

FOREST CADASTRAL SURVEYS IN TURKEY

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In Turkey the forest is one of the most important natural resources. Sustainable forest management is required for the forests meet the social, economic, ecological, cultural and spiritual needs of the next generation. To prevent deforestation is possible with the cadastral studies. Of the forest lands for which cadastre works were completed, 65% were registered to the land registers and the registration for the remaining 35% failed. This situation is among the major causes of boundary and possession disputes between the people and the forest administration. Currently, part of forest cadastral works are conducted by forest cadastral commissions under the General Directorate of Forestry, and the other part of forest cadastral works are conducted by a team composed of land surveying teams of General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre with the participation of a forest engineer representing the General Directorate of Forestry. During 2011, cadastral works were completed by Cadastre Commissions of the General Directorate of Forestry for 88,838 hectares of forest land for the first time. In areas where there is a final forest restriction or forest cadastre but where Forest Law No. 6831, Article 2/B as amended with Law No. 3302, have not been implemented; Cadastral location determination (Application) was made for 425,617 hectares of forest land and for the lands placed outside the forest boundaries; the aim of this implementation was to establish a basis for implementation of Article 2/B, and to make the registration of the lands removed outside the forest boundaries under amended Article 2 and 2/B of Forest Law No. 6831, to be conducted jointly with General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre under Law No. 5831 by means of service procurement contracts under Public Procurement Law. In summary, first-time ever forest cadastre was performed in 337,921 hectares of land in comparison to 2 million hectares of the planned area.

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