



Kick-off meeting for Putting PEEN to Practice: Gökova Integrated Coastal and Marine Management Planning (ICMM) Project was held on January 23, 2009 at the EPASA Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey. The participants of the meeting were; representatives of the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Turkish Environmental Protection Agency for Special Areas (EPASA), Turkish Ministry of Environment and Forestry Directorate General for Nature Protection and National Parks and the NGO partners of the project (Rubicon and SAD-AFAG).

The overall agenda of the meeting was introducing the project to the governmental stakeholders. The project leader in Turkey Mr. Cem Orkun Kırış made a power point presentation of the project; explaining marine and coastal areas management planning project components and the expected results. Moreover, Kırış emphasized that the project will be a pioneer in Turkey and probably in Europe as the management plan covers both the marine and the coastal areas. Rubicon Managing Director Mrs. Canan Orhun presented the programmes of Rubicon and answered questions about the project. Mr. Mehmet Menengiş Head of Environment Protection Research Department stated that Gökova SPA is believed to play a key role in the management planning of the area.

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