

Mediterritage

Valorisation économique du patrimoine naturel et culturel des montagnes méditerranéennes

SOUS-PROJET « VILLAGE »

Présentation de la contribution du Village d'Ören Région de Mugla (Turquie)

1. Présentation générale du territoire/village

Overall presentation of the territory / Village

Brief information about the Mugla Region

The Mugla region is located on the western part of the Taurus Mountains which are the major mountain belt in the south of Turkey. Mugla region is located between 27° – 29° east longitudes and 36° - 38° north latitudes in the south west of Turkey.



The total territory is about 210 000 hectares of which about 1 million hectares is forested land. Out of 1.7 million total population, 392 000 is rural population living in 728 villages. Dominant vegetation cover is Pine forest (*Pinus brutia* and *Pinus nigra*) and Mediterranean maquis flora.

Agriculture (particularly fruit growing, olive, fig, citrus, etc.), beekeeping, forestry, fishery, livestock, mining, and employment in tourism are the basic means of incomes of local people. Agricultural products processing is also important.

Mugla and its surroundings are one of the most touristically attractive places in Turkey. There are two airports and famous tourist areas such as Milas, Marmaris, Bodrum, Kusadasi. Variety of historical ruins and ancient civilization areas are the main strengths of the region.

Forest fires, soil erosion and insufficient water resources are the major natural and ecologic difficulties of the area. Out migration from the villages in mountain areas to the down plains, insufficient industrial facilities, lower education level, shortage of quality workforce are the major important problems.

2. Situation du territoire / village par rapport au thème du sous-projet

Situation of the territory / village with regard to the sub-project

ÖREN VILLAGE

Ören village as a partner area for the "village development" sub-project of the MEDITERRITAGE is located nearby the ruins of ancient Likya civilization area in Fethiye Town. The population of the village is 1950.



The main income of the village are; bee-keeping, cultivated fishing, livestock, agriculture and tourism. Horticulture (pomegranate in particular) is also important cash income products.

Infrastructures such as schools, roads, energy facilities, health care centers etc are quiet well developed in Ören village.

A number of government institutions, cooperatives, associations and NGOs have carried out some programs and gained experience on village development subjects. The forestry service for instance, has implemented a number of village development projects in Ören village. However, there is not an efficient coordination and feedback among them.

Insufficient industrial facilities, poorly developed tourism services, lack of quality workforce, frequent forest fires, overgrazing in rangelands, inaccessibility to towns and plains and erosion risk on the forest and arable lands are the major problems being encountered in the Ören village.

3. Les attentes par rapport au sous-projet

Expectations from the sub-project

The Meditteritage project as well as its sub-projects must be perceived as a pioneering regional initiative to elaborate appropriate development projects and programs through alternative income generating facilities for improvement of living conditions of the people and to mitigate negative pressure on the forests and other natural resources. Thus, the natural landscape, historical and cultural heritage can be properly protected.

Following outcomes should be expected from the project:

- The state of the art of sustainable village development on the Mediterranean basis will be outlined;
- Relevant knowledge and experience gained as well as difficulties encountered on the mountain development programs will be exchange among the partners;
- Recent information, means, tools and mechanisms about the sustainable mountain management and village development strategies will be observed, provided and shared;
- Such experience could be replicated in the other parts of the countries;

- Experts and staff working on these issues in the region could be familiar with their partners as well as with related data bases;
- More effective cooperation and collaborative works among the partners will be enhanced;
- Available information on project related subjects will be updated and renewed through the observations of the project;
- New cooperation issues among the Mediterranean countries will be created.
- Data bases for the future studies about the partners of the village sub-project areas will be provided.