Project Update: February 2023

Project activities carried out from October 2022 to February 2023

October 2022- Permit procedures and site preparation

- According to our work schedule, the team went to Antalya Köprü Stream and Manavgat Stream in October 2022 and exchanged ideas with the people of the surrounding area.

- We intensified our work in areas where the public think otters exist.

- In the surveys and interviews we have seen that there is a serious conflict between the otters and the fish production facilities.

- In Antalya province Köprü Stream and Manavgat Stream basin, the otter will be identified by talking with the local people and we have determined the possible habitats of the species.

- In the regions where signs of otters were detected, detailed scanning was carried out with the study that there are no areas where the species is likely to appear.

- Necessary field materials and equipment were arranged.

Fieldwork in November and December 2022 and January 2023

- From November 2022 to January 2023, the site was visited and photo traps were installed in different areas of the area.

- In total, we set up 15 camera traps in Antalya Köprü Stream and Manavgat Stream along two different streams.

- In November and December 2022, we focused our photo traps on areas where human influence is high, so stray dogs, cats, etc. No otter image could be obtained despite displaying domesticated species.

- In January 2023, we focused our photo traps on areas where human influence is low, and with the decrease in tourism activities, otter images were attached to our photo traps.

Ongoing project activities and future plan

For the next steps, we focus our photo traps on areas where human impact is low, identify the areas where otters are active, determine the habitat preference, change the negative thoughts of the surrounding people about the otter, and raise public awareness by explaining the ecological importance of the indicator species, the otter.

In addition, observations will continue with the camera trap.

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