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EDUCATION

- 2020-Present **Middle East Technical University**
M.S., Biology
- 2015-2020 **Middle East Technical University**
B.S., Biology
- 2013-2015 **İzmit High School**
2011-2013 **Kocaeli High School of Science**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Limnology Laboratory, METU

Studying phytoplankton community assemblages with a functional approach under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Meryem Beklioğlu

VOLUNTEERING

Ecosystem Research and Implementation Center (EKOSAM) Student Community, 2019-Present

Contributed to organization of activities in order to increase the nature awareness of students in METU, citizens and elementary school students.

ABLE Project (Assessing Butterflies in Europe), 2020

Participated on the Turkish translation of the Butterfly Count App and the website content of European Butterfly Monitoring Scheme

Primate Trust India, 2019

Caring for the captive and emotionally disturbed primates

Dört Koldan Doğa Eğitimi, TUBITAK 4004 Project, 2018-2019

As a nature host informed citizen on forest, wetland and steppe ecosystems.

Nature for Youth and the City, ERASMUS+ Project, 2017-2019

Under the partnership of different organizations, trained to be a "Nature Host". Worked with different age groups on nature education, contributed the citizen science project TürSay(BioBlitz).

GLEON SGA Limnologists: Timeseries Analysis for Ecologists Workshop, 2021

International Shallow Lakes Conference, 2021

Contributed with an oral presentation titled *Understanding Phytoplankton Community Assemblage Processes of Turkey's Shallow Lakes*

Nature for Youth and City Project Nature Training Workshop, 2019

Nature for Youth and City Project International Nature Host Training Workshops (Anima Mundi, IT, TEI of Thessaly, GR, Butterfly Conservation, UK), 2017-2018

Aykut Kence Evolution Conference, 2016