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- The Köyceğiz-Dalyan **Special Environmental Protection Area** is the first protected natural area in [Muğla](#).
- In June 1988 , The Köyceğiz-Dalyan was determined and declared the first **Special Environmental Protection Area** of Türkiye.
- Objectives of the **Special Environmental Protection Areas** are to protect the natural cycle of Nature and prevent its structuring in the environment[1].



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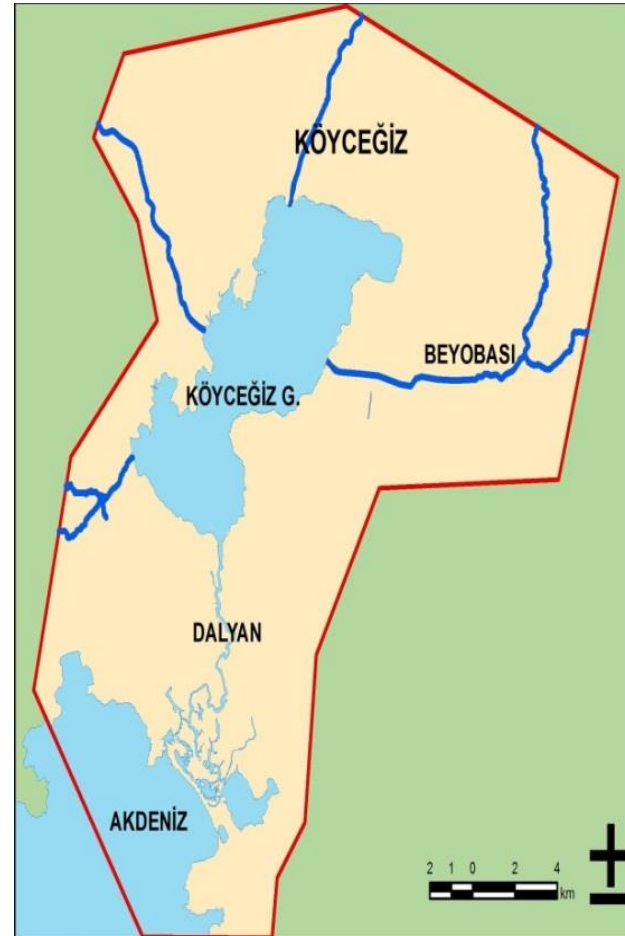


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- The most common vegetation in the Dalyan - Köyceğiz **Special Environmental Protection Area** consists of sweetgum (protected species), red pine and log forests, shrubs and shrub plants belonging to maquis and frigana, as well as herbaceous plants growing in the wet and barren swamps around Köyceğiz Lake.



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- Sakarmeke, stork, Izmir kingfisher, swallow, reed nightingale, laughing tern, snake eagle, bee-eater, seagull, paddyfish, little white heron and various other bird species use the region as wintering and hatching areas.
- A planning approach, which is based on the preservation of the natural qualities of Köyceğiz Lake and Dalyan Strait and parallel to the general principles, has been followed. Dalyan and Köyceğiz, which are completely sensitive, are very valuable both in natural, historical and ecological terms.
- At the same time, Dalyan is a settlement where tourism investments are concentrated. Köyceğiz Lake, rivers, Dalyan river, Dalyan river mouth and the sea are particularly vulnerable to pollution and are areas that need to be protected.



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With its golden yellow sand, **iztuzu Beach** is one of the unique beaches in the world due to its fresh water on one side and salt water on the other side.

The beach is 4,500 meters long and people and caretta caretta live peacefully on this natural beach.

Holidaymakers use Iztuzu Beach to cool off during the day and at night, sea turtles use it to lay their eggs to continue their generation.



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- Kaptan June and Sea Turtles in Dalyan.





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- *Captain June (Role Model Environmentalist for next generations)*
- **June Haimoff** (MBE) (27 December 1922 – 23 April 2022) was an English environmentalist who lived in Dalyan in the Turkish province of Muğla.
- In the period from 1984 to 1988 she and fellow-environmentalists launched a successful campaign to preserve İztuzu Beach as a habitat for the endangered loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*).
- This beach is one of the main nesting places of the species in Türkiye and the Mediterranean.



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The *Kaptan June Sea Turtle Conservation Foundation* was officially established in February 2011 and has its Information Centre and Museum in Kaptan June's Hut at the minibus side of the beach.

Her work has been recognised by Queen Elizabeth II in the 2011 British New Year's Honors List.

June Haimoff lived until her death (**23 April 2022**) in Dalyan in a traditional Turkish house, named "The Peaceable Kingdom". She lived a very active life, supported by many friends and surrounded by her many dogs and cats.



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DEKAMER, Sea Turtle Research, Rescue and Rehabilitation Center was established in 2009.

The Higher Educational Council of Turkiye officially recognized the rescue center and this constitution was published in the Turkish Official Newspaper.

Despite having nesting and foraging grounds along the Mediterranean coast of Turkiye only one turtle rescue centre has been established on the Iztuzu Beach [6,7].



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Dalyan-Köyceğiz special protection area has become a region where natural life and natural resources are protected for both Türkiye and the world.

Dalyan-Köyceğiz special protection area is preferred by people for holidays and nature researches.

Today, many people from UK, Germany and the Netherlands has been living in Dalyan, and the population of Dalyan doubles in the summer compared to the winter season.

Dalyan-Köyceğiz special protection area is an important and successful environment practices /application for the protection of the environment for both Türkiye and Europe.



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