

Climate Change Activities of General Directorate of Forestry in Turkey



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Major Operational Units of the Ministry



General Directorate of Forestry



General Directorate of Nature Protection and National Park



General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion



General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works



General Directorate of Meteorology



General Directorate of Water Management



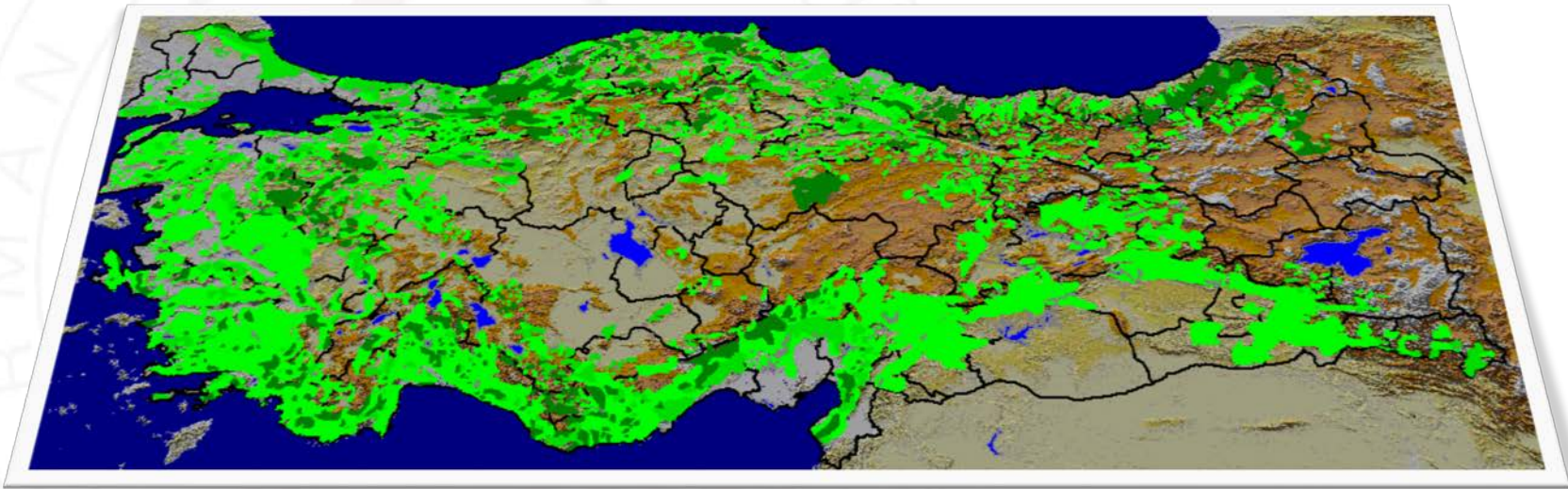
Forest Cover in Turkey

- Land Area: 78 million hectares
- Population: 76 million as of 2013
- Total forests: 21,7 million ha

National definition

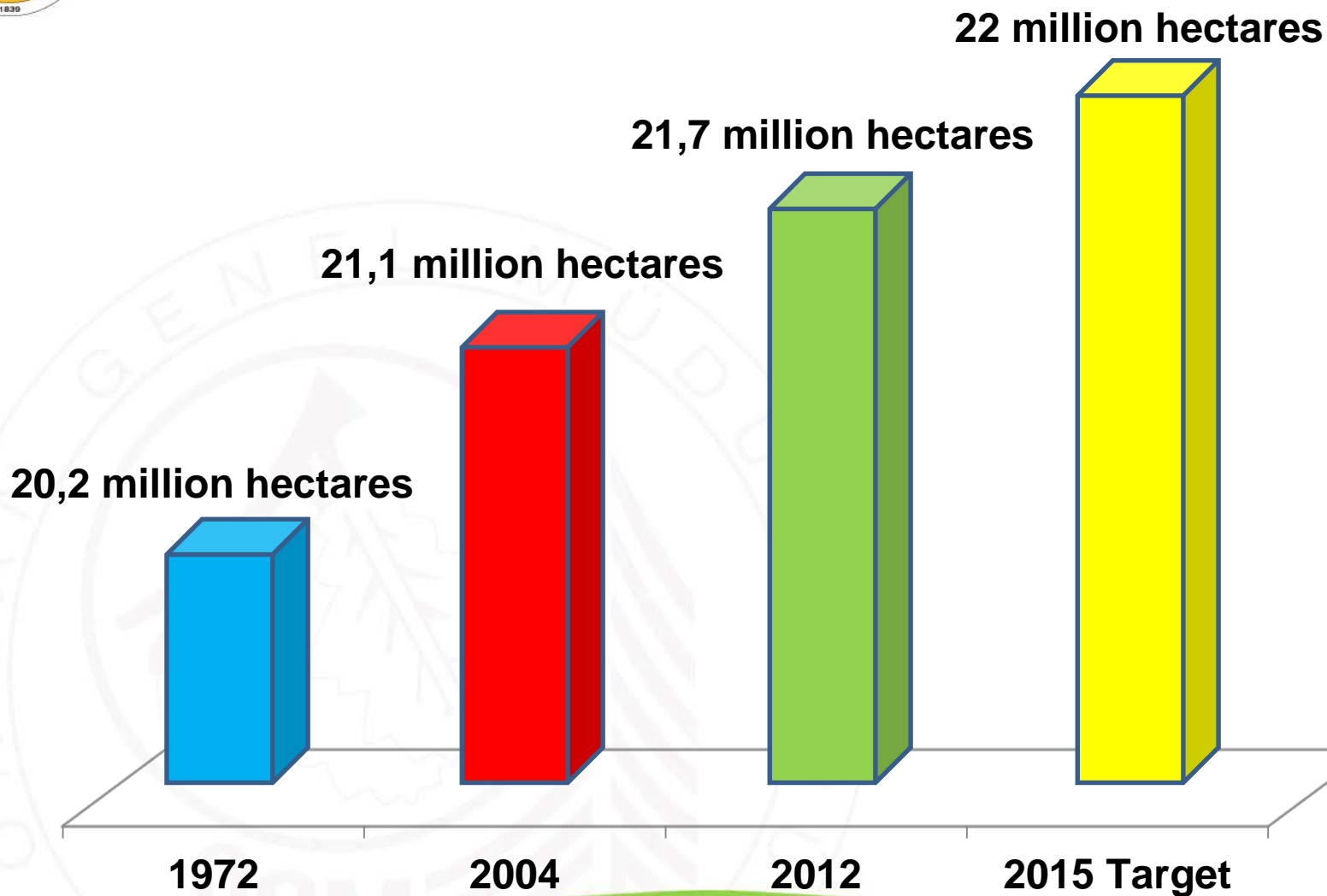


FAO definition



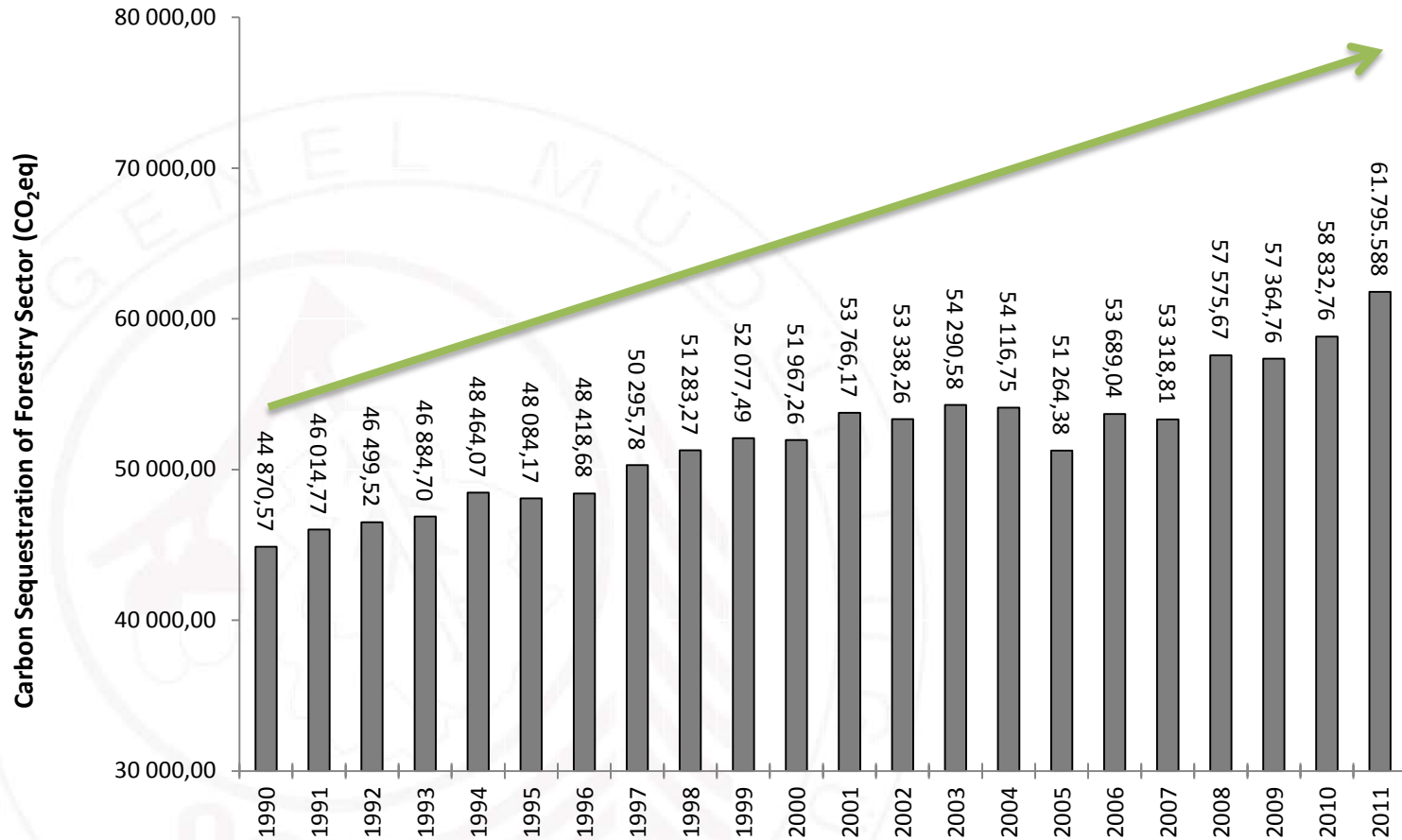


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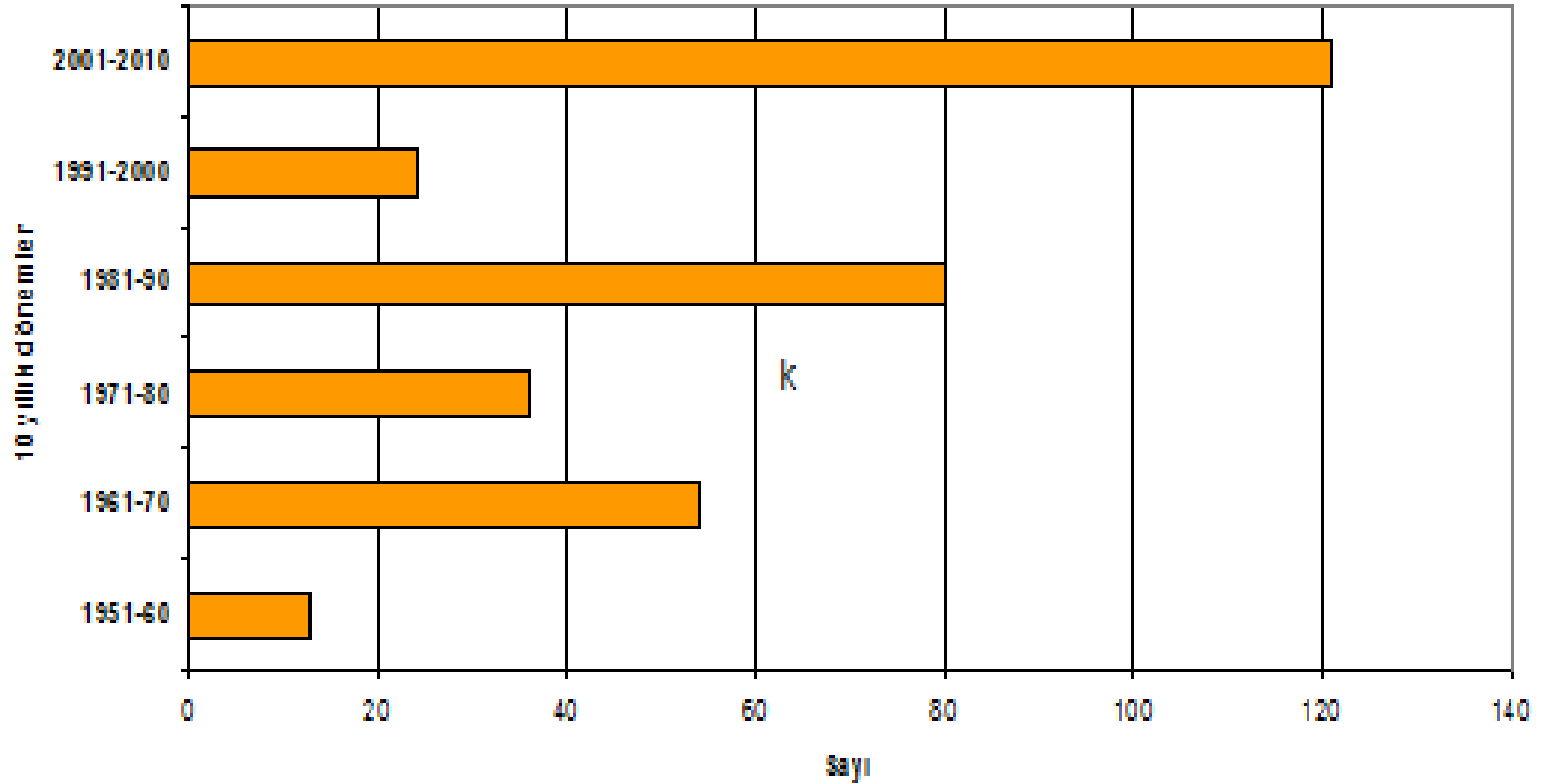


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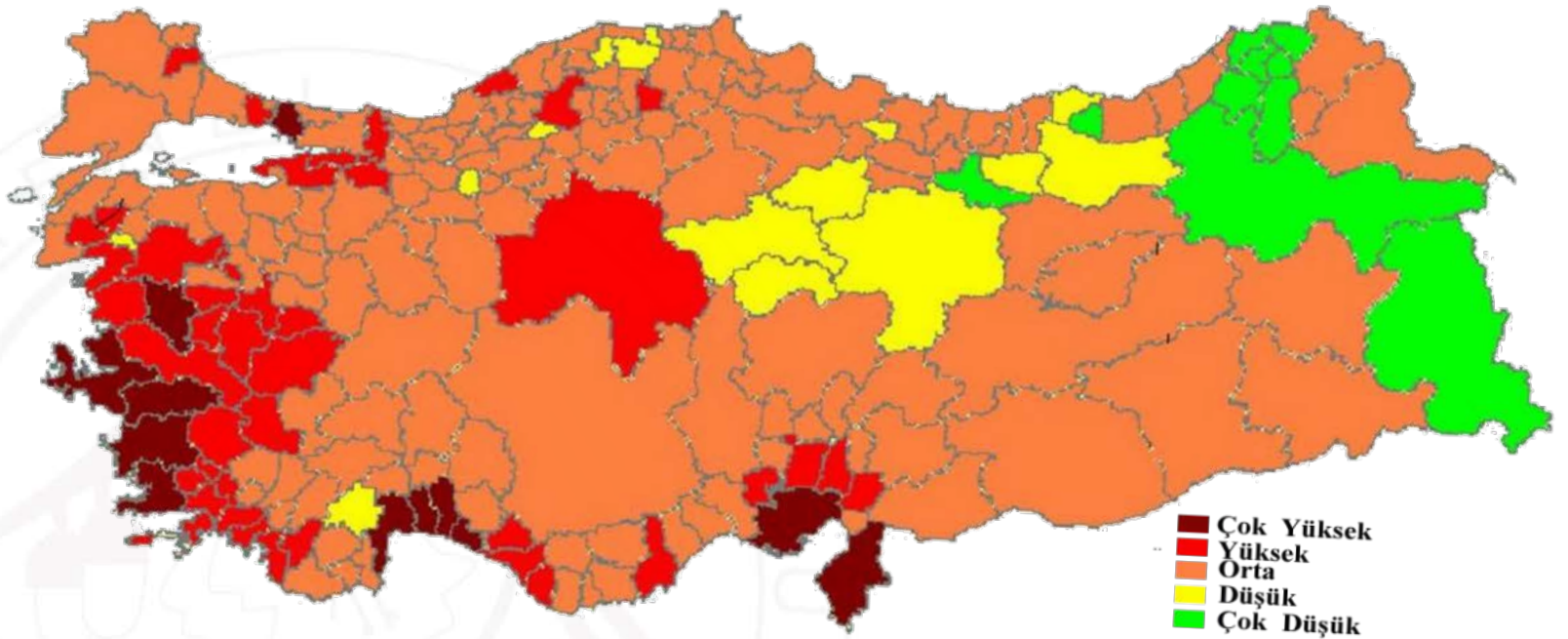
CO₂ removals of forestry are increasing



Kuraklık Afeti Onar Yıllık Dağılım



Forest Fire Activities of GDF

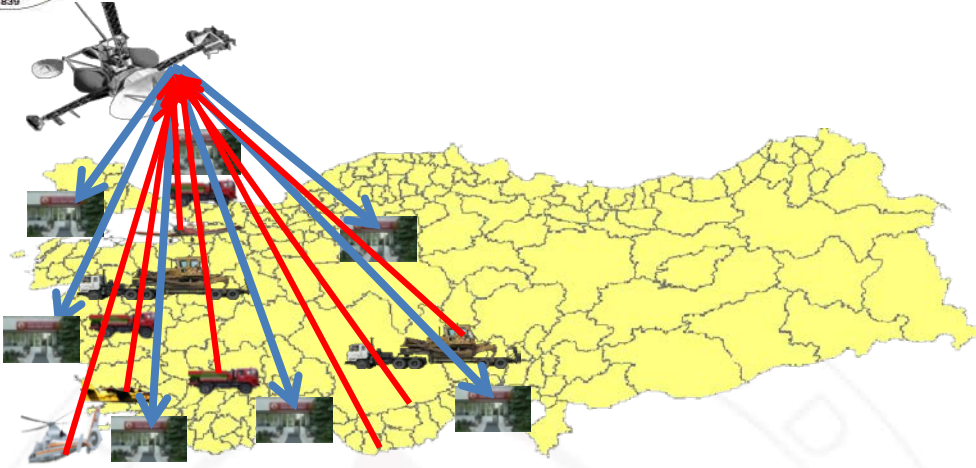


According to EFFIS, Fire-risk map





Forest Fire Activities of GDF





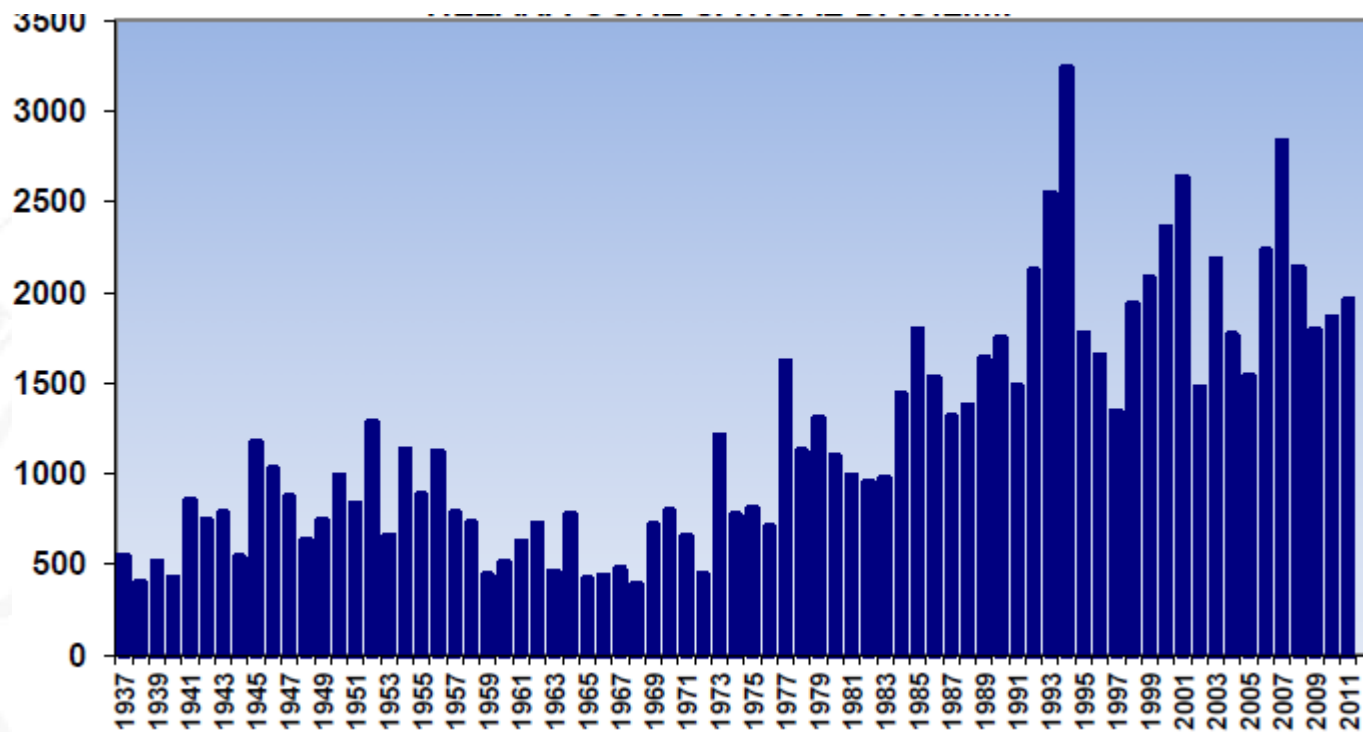
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Fire Centers are informed in **15 seconds** later visible the smoke





Annual Forest Fire Numbers





Portugal	Spain	France	Italy	Greece	Turkey
3,5 billion hectars	26 billion hectars	14,5 billion hectars	13,5 billion hectars	6,5 billion hectars	21,7 billion hectars



Non-Wood Products



39 million \$ in 2002 and 435 million \$ in 2013

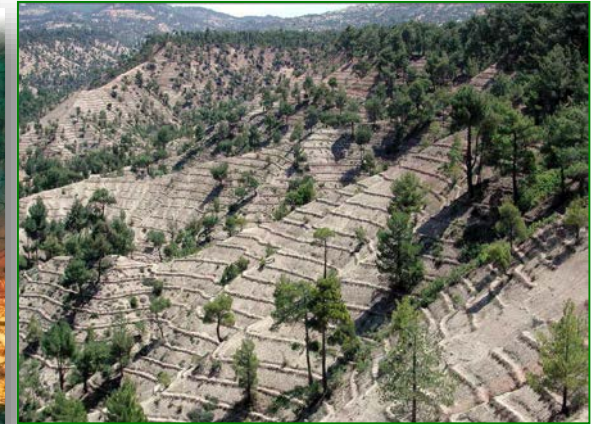


Heating System With Solar Energy



As a result, General Directorate of Forestry is combating climate change and spends 1 billion \$ every year;

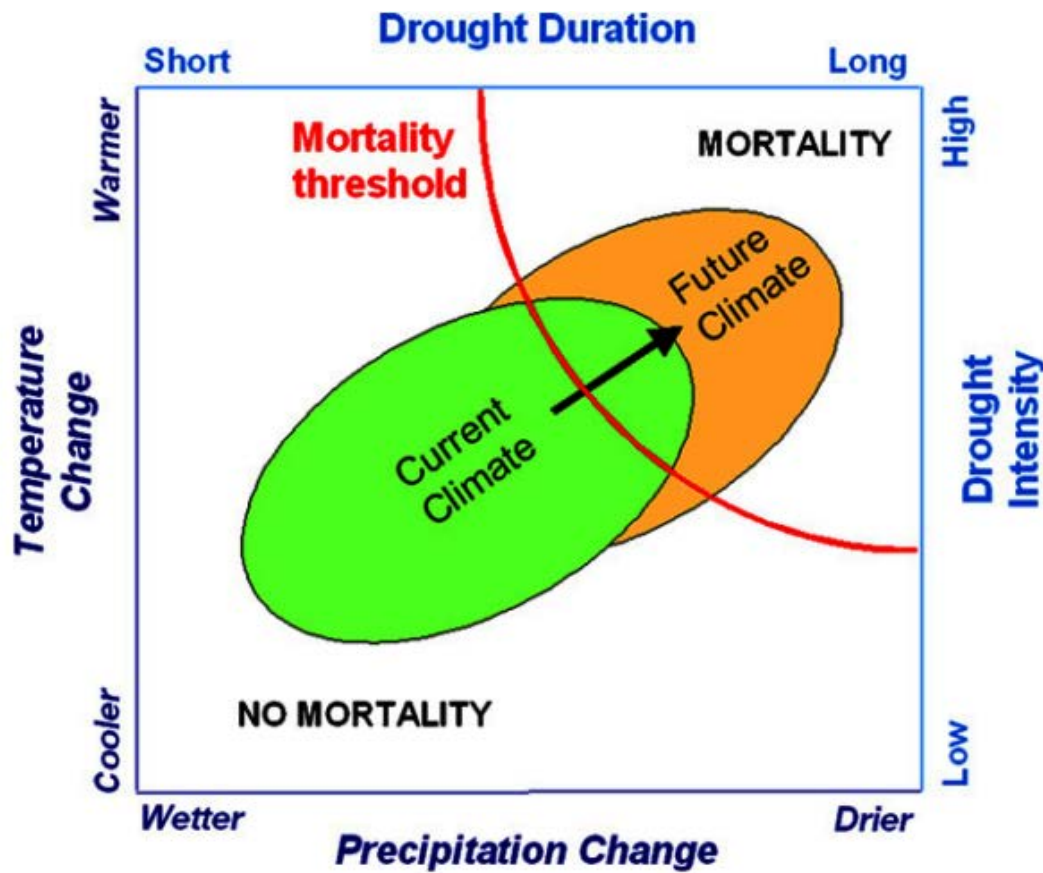
- To reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation,
- To conserve and enhance carbon stocks,
- To protect forests against wildfires and pests,
- To support rural villagers



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- National Climate Change Strategy Document
- Climate Change National Action Plan
- National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan





Allen et. al., 2010

Tree mortality in Fir species at the Karabük





Tree mortality in *Abies cilicica* in 2014

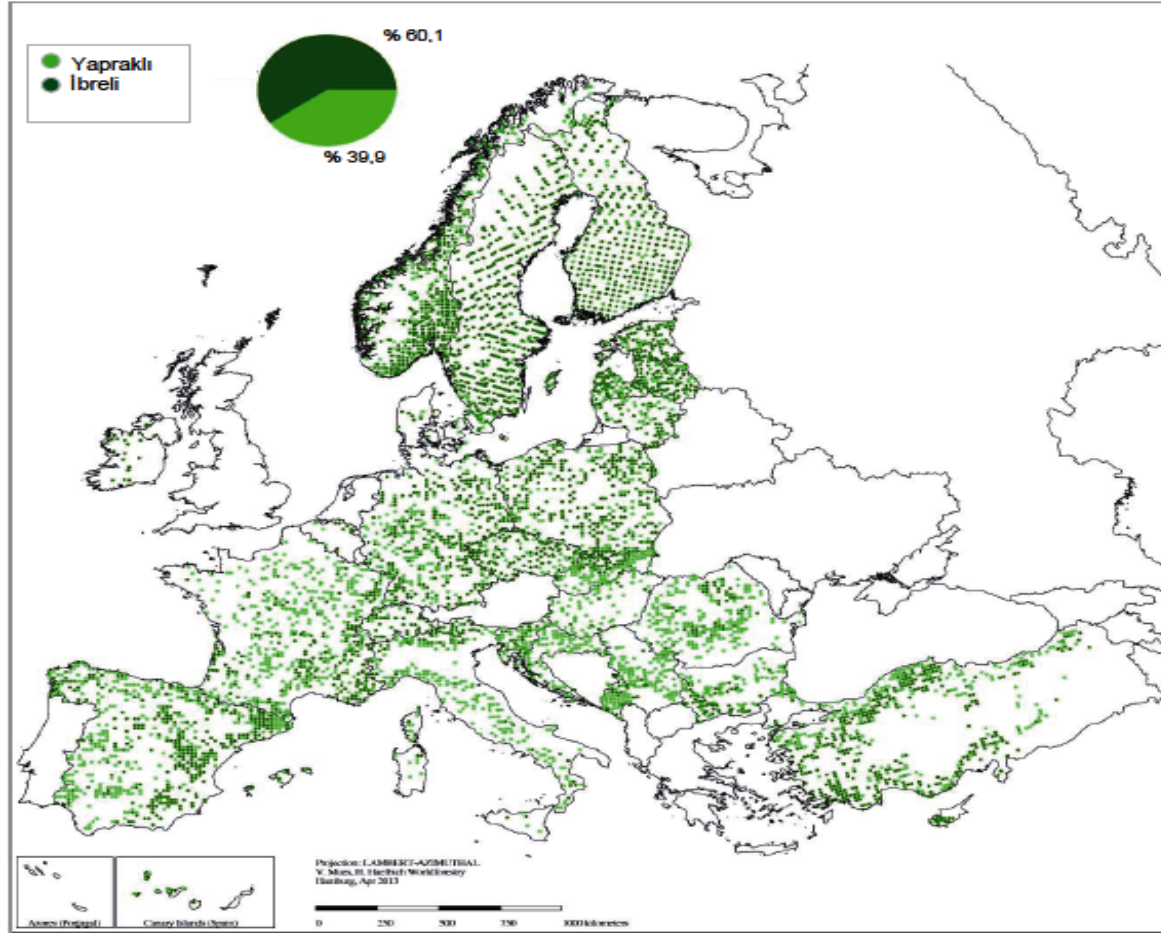


Tree mortality in Scots pine -2014

Climate Change-Cedar (*Cedrus libani*)



ICP Forest



Şekil 20. 2012 yılı itibarıyla Avrupa'daki Seviye I gözlem alanları (Lorenz ve Becher, 2013)



Crown condition	Tepe Durumu
Soil	Toprak
Soil Solution	Toprak Suyu
Foliar	Yaprak
Growth	Artım ve Büyüme
Deposition	Depolanma
Ground vegetation	Vejetasyon
Meteorology	Meteoroloji
Phenology	Fenoloji
Ambient Air Quality	Hava kalitesi
Ozone Injury	Ozon
Litter fall	Döküntü
Biodiversity	Biyolojik çeşitlilik
Laboratory	Laboratuar
Database	Veri tabanı

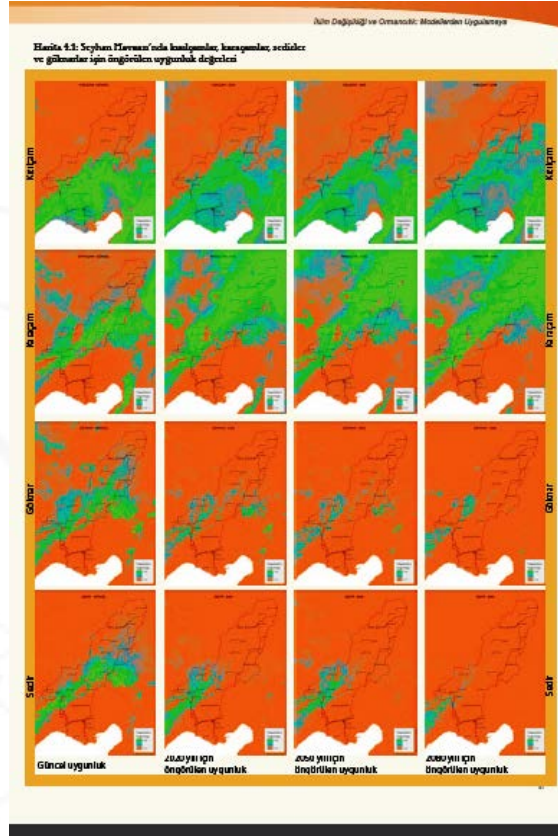


Projections for Future Forest Cover in Turkey

İklim Değişikliği ve Ormancılık: Modellerden Uygulamaya



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Research Article

The use of aridity index to assess implications of climatic change for land cover in Turkey

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Abstract: This study was carried out to determine the impacts of climate change on aridity and land cover in Turkey. Data for future (2070s) climate change, according to present conditions (1990s), were estimated from the prediction results of a regional climate model (RCM). The RCM, which was developed in Japan, is based on the MRI model. The potential impacts of climate change were estimated according to the A2 scenario of Special Report on Emissions Scenarios (SRES). Aridity index, the ratio of precipitation to potential evapotranspiration, was computed by using measured data for the present condition and estimated data by the RCM for the future years. Changes in aridity were evaluated by comparing the current and future index values. Aridity variables were interpolated to determine the spatial distribution by means of geostatistical methods. Land cover was modelled and mapped by using the present and future aridity index data.

In the southern regions of Turkey, especially along Mediterranean coasts, projected precipitation for 2070s will be 29.6% less than the present. On the contrary, an increase (by 22.0%) in precipitation was projected along the coast of Black Sea. The model predicted that the temperature might increase by 2.8-5.5 °C in the different regions of the country. This increase in temperature could result in higher evaporative demand of the atmosphere in the future (on the average 18.4 and 22.2% in the Mediterranean and Black Sea coastal regions, respectively and 17.8% in the whole country). Thus, an increase in aridity was foreseen for the whole Turkey except the north-eastern part.

A conversion of deciduous broadleaf forest to evergreen needle-leaf forest is predicted in the northern coastal areas when we compare the future land cover with the present situation. The mixed forest vegetation could spread in the interior parts of East Anatolia and the north-western part of the country in the future.

Key words: Aridity, climate change, land cover, monitoring, Turkey

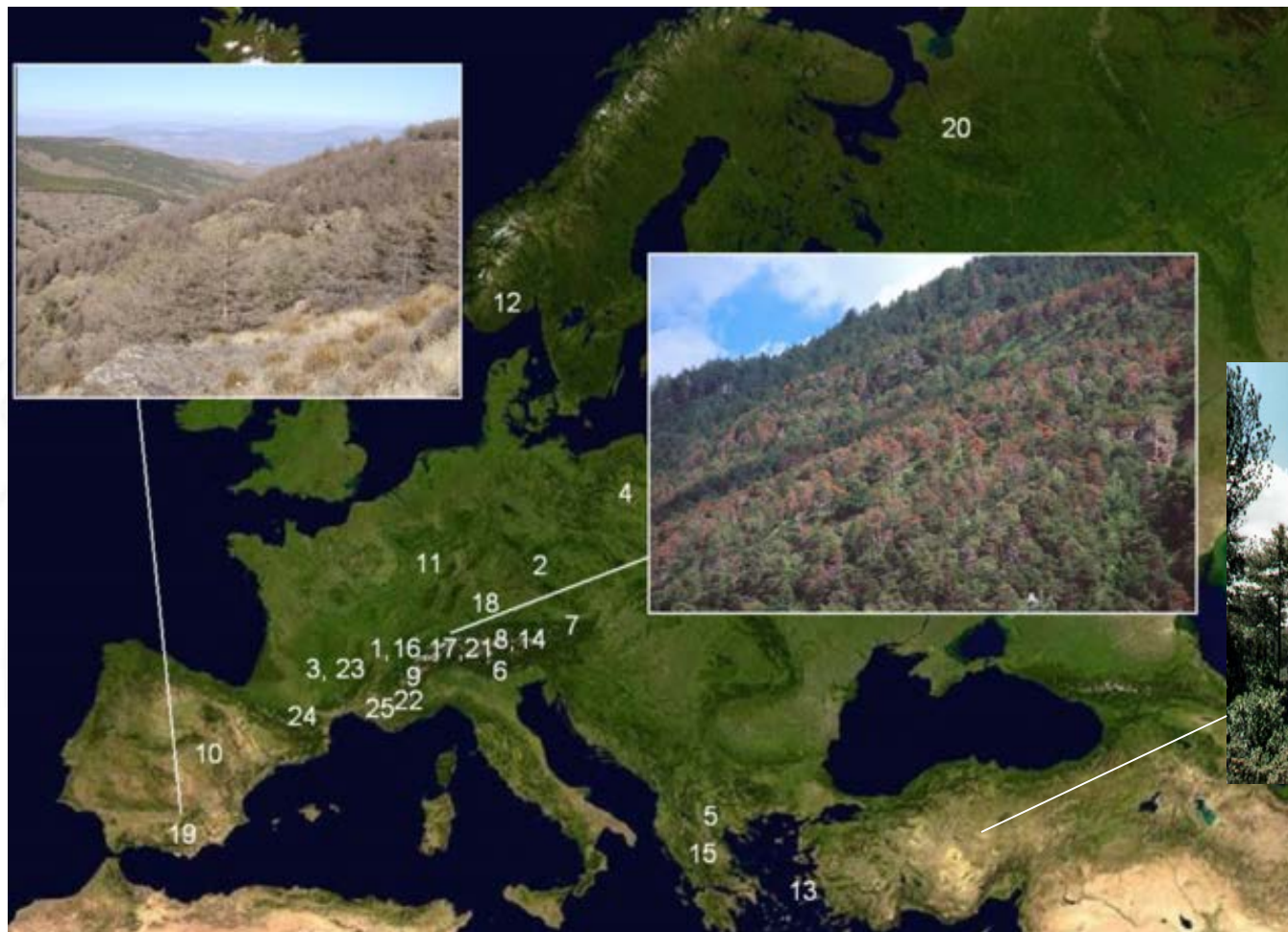
İklim değişikliğine bağlı olarak Türkiye'deki bitki örtüsünün belirlenmesinde kuraklık indeksinin kullanımı

Özet: Bu çalışma, iklim değişikliğinin Türkiye'de kuraklık ve bitki örtüsü üzerine etkisini belirlemek amacıyla yapılmıştır. Mevcut durumu (1990'lı yıllara) göre gelecekteki (2070'li yılların) iklim değişikliği verileri, bölgesel bir iklim modelinin

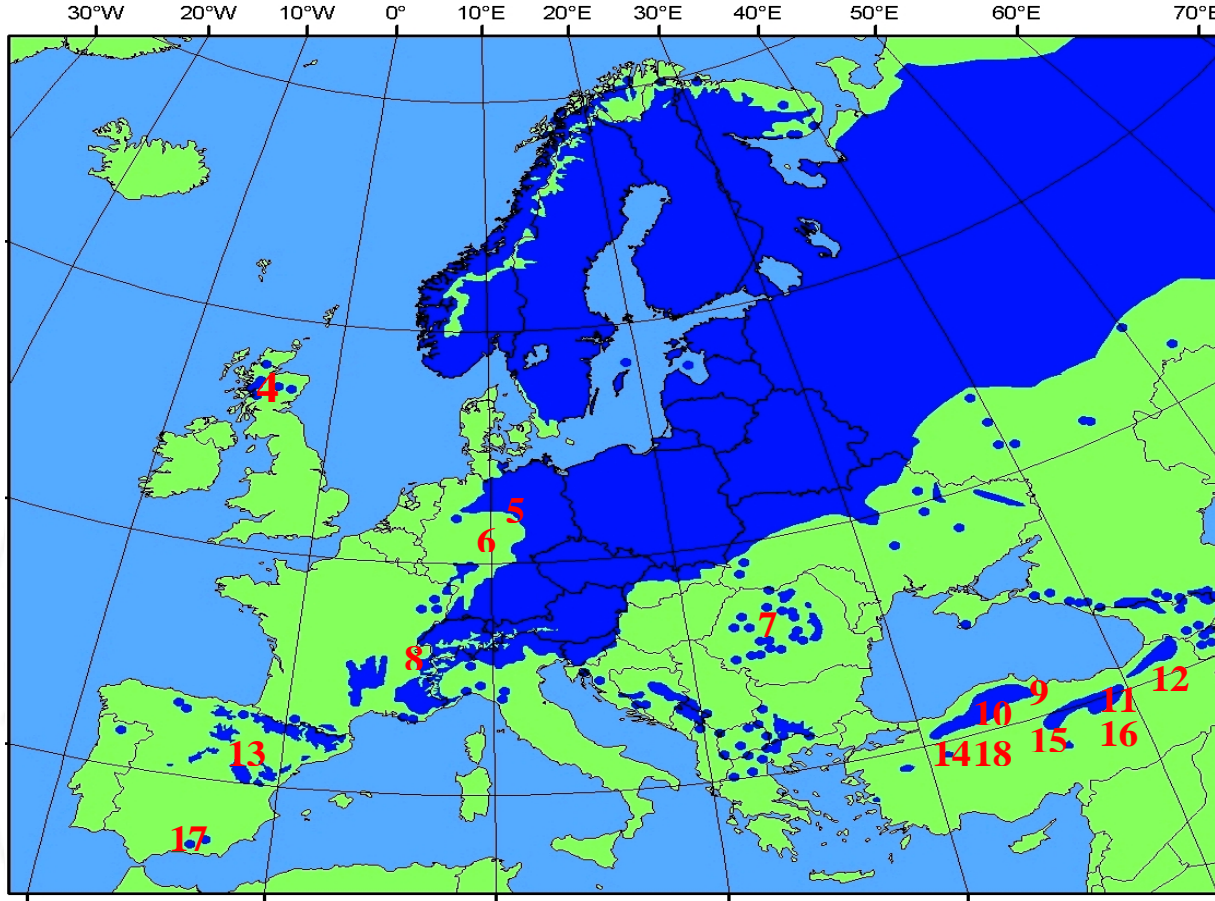
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Mortality in Scots Pine and Drought Tolerance



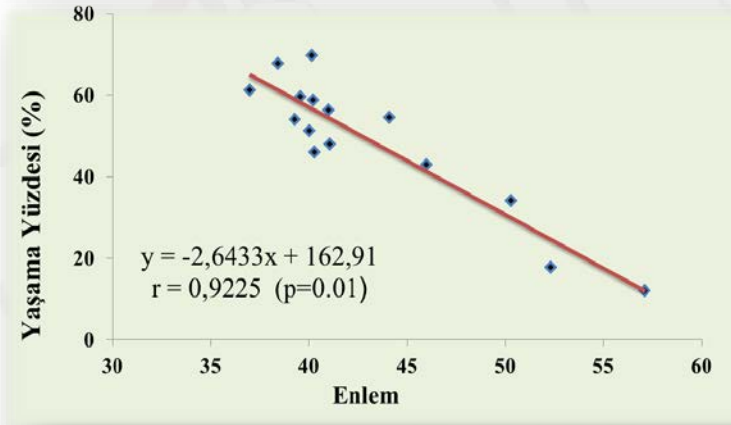
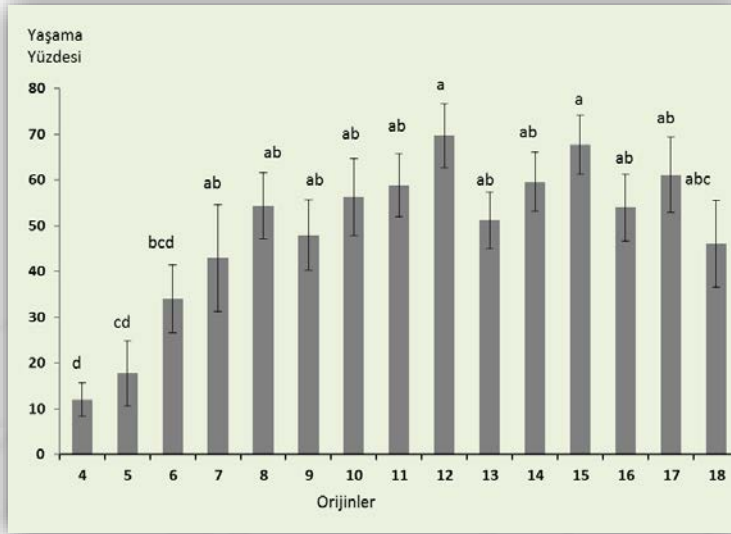
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