

Flamingo Festival and 20th Türkiye Bird Conference
15-17 September 2023
Gediz Delta, Izmir



Program

15 September 2023

Welcome & Registration 09.30-10.00

10.00-10.20 Opening Speech of the 20th Türkiye Bird Conference -
Dicle Tuba Kılıç - *Doga's Chairperson of the board*



10.20-10.30 4th Regional Director of Nature Conservation and National Parks
Opening Speech - Kemal Can

Presentations 10.30-17.00

10.30-10.50 Story of a Protected Area: Gediz Delta - Şafak Arslan - *Doga's Conservation Manager*

10.50-11.10 Living Parks of Izmir - Hüseyin Öztürk - *Izmir Metropolitan Municipality Landscape Architect*

11.10-11.30 Ecotourism Potential of Gediz Delta - Göker Yarkın Yaraşlı - *Izmir Metropolitan Municipality İzdoğa Tourism Manager*

11.30-11.50 Initiative for Recovering Nature in the East (RENATE) - Itri Levent Erkol - *BirdLife Europe and Central Asia Turkey and the Caucasus Consultant*

11.50-12.10 Past and present of raptors in Istanbul - Süreyya İsfendiyaroğlu - *Istanbul Bird Observatory*

12.10-13.10 Lunch break

13.10-13.30 Izmir Bay Studies - Mürüvvet Kılıç and Güzin Özbaş - *Izmir Water and Sewerage Administration*

13.30-13.50 Saved from death - example of coastal wetland restoration - Damijan Denac - *DOPPS – BirdLife Slovenia, Director*

13.50-14.10 River Life with birds in Alakır - Birhan Erkutlu - *Friendship of Alakır*

14.10-14.30 How are the greater flamingos in Tuz Lake saved? - Fahri Tunç

14.30-14.50 Restoring Wetlands for the European Bittern: A community-based Approach (video presentation) - Lisa Ernoul - *Tour du Valat Foundation*

14.50-15.10 Wildlife Studies in Istanbul - Ahmet Yaşar Yıldız - *Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Directorate of Urban Ecological Systems*



15.10-15.30 Raptor conservation in Bulgaria - Anton Stamenov - Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds | *BirdLife Bulgaria*

15.30-15.50 Determination of the number and types of bird species in Sapanca Lake and investigation of the effects of environmental factors on population size - Dilek Temur

15.50-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-16.20 From the Air, the Water and the Bird - Alper Tüydeş

16.20-16.40 Birds of İzmir - Ömer Döndüren - *İzmir Metropolitan Municipality Biolog*

16.40-17.00 Sociable Lapwing Project - Ruslan Urazaliyev *Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan | BirdLife Kazakhstan Scientific Fellow*

17.00- 17.30 Transportation to Mavişehir Fishing Shelter

17:30-18.00 Festival Opening

18.00-18.15 Opening Speech of *Doga's Chairperson of the board* - Dicle Tuba Kılıç

18.15-18.55 Two birds and two dances: Flamenco-Semah - *Izmir Flamenco Workshop and Ege University State Turkish Music Conservatory Turkish Folk Dance Department Graduated Students (Mavişehir Fishing Shelter)*

19.30-21.00 Conversation on Birds and Human Migration - *Agora Minor (Mavişehir Fishing Shelter)*

During the day: Flamingo-watching by boat and bus, *İzdoğa Tourism*

9.00-22.00 Visiting the stands of NGOs (*Mavişehir Fishing Shelter*)

10.00-17.00 Nature of İzmir photography exhibition (*İZTAM*)



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Welcome & Registration 09.30-10.00

10.00-17.00 Presentations and Fieldwork

10.00-10.20 Bird Species of the Accipitridae Family of Köroğlu Mountains - Tuğba Aydın

10.20-10.40 Sensitive Habitats to be Protected from Construction on Turkish Coasts - Cem Orkun Kıraç - *Underwater Research Society*

10.40-11.00 Studies on the eastern imperial eagle and the steppe eagle - Cansu Özcan

11.00-11.20 Importance of records in bird watching - Mustafa Erturhan - *eKuşbank, eBird*

11.20-11.30 Bird-friendly coffee - Süleyman Erçalışkan

11.30-11.50 Birdwatching Parks Near Wetlands: A Design Offer Compatible with Urban Development - Benazir Başak Koç - *Atatürk University*

11.50-12.10 19th Century Texts On Birdwatching and Ornithology in Turkish Printed Materials - Tarkan Murat Akkaya

12.10-12.30 Cyprus Wildlife Research Institute - Mustafa Güray Bukan - Wildlife Rescue Specialist

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.15 Evaluation

14.15-14.30 Doga's film screening

14.30-15.00 Free time and coffee break

15.00-17.00 Gediz Delta fieldwork



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10.00-17.00 Nature of İzmir photography exhibition (İZTAM)

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08.00-09.00 Registration for participation in meetings and activities at Mavişehir Fishing Shelter

9.00-22.00 Visiting the stands of NGOs

10.00-12.00/14.00-19.00 Participation in Flamingo Road boat tours (*İzdoğa Tourism*, Mavişehir Fishing Shelter)

10.00-12.00/14.00-19.00 Participation in Flamingo Road bus tours (*İzdoğa Tourism*, Güney Gediz Delta)

10.00-11.00/16.00-17.00 Flamingo shadow game (Cemal Fatih Polat)

10.00-12.00/14.00-16.00 Children's games

17.00-19.00 Kite Festival

About the Flamingo Festival and Bird Conference

The Flamingo Festival will be held in Izmir on September 15-17, 2023, hosted by the Doga Dernegi and Izmir Metropolitan Municipality. The festival will start with the 20th Türkiye Bird Conference and continue with various events in Mavişehir Fishing Shelter and Gediz Delta.

No participation fee is requested for the festival organized by the voluntary efforts of institutions and individuals. Efforts are continuing to provide comfortable facilities possible for the participants.

The 20th Türkiye Bird Conference is taking place in memory of our friend Önder Cırık, who we lost in the 6 February 2023 Earthquake.

The Conference Venue

The first two days of the festival will take place in **İzmir Agricultural Development Center - İZTAM**, owned by the İzmir Metropolitan Municipality.



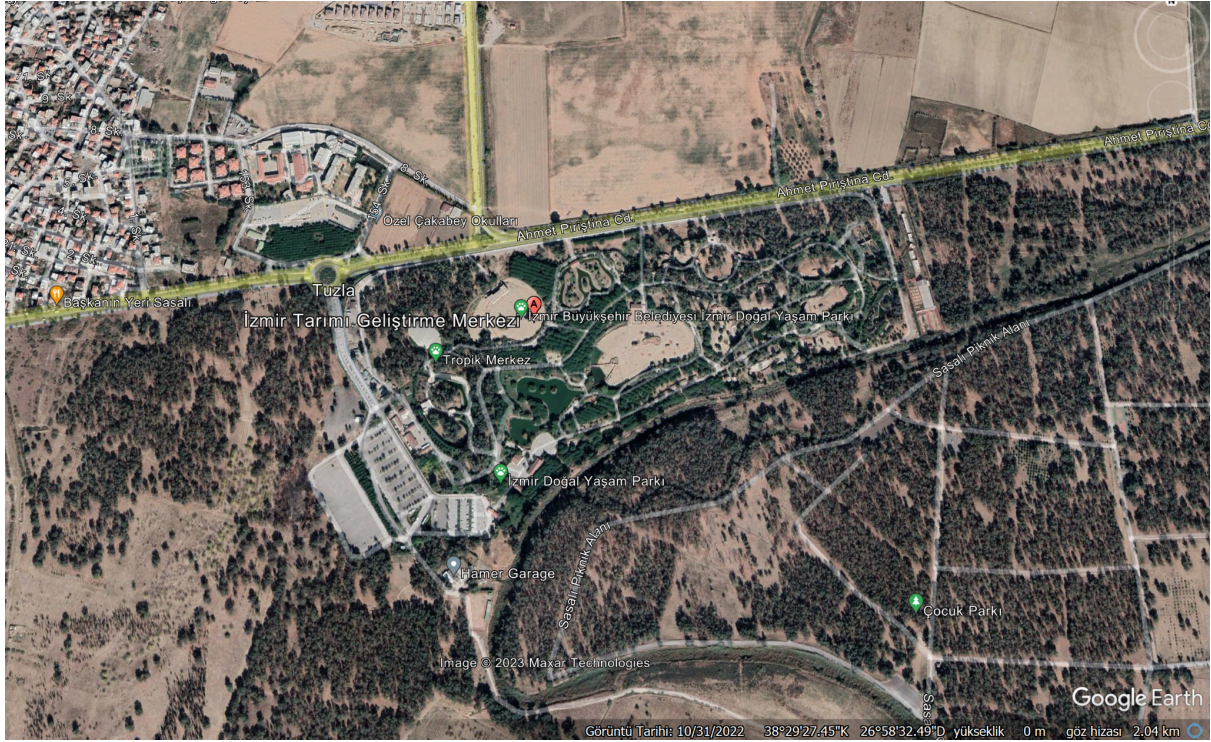
İzmir Agricultural Development Center- İZTAM exterior view of the entrance. Photo Credit: Canber Günay

Transportation

It is possible to arrive at İzmir Agricultural Development Center with the city buses numbered **751** departing from **Çiğli Transfer Center** and the bus numbered **777** departing from **Karşıyaka İskele Station**.

Address of the venue: Tuzla, Ahmet Piriştina Cd. No:3, Doğal Yaşam Parkı Yanı, Sasalı/Çiğli/İzmir

- A bus will depart from Mavişehir Fishing Shelter to Sasalı City Forest, where tent accommodation will be held, on 14 September 2023 at 19.00.
- A bus will depart from Mavişehir Fishing Shelter to the conference venue in İzmir Agricultural Development Center - İZTAM on 15 and 16 September 2023 at 08:00.



Location of İZTAM

Accommodation

a) Tents

Accommodation with tents will be free of charge in the backyard of the conference hall at **İzmir Agricultural Development Center - İZTAM**.

Participants who plan to stay in the camping area are expected to bring their own camping equipment suitable for the weather conditions. The camping area is far from the residential areas, and there is no shopping opportunity within walking distance.

To get support please contact us at kuskonferansi@dogadernegi.org.

b) Hotel

Choosing the hotels located in the **Çiğli** and **Karşıyaka** districts of İzmir will ease your transportation during the conference and the festival.



Meals and Coffee-breaks

There will be no charge for breakfast, lunch, coffee, and tea during the first 2 days of the festival.

Things to pay attention

- The number of participants in the 20th Türkiye Bird Conference is limited. The list of participants will be determined before the conference. If you are planning to bring an accompanying person, they must have filled in the participation form. Please provide this information in advance at a reasonable time to help us to run the organization smoothly.
- Since the 2nd and 3rd days will take place outdoors, participants should pay attention to selecting clothes suitable for seasonal conditions. outdoor shoes should be preferred. Appropriate clothing should be preferred for the weather conditions, such as wind and sun-proof top layer, hat, etc.
- If you have binoculars or a camera, it would be helpful to bring them with you to see the birds up close.
- If you have a medication that you use regularly, keep it with you.

Certificate of Participation

Everyone who attends the 20th Türkiye Bird Conference will receive a Certificate of Participation.



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<https://www.youtube.com/user/DogaVision>

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