (nutrition, income, work load) of 80% of families participating in the project;
- o 10% reduction in government expenditures on rehabilitation of public works damaged due to floods and landslides;
- o Involvement of women and children in project planning and implementation activities;
- o 20% reduction in erosion levels within microcatchments included in the project site;
- o 30% increase in vegetation cover and 15% increase in capacity of rangelands;
- o Access to drinking water facilities to 75% of animals on pastures as access to clean and sufficient water is ensured;
- o 30% reduction in annual fuelwood consumption per household;
- o 25% increase in number of households using renewable energy technologies;
- o 20% productivity increase per livestock;
- o 10% increase in rainfed crop production and yields;
- o 30% increase in overall value for irrigated crop;
- o 20% increase in the number of households who have access to irrigation water.





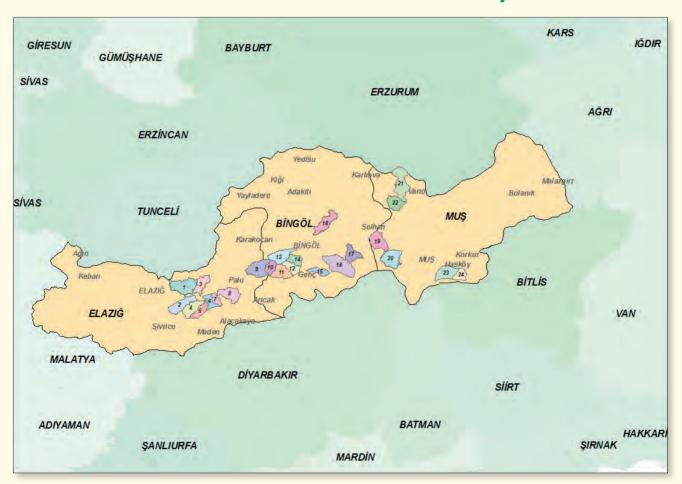






PLANNING WORKS FOR 24 MICROCATCHMENTS IN BİNGÖL, ELAZIĞ AND MUŞ WERE COMPLETED.

Murat River Watershed Rehabilitation Project





| | Planning Works Completed for Microcatchments | Province | District | Amount | Planning Area (Hectare) |
|----|--|------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Erdemli | Central District | | | |
| 2 | Yamaç | | Central District | | |
| 3 | Çapakçur | | Central District | | |
| 4 | Yeşilköy | Bingöl | Central District | 8 | 88,232 |
| 5 | Lediz Mh. | Billgoi | Genç | | 88,232 |
| 6 | Vahkin-Çanakçı | | Genç | | |
| 7 | Solhan Arduşen | | Solhan | | |
| 8 | Göynükçayı | | Central District | | |
| 9 | Yeşildere | | Kovancılar | | |
| 10 | Mastar Dağı | | Central District | | 85,641 |
| 11 | Kovancılar | | Kovancılar | | |
| 12 | Büyükçay | | Central-Palu-Maden | 10 | |
| 13 | Kuşkane | Elazığ | Central-Palu-Maden | | |
| 14 | Büyükdere | Liazig | Palu | | |
| 15 | Sipini | | Palu | | |
| 16 | Hamzabey | | Palu | | |
| 17 | Gökdere | | Palu | | |
| 18 | Akbulut | | Palu | | |
| 19 | Yaygın | | Central District | | |
| 20 | Kızılağaç | | Varto | | |
| 21 | Koşkar | Muş | Varto | 6 | 66,337 |
| 22 | Alistan | iviuş | Varto | | 00,337 |
| 23 | Değirmendere | | Hasköy | | |
| 24 | Karakütük | | Hasköy | | |
| | | | | 24 | 240,210 |









PROJECT BUDGET AND EXPENSES AS OF THE END OF 2016

| | LOAN | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------|----|------------|--|--|
| FUNDING SOURCE | Received Expense Amo for 2013-201 | | | | | |
| | USD | USD | % | TL | | |
| International Fund for Agricultural Development | 27,791,100 | 13,568,662 | 49 | 38,546,000 | | |
| State Budget (Including Taxes) | 7,453,100 | 2,583,735 | 34 | 7,366,000 | | |
| Beneficiary Contribution | 2,968,700 | 1,340,469 | 45 | 3,815,000 | | |
| TOTAL | 38,212,900 | 17,492,866 | | 49,727,000 | | |

| | GRANT | | | | | |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|----|---------|--|--|
| FUNDING SOURCE | Received | Received Expense Amoun for 2013-2016 | | | | |
| | USD | USD | % | TL | | |
| International Fund for Agricultural Development | 430,000 | 73,230 | 17 | 178,776 | | |
| TOTAL | 430,000 | 73,230 | | 178,776 | | |

| ANNUAL EXPENSES | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| YEAR | BUDGET (TL) | EXPENSE AMOUNT (TL) | PERCENTAGE (%) | | | | | | |
| 2013 | 6,148,000 | 1,664,000 | % 27 | | | | | | |
| 2014 | 15,264,000 | 7,313,000 | % 48 | | | | | | |
| 2015 | 22,440,000 | 12,742,000 | % 57 | | | | | | |
| 2016 | 29,474,000 | 28,008,000 | % 95 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 73,326,000 | 49,727,000 | | | | | | | |

The 2017 budget is 30,680,000 TL.







| EXPENSES ON INVESTMENTS | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---|---------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| YEAR | Natural Resource Improvement Investments (TL) | Living Conditions Improvement Investments (TL) | Other (TL) | Total (TL) | | | | |
| 2013 | 1,184,000 | 0 | 480,000 | 1,664,000 | | | | |
| 2014 | 1,768,000 | 3,098,000 | 2,447,000 | 7,713,000 | | | | |
| 2015 | 5,016,000 | 5,219,000 | 2,507,000 | 12,742,000 | | | | |
| 2016 | 11,167,000 | 13,617,000 | 3,224,000 | 28,008,000 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 19,135,000 | 21,934,000 | 8,658,000 | 49,727,000 | | | | |
| % | 39 | 45 | 16 | | | | | |

| EXPENSES PER PROVINCE | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| PROVINCE | PROVINCE Natural Resource Improvement Investments (TL) | | Other (TL) | Total (TL) | PERCENTAGE (%) | | | | |
| BİNGÖL | 6,846,000 | 5,527,000 | 2,552,000 | 14,925,000 | 30 | | | | |
| ELAZIĞ | 6,622,000 | 11,622,000 | 2,732,000 | 20,976,000 | 43 | | | | |
| MUŞ | 5,667,000 | 4,785,000 | 1,626,000 | 12,078,000 | 25 | | | | |
| ANKARA | 0 | 0 | 1,748,000 | 1,748,000 | 2 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 19,135,000 | 21,934,000 | 8,658,000 | 49,727,000 | | | | | |









INVESTMENTS BETWEEN 2013-2016

Natural Resource Improvement Investments

By the end of 2016,
within the 15 microcatchments
where project implementation was
initiated; afforestation, erosion control,
rehabilitation and rangeland improvement
works were completed on 14,729 hectares,
and approximately 11 million saplings
were planted.













| NATURAL RESOURCE IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENTS | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----|
| Activities | | 7-Year | REALISATIONS (Hectares) | | | | | |
| | Unit | Programme (2013-2019) | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | Toplam | (%) |
| Afforestation | Hectares | 3,000 | 200 | 297 | 1,020 | 1,059 | 2,576 | 86 |
| Erosion Control | Hectares | 9,000 | 360 | 1,510 | 3,024 | 4,529 | 9,423 | 105 |
| Rehabilitation / Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests | Hectares | 4,200 | 145 | 134 | 525 | 804 | 1,608 | 38 |
| Rangeland Rehabilitation / Grazing Land Rehabilitation | Hectares | 1,200 | 0 | 22 | 300 | 800 | 1,122 | 94 |
| TOTAL | Hectares | 17,400 | 705 | 1,963 | 4,869 | 7,191 | 14,729 | 85 |



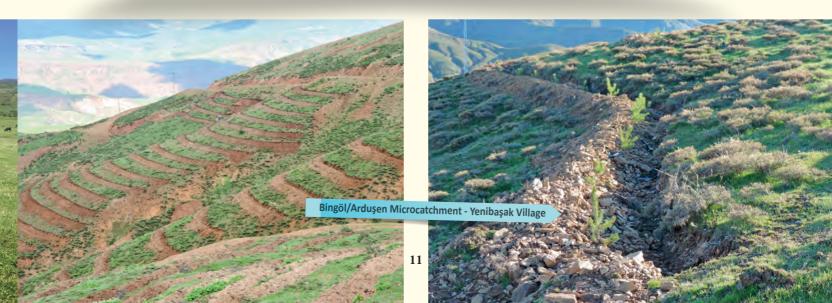


Since the end of 2013, approximately 19 million 135 thousand TL were spent on investments towards natural resource improvement.

- 2,576 hectares of afforestation works,
- 9,423 hectares of erosion control works,
- 1,608 hectares of degraded forestland rehabilitation works were completed.

Afforestation

By the end of 2016, 2,576 hectares were afforested with approximately 3.2 million saplings.





Erosion Control and Soil Conservation

By the end of 2016, erosion control and soil conservation works were completed on 9,423 hectares and approximately 7 million saplings were planted.



Coppice Rehabilitation

As of the end of 2016, coppice rehabilitation works on 1,608 decares were completed.







Rangeland Rehabilitation

Rangeland rehabilitation works were carried out on 1,122 hectares of land. Within this scope, 76 troughs, scratching posts, 75 shades for animals, and 7 animal vaccination cages were established.





125 households benefited from livestock vaccination cages, and 13,750 small livestock were vaccinated in these cages.

In addition, 70 hectares of land is banned to grazing and fertilised in Azıklı and Elmabulak Villages in Değirmendere Microcatchment within the scope of rangeland rehabilitation. This fertilisation and gazing ban facilitated an improvement in the grass productivity of the rangeland, allowing for a periodical grazing practice.



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| Activities | Measure | Programme (2013-2019) |
|---|---------------|-----------------------|
| Wheat and barley yield improvement | Decare | 13,810 |
| Irrigated/rainfed forage crop production | Decare | 12,300 |
| Livestock shelter (barn) improvements | Number | 2,500 |
| Orchards' establishment | Decare | 1,800 |
| Vegetable production on fields | Decare | 495 |
| Vegetable production under plastic tunnels (greenhouses) (240 m2) | Number/Decare | 740/178 |
| Water storage ponds | Number | 250 |
| Rehabilitation earth canals | Km | 25 |
| Drip irrigation systems within fields | Decare | 1,272 |
| Village fountations | Number | (-) |
| Solar panels for hot water | Number | 1,250 |
| House insulations (building insulation) | Number | 625 |
| Energy saving stoves | Number | 1,250 |
| Stone bread ovens for public use | Number | (-) |
| Improvement of apiculture | Unit | (-) |



Investments on Income-Generating and Living Conditions Improvement Activities

PROJECT TARGET:

12.500 HOUSEHOLDS

80.000 PEOPLE













Walnut trees were planted on 15 hectares in the name of village legal entity.

An irrigation pond of 96 tonnes capacity was constructed on the walnut afforestation site, a solar energy panel was placed to facilitate water transportation to the pool and drip irrigation system was established.





Elazığ/Büyükçay Microcatchment - Sarıkamış Village







Improving wheat and barley yield

Efforts to improve wheat and barley yield were carried out on 13,314 decares as of the end of 2016. 529 households benefited from the investments. The use of certified wheat seed at least doubled the wheat yield per decare as verified by beneficiaries and technical experts.





Increasing forage crop production

By the end of 2016, irrigated and rainfed forage crop production on 4,222 decares were facilitated.

309 households benefited from the investments. Clover, vetch and corn for silage were planted, thus allowing farmers to produce their own fodders to feed their animals without having to pay any additional fees.







Improving livestock shelters (barns)

206 livestock shelters (barns) were improved by the end of 2016. Thus, the livestocks were protected from adverse weather conditions, and following an on-site assessment of beneficiaries, veterinarians in the Provincial Project Team concluded a 10% productivity increase and a 50% decrease in respiratory diseases.









Apiculture

4,500 beehives were distributed.

A total of 4500 beehives were distributed to 450 households, namely;

- **✓ 1500** in Vahkin-Çanakçı Microcatchment,
- **√** 700 in Arduşen Microcatchment,
- √ 600 in Yamaç Microcatchment,
- √ 800 in Çapakçur Microcatchment, and
- 900 in Göynükçayı Microcatchment.



Establishment of Orchards

1,765 decare orchards were established by the end of 2016, and 967 households benefited from the investments. Approximately 72 thousand fruit tree seedlings of apples, cherries, walnuts, pears, apricots, plums etc. were planted.











Vineyard Rehabilitation System

Vine training system was introduced on previous ground vineyards, improving thus vine productivity, and reducing the disease and pest cases.

110 households benefited from this investment. Direct interviews with the beneficiaries regarding their grape production amount, sales amount and their income demonstrated a 50% increase in productivity and an annual 2,000-3,000 TL increase in household income.





Grape Crushers

18 grape crushers were granted to village legal entities in Elazığ province and a total of 1,832 households benefited. The grape crushers allowed for both fully automated grape juice production overruling the unhygienic crushing practices, and increased efficiency as it facilitated a higher amount of grape juice production within a shorter period.







Vegetable Procuction Under Plastic Tunnel

By the end of 2016, 135 greenhouses, of which 130 are 240 m² and 5 are 500 m², were erected for households and vegetable production under plastic tunnels was initiated. Greenhouses allow for year-round production and sale, and they are up for sale in bazaars.







Vegetable Production on Field

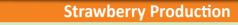
Vegetable production on 85 decares of fields were carried out by the end of 2016.

















Organic fertilisers
were prepared
with farmers
for strawberry
gardens.

Irrigation systems were introduced to 12 decares of fields in Karakütük and Değirmendere Microcatchments in Muş Province, and strawberry gardens were established on these fields providing benefits to 12 households.

Villagers had the opportunity to introduce their strawberry productions on free market whereas they couldn't previously obtain commercially sustainable yields from their fields. The product sales facilitated by the investments contributed an additional annual 6,000-7,000 TL income per household.



Irrigation Activities

Eastern Anatolia Project (DAP) Regional Development Administration and the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Services maintain irrigation investments within the project scope.

State Hydraulic Services 9th Regional Directorate sustains irrigation projects in order to introduce irrigation to farmlands in 40 villages.

Below works are scheduled:

- √ 4 irrigation projects and 2 agricultural irrigation pond projects in Ardıçdibi, Sürekli, Meşedalı, Dereköy, Yiğitbaşı, Keklikdere, Balgöze, and Şehittepe villages in Lediz Microcatchment within Genç district of Bingöl province;
- ✓ Irrigation project in Yelesen, Şabanözü, Ortaköy, Alıncık, Çiriş, Balpınar and Üçyaka villages in Çapakçur Microcatchment in Bingol central district;
- ✓ Irrigation projects in Balgöze, Bayırlı, Binekli, Çanakçı, Çaytepe, Dilektaşı, Doğanevler, Elmagünü, Gözütok, Kepçeli, Koçsırtı, Meşedalı, Pınaraltı, Sarmakaya, Yağızca, Yenisu, Yiğitbaşı, and Ardıçdibi villages in Vahkin-Çanakçı Microcatchment in Genç, Bingöl;
- ✓ Irrigation projects in Hacılar, Alatepe, Çobantaşı, Elmalı, Yenibaşlar, and Ağaçeli villages in Göynükcayı (Ilıcalar) Microcatchment in Bingöl central district;
- ✓ Irrigation projects in Baltaşı and Bozçanak villages in Büyükdere Microcatchment in Palu, Elazığ;
- ✓ Irrigation projects in Karasalkım and Keklikdere villages in Sipini Microcatchment in Palu, Elazığ.

State Hydraulic Services 17th Regional Directorate completed, by the end of 2016, below projects to introduce irrigation in farmlands;

A total of **731.10 hectares** in **Hasköy district of Muş**, namely 133 hectares in Azıklı Village, 205 hectares in Dağdibi Village, 299.6 hectares in Elmabudak, and 93.5 hectares in Yarkaya Village; and

A total of **537.20** hectares in **Varto district of Muş**, namely 217.7 hectares in Buzlugöze Village, 126 hectares in Dutözü Village, 73 hectares in Haksever Village, 5.7 hectares in Kalecik Village, and 150.8 hectares in Karameşe Village.

DAP Regional Development Administration provided a total of 1,460,000.00 TL in investments for the constructions of;

- ✓ 3 irrigation pools of 400 tonnes capacity in Karakütük, Böğürdelen and Otaç Villages in Muş Province;
- ✓ Open channel and piped agricultural irrigation systems in Büyükçay, Kuşhane, Büyükdere and Sipini Microcatchments in Central, Palu and Maden districts in Elazığ Province.

The approximate cost of State Hydraulic Services investments is 16,000,000 TL.



Irrigation Pond and Water Fountain

56 irrigation ponds of different tonnages (30-400 tonnes) were constructed as of the end of 2016, introducing irrigated farming on approximately 2,300 decares of land, and 270 households benefited from the investments. Moreover, 15,000 metres of closed circuit irrigation system was established in Kuşhane and Kumla villages within Kuşhane Microcatchment in Elazığ. In addition, 75 public water fountains were constructed within the scope of project.





Drip Irrigation in Fields

Drip irrigation systems in 1,354 decares of fields were constructed by the end of 2016, and 540 households benefited from investments. Drip irrigation system allowed for water efficiency, productivity increase, and work power efficiency as it facilitated irrigation of a wider area with less water.







Solar Panels for Hot Water

1,494 solar panels for hot water were set by the end of 2016.

The system allows the beneficiaries to satisfy the hot water demand in a shorter time and without the use of firewood.





Stone Bread Ovens

While this action initially was not included within the project, in 2016, 2 stone bread ovens in Elazığ, and another 8 in Muş, adding up to a total of 10 ovens were constructed for public use upon demand from local communities. 622 households and 1,946 women benefited from this investment. Wood consumption was thus reduced significantly.





House Insulations

1,280 individual houses were insulated by the end of 2016.

While the insulated households previously consumed 3-4 tonnes of firewood and 2 tonnes of coal during winter season, the investments enabled to reduce consumption to 1 tonne of firewood and 1 tonne of coal.

In other words, a 50% better fuel efficiency was obtained.





Energy Saving Stoves

2,847 energy saving stoves were distributed as of the end of 2016.





The stoves
facilitated a 30-35% better
efficiency in wood
consumption for heating
and cooking.





EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES

Activities towards Women

15 woman farmers in Karakütük Microcatchment within the project site received applied training on greenhouse vegetable production.



A fabric purchase was made for the sewing class offered in Umurca Village within Karakütük Microcatchment. Approximately 20 students benefited from this purchase. The resulting crafts made with materials purchased are sold at local bazaars, contributing economically to class students.







Within the scope of the project, OR-KÖY Department offered apiculture training to 96 participants in Bingöl.





Moreover, farmer training meetings and trips were organised in order to brief villagers in the following microcatchments within project site regarding previous investments.

115 participants benefited from these trainings.







MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The progress in project targets, as well as physical and monetary activities are maintained through databases.

Project activities are managed based on periodic reports.

Project monitoring and evaluation, in addition to the analysis of implementation results, ensure better responsiveness to beneficiary expectations, thus serving to attain a higher impact with project activities.





The microcatchment rehabilitation activities planned within the scope of Murat River Watershed Rehabilitation Project will ensure erosion control and reduced sediment flow in the catchment, thus facilitating increased soil productivity and consequently increased income levels for villagers and farmers.

Project Monitoring and Evaluation Items



Socio-Economic Monitoring



Erosion Monitoring



Vegetation Cover Monitoring; Forest, rangeland, Agriculture



Physical Monitoring



SOCIO-ECONOMIC MONITORING:

With a view to identify the current situation prior to project implementation, a questionnaire was carried out with 1800 households in 113 villages within 14 microcatchments. Thus, data to assess the current status of project beneficiaries was collected. In order to obtain clear results regarding the impacts of project on beneficiaries, additional interviews were carried out with locals who do not benefit from project as a control group. The goal of these interviews was to define economic. social, and cultural differences of project beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries within microcatchments with a view to identify their current status and to carry out comparisons in the future phases to detect any possible changes.



The changes within these households are being monitored. In addition; activity based monitoring is maintained through "Investment Identification Cards" regarding project beneficiaries.

Topics included in socio-economic status identification:

- Demographic structures, assets, and living conditions of households
- Agricultural production
- Animal husbandry and animal production
- Food expenses (weekly, monthly, yearly)
- Income sources



LAND COVER CLASSIFICATIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VEGETATION COVER

By the end of 2016, land use classification maps were created as "forestlands", "rangelands", "sparsely vegetated or clear areas", "inland waters / water bodies", and "city settlements" through "controlled classification" technique based on Landsat 8 satellite images for each one of the 24 microcatchments within the project site, and surface area of each land use classification was determined.

Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) maps were created for each microcatchment; vegetation covers were classified as "dense", "moderate", "weak", and "non-vegetated", and their surface areas were calculated.

All baseline maps required for vegetation cover monitoring were prepared for each of the 24 microcatchments within the project site.

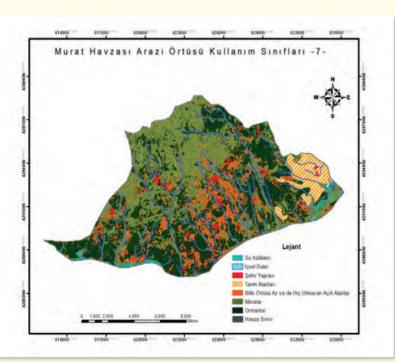


Image: Erdemli microcatchment land cover/land use classifications map

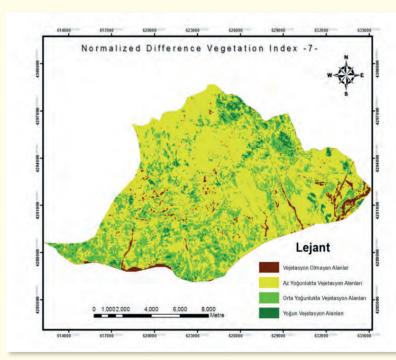


Image: Erdemli microcatchment NDVI map



EROSION MONITORING:

Within the scope of the Murat River Watershed Rehabilitation Project, Erosion Monitoring systems were established in Çapakçur Microcatchment in Bingöl province, and in Büyükçay-Hamzabey Microcatchment in Elazığ.

- 1 Monitoring System comprises;
- 1 sediment and flow measurement station,
- 9 runoff measurement plot system, and
- 3 sediment catchments.

Image: Elazığ Büyükçay Flow – Sediment Station



ÇAPAKÇUR MICROCATCHMENT MONITORING SYSTEM





Sediment Measurement Stations are made up of 9 units, namely:

- i. Sediment and Flow Measurement Station,
- ii. Laser Flow Meter,
- iii. Sediment, Turbidity, Suspended Solid Materials (SSM) Device,
- iv. Lightning Conductor,
- v. Sahara Type Cabinet,
- vi. Data Entry/Monitoring System,
- vii. Solar Panel,
- viii. Gel Cell Battery and Charger,
- ix. Precipitation Sensors.

These sediment measurement stations are automated, and data is transferred to central system through GSM Data lines. Moreover, manual on-field data collection and laboratory analysis area also carried out to determine sediment amounts.

Runoff Plots aim to measure runoff and soil loss amounts. Runoff plot measurements to calculate soil loss include the use of runoff measurement devices and data logger compatible measurement systems. Sediment collection section is secured to prevent outside runoff or sediment flow into the measurement site. The runoff plots are enclosed with barbed wire fences. The Runoff Measurement Plots comprise three units; namely i) Pluviograph device, ii) Datalogger, and iii) runoff measurement plots. The selected microcatchments were divided into plots based on 3 main land use classifications. 2 testing plots and 1 control plot for each land use classification, forests, rangelands and terraces, adding up to 19 plots in total, were set.







Image: Runoff Plots



Sediment catchments are constructed to measure the amount of siltation due to runoffs. The sediment catchment is designed to collect downstream and to measure the amount of soil and other such materials within the running surface water following an intense precipitation.

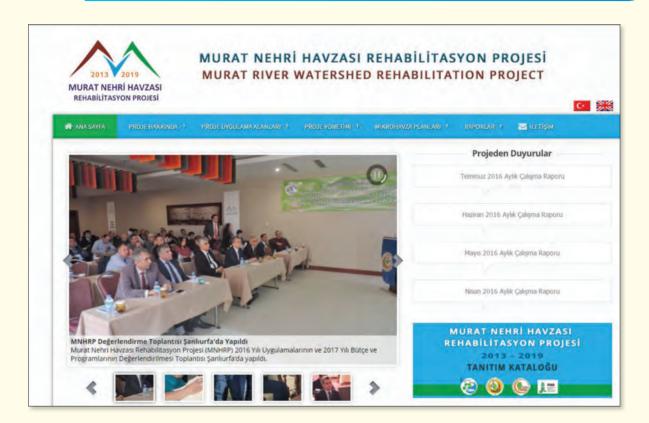
- After every precipitation, the water level at the dam and the sediment amount is measured with a scale. For this purpose, 3 scales divided by millimetres are placed at the lowest points of each sediment pool.
- A total of 6 sediment pools are established in the work sites within microcatchments. An additional sediment pool is established as a control group in the neighbouring microcatchment that is not included within the project. 4 of the previous ones are placed in the work site, while 2 are for control purposes. Thus, the changes in levels within sediment pools are determined at each field trip, and sediment samples are collected to be analysed in laboratories to identify the sediment productivity.







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You can visit the official project website for further details.





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