



## I. TURKISH MARINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (TUDAV)

TUDAV is a non-governmental and non-profit scientific organization, founded in 1996 by a group of researchers, maritime workers and nature lovers, in order to enhance marine research, education and environmental protection in Turkey.

To start with TUDAV focuses on the marine environment, is hoping eventually to extend its activities to rivers, lakes and wetlands.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH

Although Turkey is bordered on three sides by the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, not enough is known at present about them to provide a basis for the development of efficient protection measures. The major purpose of the Foundation is therefore to collect scientific information and thereby develop our understanding of the marine environment.

In order to solve a wide variety of problems of the marine environment, it is essential to monitor the continuous changes in the water column and the organisms living in it. Without the appropriate data, any attempted solution to a perceived problem can be a waste of funds, time and effort. In order to prevent such unnecessary expenditure, TUDAV has the priority aims of:

- a) collecting information on the marine environment;
- b) sharing those scientific findings with the public; and
- c) collaborating in public campaigns for the protection of marine environment.

### ACTIVITIES OF TUDAV

#### Establishing a database for the Turkish seas

Although much scientific data on Turkish waters has been collected, much of this is scattered, making it difficult to find information when needed for management purposes. TUDAV is therefore developing a computerized database to bring existing data under a unified umbrella in order to facilitate future research and environmental management for sustainable exploitation for marine resources.

#### Research projects

There are quite a number of species of Turkish marine flora and fauna which have become highly vulnerable due to human influence such as overfishing or habitat degradation. Among the endangered and vulnerable fauna are the monk seals, dolphins and sturgeons, while vulnerable flora includes Neptune grass. One of the aims of the foundation is to investigate the research and management needs to promote the conservation of these and other vulnerable species.

The marine ecosystem is also under threat due to pollution from both ships and land-based sources. TUDAV is particularly interested in consequences of pollution in the Turkish Straits System connecting the Black Sea and Aegean Sea, where the human population is large, traffic is heavy and industrial activity is intense.

Together with these priority studies on vulnerable species and pollution, research on physical, chemical and geological aspects of related problems will be considered.

#### Special protected areas

The foundation also aims to establish special protected areas or marine parks both for research and for the protection of particular marine ecosystems. Such areas should also serve as a link between TUDAV and the public through our educational activities.

#### Publications and Education

TUDAV considers very important to share its scientific findings as widely as possible with other researchers and with the general public. We plan to publish the result of our research in scientific journals and also in popular magazines and newspapers. In addition, the foundation will publish its own popular books on the marine ecosystem.

#### FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF TUDAV

TUDAV's activities will depend mainly on various governmental and non-governmental funds, together with donations from companies and individuals who are interested in our marine environment and its protection. The profit made through the publications and educational courses will also be utilized for the research activities.

Any level of support whether financial or any other form that MAP may extend to TUDAV to achieve these aims will be greatly appreciated. TUDAV would like to invite you to join with us in this new initiative for working towards a better marine environment for the future.

Bayram ÖZTÜRK, Ph.D.  
Director

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International Coordinator

## TURKISH MARINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (TUDAV)

Founders: 19 persons, scientists (13), seamen (4), others (2)

Chairman: Bayram Öztürk, Ph.D., Marine Ecologist

Board Members (5 persons) Bayram Öztürk, Ph.D., Akin Candan ..... Aktas P.h.D.,  
Neset Kadirgan, Ph.D., Hüseyin Öztürk, Ph.D.

Scientific Community: 10 persons

International Relations: 2 persons

Finance Director: 1 person

Office persons: 2 staff

Permanent experts: 2 persons

Total staff: 6 persons, 2 of them are part-time

Volunteers: 2

Members: 300

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### TÜDAV publications and projects

1. Monk Seal poster (Educational material: On-going project
2. Dolphins, Whales Stranding network poster: On-going projects
3. Agenda 21. Local agenda programme for educational purpose
4. Black Sea bibliography (in preparation)
5. Turkish straits ecological monitoring projects. On-going project

**TURKISH MARINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION BUDGET: FORECAST IN 1998**

Expected Income per year in 1998 \$50,000

- Membership
- Donations and others

Expected Expenses (End of December 1998) \$30,000

- Projects
- Transportations
- Staff expenses
- Office expenses
- Small scale projects expenses
- Educational expenses
- Material expenses

## **II. STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN (UNIMED)**

### **1) ESTABLISHMENT AND OBJECTIVES**

1. The University of the Mediterranean (UNIMED) is hereby established.
2. The University's objectives are:
  - a) To facilitate cooperation among Universities in the Mediterranean area for the promotion of culture, science and technology. To this end, member Universities establish networks in order to promote joint training and scientific programmes, leading to post graduate degrees granted by the University of the Mediterranean;
  - b) To develop joint research programmes in the Mediterranean area, and
  - c) To promote cooperation in training university professors;
3. The University of the Mediterranean in order to achieve these goals, shall use all communication and publication tools, on whatever medium, including the publication of books and magazines, as well as any other means to promote and disseminate information on joint work carried out and to distribute such output.

### **2) DURATION**

UNIMED is established for an unlimited period.

### **3) LEGAL STATUS**

UNIMED is an association. Members undertake the commitment to obtain, at the appropriate time, recognition of its legal status.

### **4) PARTICIPANTS**

UNIMED is open to the Universities and similar institutions of higher learning of the Mediterranean countries. Accession commits members to effective participation in the scientific network.

### **5) STRUCTURE**

UNIMED is governed by:

- a) The Assembly
- b) The Commission
- c) The President
- d) The Director General

## 6) THE ASSEMBLY

1. The Assembly is made up of the deans of participating universities or their delegates;
2. The Assembly is competent to:
  - a) define the general policy of the University and controls its activity;
  - b) amens the statutes
  - c) elect the President and the member of the Commission
  - d) admit new members (Universities). The power may temporarily be developed to the Commission
  - e) decide the amount of membership fees, according to Art. 11.
3. The Assembly is presided over by the President of UNIMED and meets at least once every two years. It may be convened by the President any time that he deems it necessary. The President must convene the Assembly if two thirds of its members request it.
4. Decisions are taken by the majority of members present.
5. The Assembly may delegate some of its powers to the Commission with the exception of the amendments of the statutes and the election of the President and the Commissioners.

## 7. THE COMMISSION

1. The Commission is made up of the President who chairs it, nine Commissioners and the Director General.
2. Commissioners are elected by the Assembly and represent the members states. Their office is two years and can be renewed twice if a Commissioner is temporarily unable to carry out his duties he may be replaced by his deputy. If he voluntarily resigns, or if he no longer can carry out his duties the Commission shall appoint a replacement proposed by the University of the Commissioner to carry out the latter's duties until the next meeting of the Assembly.
3. The Commission:
  - a) defines and implements the main axes of UNIMED activities within the framework of the directives of the General Assembly;
  - b) adopts the budget and statement of accounts of the Association;
  - c) adopts the annual activity programmes of UNIMED.
  - d) elects, from among its members, two vice-presidents
  - e) appoints the Director General
  - f) delegates certain powers to the President and/or its Director General
  - g) decides to set up decentralized offices.

4. The Commission meets once a year. Decisions are taken by the majority of those present.

## **8. THE PRESIDENT**

The President is elected by the Assembly, from among its members for a 4-year term and may be reelected. If he is temporarily prevented from carrying out his functions, he is replaced by the senior Vice-President. If the President voluntarily gives up his post or if in the opinion of the Commission he can no longer carry out his duties, the senior Vice-President replaces him until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

The President:

- a) represents UNIMED
- b) convenes and chairs the UNIMED bodies
- c) oversees the implementation of the decisions taken by the Assembly and the Commission
- d) may delegate certain authorities to the Director General

## **9. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

The Director General is elected for a 5-year term, which can be renewed. He is entrusted with:

- a) ensuring the promotion and management of the cultural and scientific UNIMED activities within the scope of the orientations outlined by the President
- b) ensuring administrative and staff management
- c) preparing the budget and the statement of accounts
- d) ensuring UNIMED's financial management

## **10. RESOURCES**

UNIMED's resources are made up of:

- a) fees from participating members
- b) subsidies, contributions, donations or requests, from public or private bodies
- c) all other resources derived from UNIMED activities.

## **11. BUDGET AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The budget is drawn up annually. For each exercise, the Director General proposes a draft budget which is submitted to the Commission for adoption at least one month before the beginning of the relevant budget year. At the end of the exercise, the Director General prepares a statement of accounts, which he submits to the Commission for adoption within 4 months from the closing date of the year.

## **12. LOCALISATION OF ACTIVITIES**

1. UNIMED's headquarters in Rome, at the University "La Sapienza".
2. scientific and educational programmes can be carried out at all participating Universities.

## **13. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION**

1. The Rules of procedure stipulate the conditions for the organization and operation of UNIMED
2. The Rules of procedure are established by the Commission and endorsed by the Assembly.

## **14. DISSOLUTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES**

The decision to dissolve UNIMED or to amend its statutes is taken by the Assembly, variably constituted by the majority of its members and endorsed by the majority of the those present.

## **15. FOUNDING MEMBERS**

The founding members of the University of the Mediterranean are the following Universities:

- Rome " La Sapienza"
- Aix-Marseilles I
- Alexandria (Egypt)
- Algiers
- Athens
- Barcelona
- Bari
- Bordeaux I
- Cairo
- Lyon II
- Madrid Computense
- Messina
- Naples
- Paris (Sorbonne)
- Rabat
- Sassari
- Seville
- Toulon
- Tunis
- Ecole des Hautes Etudes en sciences sociales, Paris

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