



**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

CAMILI BIOSPHERE RESERVE

1. Three Commissions: “National Biosphere Reserves Commission”, “Local Steering Commission” and “Local Advisory Commission” were established with an official approval, which was given by Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks, numbered as 62865314-E.3377494, on 14.11.2019, for governing the Camili Reserve. By means of these commissions, serious steps have been taken regarding the decentralization of the area.
2. Management Plans on Camili Biosphere Reserve is under revision with the assistance of the above mentioned committees.
3. Nature and biodiversity conservation policy; on a sectoral and regional basis, integrating into social and economic development plans and programs, creating a model for sustainable natural resource use and management, serving for the conservation of biological diversity, protecting genetic diversity, meeting the ecological demands of rare and threatened species or communities, physical geographical regions, “Biosphere Reserves Regulation Draft” has been prepared in order to preserve living communities, genetic resources and distinguished examples of species in their natural state as much as possible, and to realize their purpose. The draft of the regulation was finalized after being opened to the opinion of the relevant ministries, local administrations and NGOs. The draft, which is currently being examined by the Legal Counsel, will be forwarded to the Presidency after the final evaluations and published. Not only Camili, but there are many potential candidates from Turkey as Biosphere Reserves and studies on potential candidate sites were held and new sites might be designated in new future.
4. The General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry evaluated the potential biosphere reserve areas in our country. After the publication of the regulation, evaluations with relevant institutions and organizations related to the announcement of potential biosphere reserve areas will be accelerated and studies on the announcement of new areas will be carried out effectively.
5. As it can be understood from the zoning in the draft regulation, there is no additional restriction or limitation on management. Thus, since all parties are involved in the management within the scope of the effective management of the area, it is obvious that this type of management will bring a different vision and inspiration for the management of the protected area in the current period.