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### ASSESSMENT OF THE ECOTOURISM ADJUSTMENT PLAN IN THE LAKES REGION IN THE CONTEXT OF ALTERNATIVE TOURISM AND IN TERMS OF THE LAKE BEYŞEHİR NATIONAL PARK

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#### EXTENSIVE SUMMARY

In the scope of this study, according to the Tourism Strategy of Turkey, for the desired application to create ecotourism in the Lakes Region, the activities planned to be completed by 2023 at Beyşehir Lake National Park are to be analyzed. The Konya Province Nature Tourism Action Plan, in which the mentioned activities are included, is covered in the study and it is seen that the activities included are camping, caravaning, nature walks, bird watching, photo safaris, bicycle tours, canoeing, boat tours, water slides and field guiding. In addition, it is concluded that the largest stake holder among the responsible units for implementing these activities is the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs 8th Regional Directorate.

The activities that have been applied and will be applied within the scope of the plan are classified according to the years and it is seen that it is preferred for camp caravan activities to be implemented mainly in 2017-2018. It is fore seen that for nature walking activities, as well as 2 applications in 2017 there will be 1 activity made in 2018. For activities based on bird watching, applications were determined in 2016 and 2017 and it is seen that there will be no more activities to commence from this day forward.

The only activity within the framework of the Action Plan that is limited is the camp-caravan plan. These limitations are the presence of 1st Grade Protected Archaeological Sites and 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Nature Reserved Sites. Another topic covered in the implementation action plan to develop nature tourism activities implemented in Beyşehir Lake National Park is the budget. 2.342.000 TL has been allocated for all activities to be implemented in 2016-2019 and it is seen that the biggest budget is allocated for camp-caravan activities with 1.270.000 TL. This is followed by TL 500,000 for regulations on water skiing activities. The smallest budget allocated is 12,500 TL for bicycle tours. The camp-caravan services which the Regional Directorate is solely responsible for have the largest budget and the bicycle tour services which has many responsible units have the lowest budget, consequently, with the increasing number of units responsible for movement, there have been changes made in proportion to the size of the material investment. In this context, it is suggested that the regional directorate should reduce the size of the financial budget that has been allocated by specifying more responsible units in the 2020-2023 plan.

It seems that Konya is in the process of being revised after problems caused by the cancellation of the Long-Term Development Plan. In this context, it is proposed that the Long-term Development Plan be urgently completed in order for the Natural Tourism Action Plan to be completed by 2019 so that the activities in the action plans can take place.