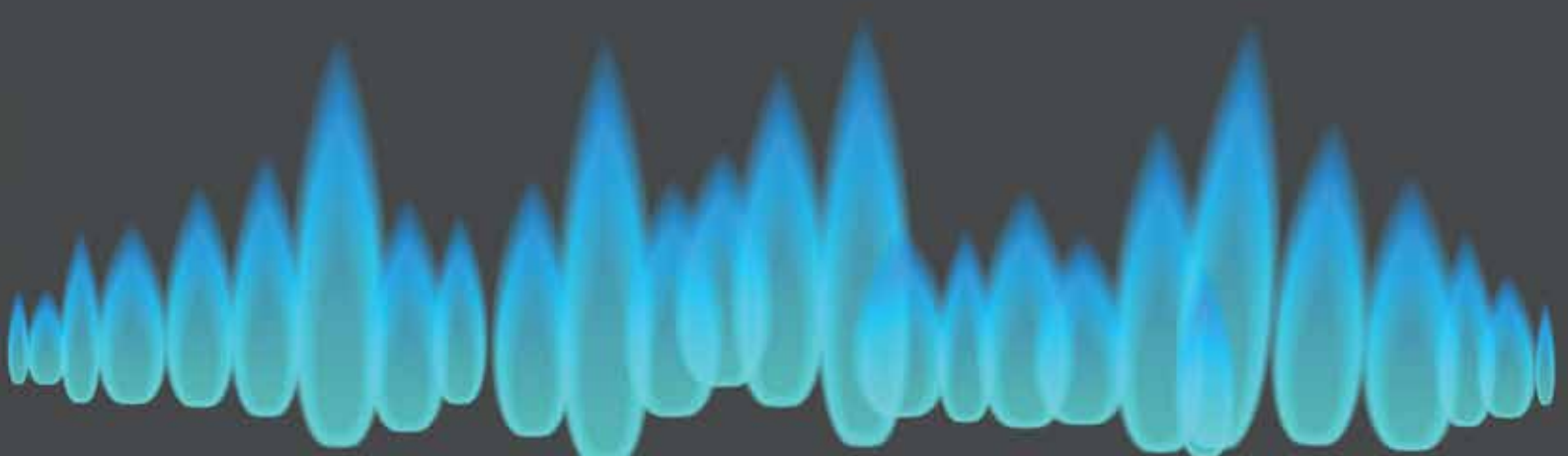




2017
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



AKSA DOĞALGAZ
TURN THE BACK FOR THE MAP OF
NATURAL WONDERS





Esteemed Friends,

The story began over half a century ago in a small workshop, has turned into a global success story today with the AKSA brand. As Turkey's and world's one of the most prestigious energy groups, we continue to grow by placing our core values, to which we have always been firmly committed, at the center of all operations and with contributions from you, our distinguished stakeholders.

As a global energy group, from past to present we determined our strategies in a precise manner without slowing down our investments for our country and we have extended our reach to China and the USA, and even to remote corners of the African continent. A Kazancı Holding company, Aksa Energy breathed new life into Africa by generating power. Meanwhile, Aksa Power Generation produces gensets in the world's largest manufacturing facility of its kind. Aksa Doğalgaz distributes natural gas to the widest geographic area in Turkey. Aksa Electricity meets the needs of its electricity distribution regions via its various subsidiaries, and delivers electricity to clients across Turkey through its retail and wholesale companies. Currently, Kazancı Holding companies engage in production across four continents, operate in 21 countries and export to more than 160 countries around the globe.

Our natural gas investments in Turkey hold a very special place among our extensive business operations. During a period when no one else dared to do so, we have been committed to delivering natural gas to every corner of Turkey with a strong sense of service responsibility and our willingness to embark upon a years-long marathon for this purpose without any – all of which have moved us forward to where we are today.

As Turkey's largest private sector natural gas distributor, Aksa Doğalgaz is Kazancı Holding's highly specialized, reliable and smiling face that reaches every household in Turkey. We will continue creating value for you, our stakeholders, and above all, serving our nation, as we have since our beginnings.

I extend my greetings and respect to our employees and all our stakeholders, as well as our hope to witness and share in Aksa Doğalgaz's further achievements.

ALİ METİN KAZANCI
Kazancı Holding Chairman and Founder



Distinguished Stakeholders,

The Aksa brand, created by our founder Ali Metin Kazancı with great determination and passion, proceeds on its way as a strong and valuable asset, which has expanded beyond the country borders to deliver reliable solutions that meet energy needs across the world.

We are proud to have played a courageous and significant role in the story of Turkey, which in the past started with initiating investment campaigns to meet its energy needs, has now evolved to having enormous companies that engage in energy investments in numerous countries around the globe.

We continue to execute our investment drive without interruption and achieve further accomplishments with each passing year. In 2002, we established Aksa Doğalgaz in order to deliver natural gas safely to every single household in Turkey. Today, the Company makes immense contributions to the nation's economy and employment with its increasing scale, investments and service quality. Aksa Doğalgaz besides singlehandedly accounting for 24% of employment in the Turkish natural gas sector, the Company continues to grow and move forward. as the country's largest natural gas distributor.

I am pleased to announce to you, our distinguished stakeholders that we plan to soon launch the IPO process for Aksa Doğalgaz – a highly valuable company with its planned investments and future growth potential. Founded through great self-sacrifice, Aksa Doğalgaz is ready to start sharing the tremendous value it has created to date with investors and become a safe haven in the capital markets with its IPO.

Our objective for Aksa Doğalgaz is to ensure that the Company also represents Turkey abroad with overseas investments that capitalize on its specialization and experience in its core business. I would like to extend my gratitude to our employees and stakeholders who will continue to constitute the backbone of our corporate strength as we march toward this ambitious goal of ours.

Best regards,

ŞABAN CEMİL KAZANCI
Kazancı Holding CEO and Vice Chairman

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THE MAP OF NATURAL WONDERS

Since 2002, Akxa Doğalgaz been delivering natural gas as an eco-friendly, safe and clean fuel to the residents of our service regions.

With our companies located in 21 regions across Turkey, whose licenses we obtained from the Energy Market Regulatory Authority, Akxa Doğalgaz engages in natural gas distribution operations in 27 provincial centers and 167 districts located within 31 provinces.

We see ourselves responsible for protecting and enhancing the natural environment. With this approach, we are proud to present to you this year's annual report centered on the theme "The Map of Natural Wonders," after last year's "The Map of Natural Flavors."

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Aksa Doğalgaz, which is known for its operational and financial success as well as its innovations in the sector, upholds its ambition in this area with a major digitization drive.



Net Sales

TL 2.9 Billion

EBITDA

TL 390 Million

Aksa Doğalgaz's network corresponds to 19.3% of our country's total natural gas network.

19.3%

Esteemed Stakeholders,

ECONOMIC RECOVERY SPREADS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

In 2017, the moderate global economic rebound which had begun at the end of 2016 extended across the world to both developed countries and emerging markets. The world's economy recorded its best performance in the last eight years, while global trade volume maintained its uptrend which started in November 2016.

Despite ongoing domestic uncertainties, the USA's economic recovery continued apace as reflected in the improved performance of key economic indicators. This positive outlook allowed the Fed to execute its interest rate hikes as previously announced and embark upon its balance sheet reduction program. The Eurozone emerged from the economic repercussions of a busy election schedule relatively unscathed, with national economies giving positive growth signals. On the other hand, although the risk of deflation in the EU has been eradicated, lower-than-expected inflation figures prompted the ECB to sustain its quantitative easing policies.

In 2017, developing countries which received a relatively higher volume of capital inflows posted a more stable growth performance. Aside from capital inflows, surging oil prices and declining inflation rates were key factors underlying the positive performance of emerging economies.

Although global growth is expected to gain pace in 2018, heightened geopolitical risks, the decision of central banks in advanced economies to step up their monetary tightening process, and tax reform in the USA may well disrupt this positive trajectory.

TURKEY'S ECONOMY RETURNS TO THE HIGH GROWTH PATH.

Turkey positively diverged from other OECD countries in 2017 thanks to the government's actions supportive of the economy and recorded an impressive rate of economic growth. Foremost among these various efforts was the Credit Guarantee Fund (KGF) whose volume and scope was expanded. Public finance incentives, recovery in the global economy, and the resulting increase in net exports and tourism revenues were other major factors underpinning Turkey's strong growth performance during the year.

However, strong domestic demand, the depreciation of the TL, the rise in import prices in USD terms, and the base effect from the previous year in food prices kept inflation in double-digit territory throughout 2017. The rising foreign exchange rate, high gold prices and increased energy imports once again tilted the current deficit upward. The deterioration arising from inflation and exchange rate volatility prompted the Turkish Central Bank to pursue a tight monetary policy to check these developments via different instruments.

Despite geopolitical risks in the region and the tough economic environment, Turkey diverged positively from other emerging markets. We project that the country will continue along this positive trajectory into 2018 albeit at a somewhat slower pace. We see Turkey gearing up its development drive thanks to its robust public finances, dynamic private sector and youthful population.

THE NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SECTOR IS GROWING WITH NEW INVESTMENTS.

In 2017, despite the exchange rate volatility, Turkey's impressive economic expansion and the ensuing rise in energy demand were positive developments for the energy sector. Although a large part of this demand was met via imports, oil prices rose, and the TL depreciated, creating difficulties for the industry's players and placing a significant burden on the national economy.

IN 2017, TURKEY'S NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION ROSE TO 53.5 BILLION M³ – AN ALL-TIME RECORD.

Last year's most important development for the energy industry was the National Energy and Mining Policy announced by the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, which served to increase incentives for renewable energy resources and domestic coal. We believe that this new incentive toward domestic coal will potentially have a major positive impact on the nation's energy sector outlook.

Aksa Doğalgaz's core business – natural gas distribution – has made significant progress over the last decade. During this period, the sector's network length of steel lines increased

from 2 thousand km to 12,326 thousand km in 2017, and while the length of polyethylene lines went up from 20 thousand km to 114,500 thousand km. In 2017, the Turkish natural gas distribution network expanded 10% to reach 126,826 thousand km, while the number subscribers surged 90% to more than 14.1 million.

The distribution tenders for 81 provinces were completed as of April 2017 while natural gas supply is planned to be extended to all provinces by end-2018 – two highly positive developments for sector players like Aksa Doğalgaz. As of year-end 2017, the distribution companies serve 50 million residents in 78 provinces and 426 districts while ramping up their investments day by day.

After reviewing all this data, we see that Turkey's natural gas distribution sector passed through a decade marked by very intensive investment and infrastructure work. That said half of all Turkish districts still lack access to natural gas, suggesting that the industry still has a long distance to cover.

In 2017, Turkey's natural gas demand surged from 46 billion m³ to an all-time high of 53.5 billion m³, up 16%. Key factors behind this jump in demand were the abnormally low temperature levels in the first four months of 2017 and the acquisition of 1 million new natural gas subscribers.

WE OUTPERFORMED THE FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL TARGETS WE HAD SET FOR 2017.

Having built and now safely operating Turkey's largest natural gas distribution network, Aksa Doğalgaz completed fiscal year 2017 with significant investments and successful financial results. As of year-end, we serve a population of 15 million and 4.4 million potential customers in Turkey's 27 provinces, 167 districts and towns. Aksa Doğalgaz's network corresponds to 19.3% of the country's total natural gas network length and 19% of all natural gas distribution nationwide, underscoring the key role and huge responsibility we have in the market. In 2017, we also distributed 8.9 billion m³ of natural gas in our service regions and posted turnover of TL 2.9 billion at year's end with our operations. Our EBITDA rose 45% over the prior year to TL 390 million, and we remained in the top 50 of the Fortune 500 Turkey list.

Accounting for 50% of the total industry-wide investment, which stood at more than USD 7 billion as of end-2017, we plan to continue gearing up our investments in the coming years. Over the next four years, we will undertake 4 thousand km of new network investments each year to extend our total network length to 42 thousand km by end-2021, boost our potential customer numbers to 5.3 million, expand our subscriber base to 3.8 million, and raise our natural gas distribution volume to 11.1 billion m³. Today, our network is long

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

enough to encircle Turkey two times. We aim to extend it further by 2021, such that our network will be long enough to encircle Turkey four times and circumnavigate the globe.

WE TOOK MAJOR STEPS FORWARD IN OUR DIGITIZATION DRIVE.

In addition to our operational and financial success, Aksa Doğalgaz has always been closely associated with innovation in the sector. Accordingly, we went the extra mile in our digitization drive in 2017. We developed our proprietary SCADA (Remote Control and Supervision System) software, passing a critical milestone on this journey. With completion of SCADA, we now have a rich systems infrastructure complete with 3D-supported drawing infrastructure, IoT support, data analysis, advanced reporting capability, effective alarm management, trend support for practical data visualization, and many more new potential modules. Currently, we control 25% of Turkey's natural gas network, and manage this infrastructure with our Shipment Control Center, which makes optimal use of present-day technologies.

Our efforts sent ripples across not only Turkey but also the international arena. At Connected Intelligence 17 held in October in Boston, we had the opportunity to promote the SCADA infrastructure in a comprehensive manner and received positive feedback that made us truly proud. At Aksa Doğalgaz, we plan to continue upgrading and enhancing the SCADA system by making use of state-of-the-art technologies.

OUR IPO PROCESS WILL TOP OUR AGENDA IN 2018.

One of Turkey's largest companies in terms of its current scale, investment volume and the value it creates, Aksa Doğalgaz has stepped up its IPO preparations. The Company plans to execute an initial public offering for 30% of its shares in 2018. To set our IPO's exact date, we plan to closely monitor other IPOs in the sector as well as other pertinent market developments. We believe that our IPO will be a milestone for the Company. The initial public offering will allow us to become even more transparent and clearly demonstrate the value we have created to date.

AKSA DOĞALGAZ LEADS THE INDUSTRY AND ITS STAKEHOLDERS IN THE AREA OF SUSTAINABILITY.

Aksa Doğalgaz shapes all its operations with a full awareness of its responsibility to leave a better world for future generations. While executing our business operations

and sustainability strategies in an integrated manner, we strive to create continuously increasing value for all our stakeholders with our positive footprint in the key areas of the environment, society and the economy. We support the country's economy by directly providing more than 2 thousand jobs across Turkey, and indirectly creating employment for some 20 thousand persons. We contribute to social development via the corporate social responsibility projects we have developed in our operating regions. We develop practices that set an example for the sector with an environmentally-aware approach that puts innovation at the center.

Thanks to Aksa Doğalgaz's investments, the 15 million residents of our distribution regions enjoy better air quality with each passing day. By replacing other fuels with natural gas, Aksa Doğalgaz realized a 6 million ton reduction in carbon emissions in just one year, an amount equivalent to that absorbed by a 350 thousand hectare forest. In 2017, we carried out communication efforts around the slogan "Cities Breathe with Aksa Doğalgaz" to raise awareness of our stakeholders and society at large.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO CREATE ADDED VALUE FOR TURKEY.

Our objective of going forward, as it has been since our founding, is to deliver top quality, economical service to our subscribers and continue contributing to the nation's economy via our expanding distribution regions and investments. I have no doubt that the investments we plan for 2018 and beyond, coupled with the potential thus created, will help us ramp up our growth trajectory.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my gratitude to our employees, who have played the largest role in making the Aksa Doğalgaz brand synonymous with trust and prestige thanks to their diligent efforts; to Kazancı Holding, which boosted our strength with its valuable support; and to our subscribers and other stakeholders, who keep moving us forward with their unfaltering trust.

Best regards,

YAŞAR ARSLAN
Chairman



ABOUT KAZANCI HOLDING

Kazancı Holding has always been a leader in the energy industry with its genset production, natural gas distribution, power generation, electricity distribution and sales operations, in addition its sharp focus on customer satisfaction and trust.

7,538 Employees

Operations in 21 Countries

TL 9.7 Billion Turnover

With foundations dating back to the 1950s, Kazancı Holding ranks among the leading companies of the energy sector.

The Group started genset manufacturing in the 1980s and went on to build an integrated structure in the energy industry. Kazancı Group reached new levels in its vertical and horizontal integration efforts by establishing power plants and commencing electricity generation in the 1990s and setting up natural gas distribution operations in the 2000s. In 2010, the Group entered electricity distribution. Today, Kazancı Holding engages in production on four continents, employs over 7 thousand staff from 74 countries, conducts operations in 21 countries and exports products to over 160 countries around the world.

Positioned ahead of the competition with its deep expertise in the energy business, the Group aims to expand in the sector with a long term strategic focus and maintain its market leadership. In addition to energy, the Group makes crucial contributions to the Turkish economy with its agricultural and tourism investments, tax payments and job creation.

During its journey to success spanning over half a century, Kazancı Holding has always remained committed to the principles of customer satisfaction and trust. From the start, the Group's companies have figured among the pioneers of their sectors, regularly recording significant achievements in their respective business areas.

Of companies operating under the Akşa brand, Akşa Doğalgaz delivers natural gas to the widest region in Turkey. With operations in 21 licensed distribution regions, 27 provincial centers and 167 towns and districts, the Company works to ensure a safe, eco-friendly and comfortable life for its subscribers.

Established in 1997 as a Kazancı Holding subsidiary, Akşa Energy is Turkey's largest independent power producer listed on the stock exchange. Focused on extending its international reach, Akşa Energy has transformed itself from a local energy company into a global energy corporation with facilities in TRNC and on the African continent. Akşa Energy turned its sights overseas in 2015, and now ranks in the top 50 of Capital and Fortune magazines' largest Turkish companies lists for the year 2016. The Company reported a total installed capacity of 2,236 MW as of end-2017.

In the electricity segment, the Holding's Çoruh and Fırat electricity distribution companies distribute 6.02 billion KWh of energy and sell 4.73 billion KWh of electricity to a population of 4.5 million in their license areas. Akşa Electricity Sales and the Çoruh and Fırat retail sales companies deliver 7.5 billion KWh of electricity across Turkey every year.

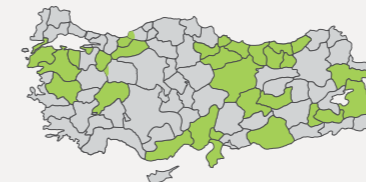
The leader of the Turkish power generator market, Akşa Power Generation ranks among Turkey's largest exporters, shipping products to over 160 countries. The company conducts manufacturing operations in factories located in Turkey, China and the USA. Exporting over 50% of its production, Akşa Power Generation is among the world's top five genset manufacturers with 17 offices in Asia, Europe, Africa and America.

Akşa Agriculture entered the agricultural industry in 2004, introducing a corporate approach to this key sector. Since that time, it has become a leading company in stockbreeding, dairy farming, ornamental plants and arboriculture. Akşa Agriculture operates its farms in Samsun and Tekirdağ at EU standards.

Akşa Tourism conducts summer and congress tourism operations at the five-star Mirada Del Mar Hotel located in Göynük, Antalya, and runs winter tourism operations at the four-star Mirada Del Lago Hotel and three-star Mirada Del Monte Hotel, located on Erciyes Mountain.

AKSA DOĞALGAZ

- 2.5 million subscribers
- 8.9 billion m³ of natural gas distribution

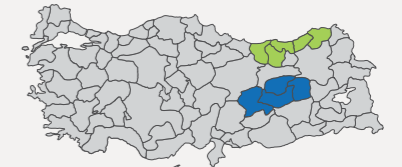


■ Akşa Doğalgaz Distribution Areas

www.aksadogalgaz.com.tr

AKSA ELECTRICITY

- 7.5 TWh electricity sales and 6.02 TWh of electricity distribution in 101 districts
- Serving more than 36 million persons via distribution and retail sales companies



■ Akşa Electricity Sales Regions
■ Çoruh Electricity Distribution Regions/Çoruh Electricity Retail Sales Regions
■ Fırat Electricity Distribution Regions/Fırat Electricity Retail Sales Regions

www.aksaelektrik.com.tr

AKSA ENERGY

- Energy production in five countries on two continents with 2,236 MW installed capacity
- Turkey's largest independent power producer listed on the stock exchange



■ Akşa Energy Production Facilities

www.aksaenerji.com.tr

AKSA POWER GENERATION

- One of the world's top five genset manufacturers
- More than 50% of production exported



■ Akşa Power Generation Sales Offices
■ Akşa Power Generation Production Facilities and Sales Offices

www.aksa.com.tr

AKSA AGRICULTURE

- 18 thousand tons milk production
- 31 thousand tons corn production for silage

www.aksatarim.com

AKSA TOURISM

- 687 room capacity
- 1,433 bed capacity

www.kazanciholding.com.tr/tr/AkşaTurizm.aspx

ABOUT KAZANCI HOLDING



Aksa Doğalgaz

Natural Gas
Distribution and Sales

Participation Rate

99.96%

The Aksa Doğalgaz license area spans 27 provinces and 167 districts, home to some 15 million persons. The Company is the largest natural gas distribution firm in Turkey, boasting 21 distribution licenses, 2.5 million subscribers, 8.9 bcm³ of gas distributed, a 24,423 km network, and a market share of 19%.



Aksa Electricity

Electricity
Distribution and Sales

Participation Rate

100%

Kazancı Holding sells electricity to independent consumers via Aksa Electricity Sales – a subsidiary of Aksa Electricity – and delivers distribution and retail sale services in the Firat and Çoruh regions as the authorized power supplier. Aksa Electricity sells about 7.5 billion kWh of electricity across Turkey.



Aksa Energy

Electricity Generation

Participation Rate

61.98%

Aksa Energy is Turkey's largest publicly listed independent power producer. Some 21.4% of its capital is in free float. Aksa Energy has an installed capacity of 2,236 MW as of end-2017. The company's shares are also included in the BIST 50 and BIST 100 indices.



Aksa Power Generation

Power Generator
Production and Sale

Participation Rate

99.98%

Exporting 60% of its production, the company is the industry leader in Turkey and operates three production facilities and 14 sales subsidiaries in Turkey, China and the USA.



Aksa Agriculture

Agriculture and Livestock

Participation Rate

100%

Aksa Agriculture has leased İnanlı Agricultural Enterprise (Tekirdağ) and Gelemen Agricultural Enterprise (Samsun) for a period of 30 years. The company is currently engaged in dairy and meat production on a land area totaling 24,000 decares.



Aksa Tourism

Tourism

Participation Rate

100%

Aksa Tourism operates in summer and winter tourism with three hotels located in Antalya and Kayseri.

AKSA DOĞALGAZ OPERATIONS MAP

Shaping its operations in line with the core principle of top quality service, Akxa Doğalgaz undertakes swift investments in every region where it is responsible for natural gas distribution.



2.5 Million Subscribers

27 Provinces

167 Districts

21 Operating Regions

Akxa Doğalgaz was established in 2002 as an umbrella company after the government committed to a national policy of spreading the use of natural gas, a safe and clean fuel, as an economically sound alternative for preventing air pollution caused by urbanization. Akxa Doğalgaz serves 2.5 million subscribers in 21 of the 72 license regions in Turkey.

Shaping its operations in line with the core principle of top quality service, Akxa Doğalgaz undertakes swift investments in every region where it is responsible for natural gas distribution. The Company completed most of the compulsory capital investments in its distribution areas prior to the legally prescribed deadlines, and swiftly delivered natural gas to its subscribers.

Akxa Doğalgaz commenced natural gas distribution operations in the Balıkesir region, and currently operates via its subsidiaries in the 21 regions for which it has acquired the necessary licenses from the Energy Market Regulatory Authority. The Company stepped up its investments in the Ağrı and Doğubayazıt license regions, which were the most recent areas to join its distribution network in 2016, and started to deliver natural gas to residents with the distinctive service quality of Akxa Doğalgaz.

Akxa Doğalgaz provides services to the widest geographic area in the sector in the 27 provinces and 167 districts and neighborhoods located within the 31 provinces covered by its license. With this vast scope of business activities, Akxa Doğalgaz is Turkey's largest private natural gas distribution company. The Company aims to deliver its top-quality service to other Turkish regions that have yet to receive natural gas services.

Akxa Doğalgaz expanded its distribution network to 24 thousand meters at end-2017 via carefully planned capital investments. The Company aims to add an additional 4,100 km to its natural gas network with an investment budget of TL 549 million in 2018.



PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS SERVED AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Aksa Afyon Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Afyonkarahisar
- Bolvadin
- Çay
- Dinar
- Emirdađ
- Şuhut
- Sandıklı
- Erkmn
- Iscehisar

Aksa Ađrı Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Ađrı
- Dođubayazıt

Aksa Balıkesir Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Balıkesir
- İvrindi
- Havran
- Edremit
- Burhaniye
- Kepsut
- Bigadiç

Aksa Bandırma Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Bandırma
- Erdek

Aksa Bilecik Bolu Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Bilecik
- Bolu
- Bozüyük
- Söđüt
- Pazar yeri
- İnönü
- Çukurhisar
- Osmaneli
- Vezirhan
- Bayırköy
- Yeniçađ
- Dörtdivan
- Karacasu
- Gölpaazarı

Aksa Çanakkale Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Çanakkale
- Biga
- Çan
- Kepez
- Gönen
- Ezine
- Bayramiç
- Lapseki
- Dardanos
- Güzelyalı

Aksa Düzce Eređli Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Düzce
- Karadeniz Eređli
- Gülüç
- Kaynaşlı
- Konuralp
- Alaplı
- Cumayeri
- Gümüşova
- Beyköy
- Çilimli
- Akçakoca
- Gölyaka
- Boğaziçi
- Yiđilca

Aksa Elazığ Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Elazığ
- Yazıkonak
- Yurtbaşı
- Hankendi
- Karakoçan
- Sarıcan
- Akçakiraz
- Palu
- Kovancılar

Aksa Gaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Adana
- Mersin
- Osmaniye
- Hatay
- Antakya
- Iskenderun
- Tarsus
- Ceyhan
- Dört Yol
- Toprakkale
- Payas
- Karayılan
- Sariseki
- Denizciler
- Bekbele
- Nardüzü
- Azganlık
- Belen
- Kadirli
- Yumurtalık
- Defne
- Kırıkhan
- Bahçe
- Erzincan
- Düziçi
- Arsuz
- İmamođlu
- Kozan

Aksa Gemlik Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Gemlik
- Umurbey

Aksa Gümüşhane Bayburt Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Gümüşhane
- Bayburt
- Kelkit
- Şiran

Aksa Karadeniz Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Trabzon
- Rize
- Akçabat
- Of
- Gündođdu
- Ortahisar
- Güneysu
- Araklı
- Arsin
- Hayrat
- Maçka
- Sürmene
- Vakfıkebir
- Beşikdüzü
- Yomra

Aksa Malatya Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Malatya
- Konak
- Gündüzbey
- Yeşilyurt
- Bostanbaşı
- Yakınca
- Topsöđüt
- Şahnahan
- Dilek
- Hatunsuyu
- Hanımçiftliği
- Orduzu
- Battalgazi
- Payas
- Dođanşehir
- Akçadađ
- Darende

Aksa Manisa Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Manisa
- Turgutlu
- Akhisar
- Muradiye
- Gölmarara
- Gördes
- Salihli

Aksa Mustafakemalpaşa Susurluk Karacabey Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Karacabey
- Mustafakemalpaşa
- Susurluk
- Ovaazatlı
- Yalıntaş
- Tatlavaklı

Aksa Ordu Giresun Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Ordu
- Giresun
- Çarşamba
- Ünye
- Fatsa
- Terme
- Espiye
- Bulancak
- Keşap

Aksa Siirt Batman Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Siirt
- Batman
- Tillo
- Kurtalan

Aksa Sivas Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Sivas
- Şarkışla
- Suşehri
- Cemel
- Divriği
- Kangal
- Zara
- Gemerek
- Gürçayır
- Gürün

Aksa Şanlıurfa Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Şanlıurfa
- Siverek
- Suruç
- Karaköprü
- Onbırnisan
- Birecik
- Viranşehir

Aksa Tokat Amasya Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Amasya
- Tokat
- Merzifon
- Suluova
- Turhal
- Niksar
- Erbaa
- Zile
- Ziyaret
- Taşova
- Gümüshacıköy
- Reşadiye
- Pazar
- Başçiftlik

Aksa Van Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.

- Van
- Edremit
- Erciş
- Çaldıran
- Muradiye

AKSA DOĐALGAZ DISTRIBUTION

In 2017, Aksa Dođalgaz invested a total of TL 469 million, bringing its cumulative direct investment up to TL 2.25 billion. The total size of the network has climbed to 24,423 km.

Number of Subscribers

2.5 Million

Gas Distribution

8.9 Billion m³

Aksa Dođalgaz undertook direct investments totaling TL 469 million in 2017.

TL 469 Million

Aksa Dođalgaz was established in 2002 in light of the government's decision to support the distribution of natural gas by the private sector and to mitigate the air pollution caused by urbanization. Aksa Dođalgaz started its first natural gas distribution operation in the Balıkesir region. As of end-2017, the Company holds licenses from the Energy Market Regulatory Authority for 21 regions across Turkey.

Aksa Dođalgaz commenced natural gas distribution operations in the 277 cities, 167 districts with:

- 2,5 million subscribers,
- 8.9 bcm (billion cubic meter) of gas distributed,
- 24,423 km network,
- 19% market share.

Aksa Dođalgaz boasts the widest aggregate geographic distribution area in the sector and serves a total of 15 million persons.

In 2017, Aksa Dođalgaz invested a total of TL 469 million, bringing its cumulative direct investment up to TL 2.25 billion. The total size of the network has climbed to 24,423 km.

Shaping its operations in line with the core principle of top quality service, Aksa Dođalgaz under-takes swift investments in every region where it is responsible for natural gas distribution. The Company completed the obligatory investments in its distribution regions well before the statutory deadlines and provided the comfort and convenience of natural gas to its subscribers.

Boasting the most specialized staff in the sector, Aksa Dođalgaz is committed to keeping customer satisfaction at the highest level and continuously improving its service quality. In line with this vision, the Company provides solutions 24/7 to meet its subscribers' demands via the Alo 187 Emergency and 444 4 187 Customer Service hotlines. The Aksa Solution Center is seen as a pioneer and model in the sector thanks to its internationally recognized advanced technology and software infrastructure, state-of-the-art physical environment and high quality service.

KEY INDICATORS OF THE DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

Distribution Company	Number of Subscribers (BBS)	Number of Subscribers (Houses)	Net Sales (Million TL)	Consumption (m ³)	Workforce*	Network Length (km)
Aksa Afyon Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	85,958	73,116	112	108,697,436	108	1,116
Aksa Ađrı Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	2,360	256	6	8,590,065	25	63
Aksa Balıkesir Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	135,001	111,051	127	160,258,888	68	1,015
Aksa Bandırma Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	54,998	49,554	58	1,557,315,658	41	356
Aksa Bilecik Bolu Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	149,536	122,492	294	819,269,642	160	1,579
Aksa Çanakkale Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	136,573	115,535	126	273,338,216	116	1,061
Aksa Düzce Eređli Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	139,648	125,752	197	689,968,590	108	2,247
Aksa Elazığ Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	146,413	126,034	144	157,214,303	73	1,093
Aksa Gaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	379,908	306,173	396	2,081,782,818	303	4,744
Aksa Gemlik Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	35,825	32,413	34	119,533,923	38	278
Aksa Gümüşhane, Bayburt Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	32,306	22,957	41	37,760,735	43	393
Aksa Karadeniz Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	130,976	101,836	124	159,248,464	109	777
Aksa Malatya Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	191,312	154,729	198	230,402,923	83	1,382
Aksa Manisa Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	147,735	127,468	190	563,661,084	99	1,129
Aksa Mustafakemalpaşa Susurluk Karacabey Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	49,597	45,885	76	132,099,096	56	553
Aksa Ordu Giresun Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	108,733	94,176	120	933,208,412	118	1,048
Aksa Siirt-Batman Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	81,446	69,176	74	101,727,939	76	684
Aksa Sivas Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	145,748	120,480	156	177,290,863	118	1,320
Aksa Şanlıurfa Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	113,846	83,979	140	281,708,434	80	800
Aksa Tokat, Amasya Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	182,213	152,643	179	227,651,433	127	1,897
Aksa Van Dođalgaz Dađıtım A.Ş.	85,650	60,169	99	102,262,685	57	890
TOTAL	2,535,782	2,095,874	2,891	8,922,921,607	2,006	24,423

*The workforce numbers do not include outsourced personnel.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Yaşar ARSLAN
Chairman

Yaşar Arslan graduated from Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Metallurgy. During his military service as sub-lieutenant, he served as Lecturer at the Turkish Military Academy, Machinery Department, while also conducting research studies in Materials, Fluids and Resource Technology. Between 1985 and 1987, he worked at EMAŞ A.Ş. as Operations Manager for three years, before holding managerial positions at Saudi Arabia-based Al-Fahd for five years. At İGDAŞ's Istanbul Natural Gas Project, he served as Manager for five years, joining Vinsan in 1996 as Project Manager, where he executed projects on natural gas, environmental integration and energy generation from waste, in collaboration with SAE, Sofregaz, Gaz de France, Lurgi and Degremont. After working as Coordinator at Yapısal in 2003, he joined Aksa Doğalgaz in 2004 as General Coordinator and Vice Chairman. In 2010, he became President of Aksa Doğalgaz Distribution and Trade Group.

Yaşar Arslan serves as Chairman of 21 natural gas distributors, two natural gas wholesalers, CNG and LNG companies under Kazancı Holding. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of two electricity distribution companies. Mr. Arslan is a founder of the Turkey Natural Gas Distributors' Association (GAZBİR) where he also served as Secretary General for three terms. He has been Chairman of GAZBİR for two terms. Furthermore, Mr. Arslan is Vice Chairman of Turkish Union of Chambers and Stock Exchanges (TOBB) and the Natural Gas Assembly and Electricity Distribution Services Association (ELDER).



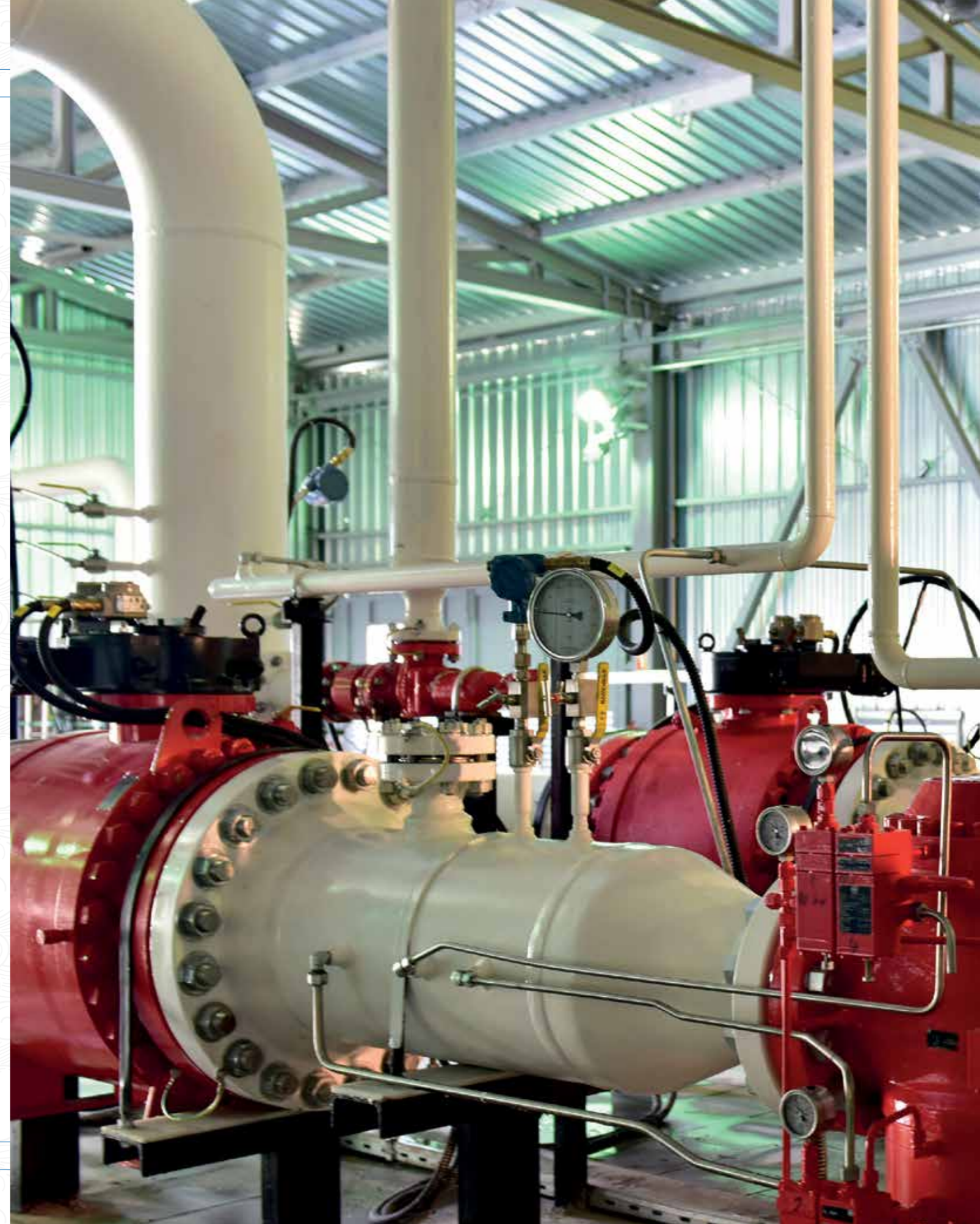
Necati BAYKAL
Vice Chairman

He is a graduate of Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. He started his professional career in 1982 at WAT Electric Engine Factory as Production Planning Manager, and became Imports Manager in 1984 at Aksa Machine Industries. After serving in various executive positions at Kazancı Holding companies, he became the Chairman of Aksa Power Generation. Currently, Necati Baykal serves as Chairman at Aksa Power Generation, Chairman at various Kazancı Holding electricity distribution companies, and as a Board Member at Aksa Doğalgaz.



Mehmet Akif ŞAM
Board Member

Mehmet Akif Şam obtained his Bachelor's degree from Anadolu University, Faculty of Communication, Department of Journalism. He started his professional career as a Media Planner at Pronto Public Relations and Consultancy, which offered corporate communications services to major companies such as McDonald's, Sun Microsystems, Amoco Power, Garanti Bank, and ToyotaSA. He later worked as Advisor at the Ministries of Environment and Urbanization; Transportation, Communication and Maritime Affairs; and Energy and Natural Resources. After serving as a Board Member at EÜAŞ-Kemerköy Electricity Generation, he joined Kazancı Holding in 2011. Mehmet Akif Şam continues to serve as Kazancı Holding's Ankara Representative, and as a Board Member of Aksa Doğalgaz distribution companies, Aksa Energy Production, Akse Göynük Energy Production. Mehmet Akif Şam is also a member of World Energy Council Turkish National Committee, and Board Member and Secretary General of Turkey Coal Producers' Association.



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

OUR VISION

- To maintain our leading position in the Turkish natural gas sector,
- To play an active role in formulating and executing national sector-specific strategies, and to support the development and advancement of the sector,
- To extend our sector know-how and experience to international projects.

OUR MISSION

- Aksa Doğalgaz provides a safe, economical and uninterrupted supply of natural gas, which is an environmentally friendly, clean and convenient fuel, to its subscribers in the distribution areas where it holds a license.
- The Company builds confidence among customers by closely monitoring and adopting advanced technology developments in line with its high-quality service approach.
- Aksa Doğalgaz – Kazancı Holding's driving force –grows in parallel with the increasing pace of urbanization thanks to its experience as a pioneering, deeply-rooted company, while its profitability continues to rise through an efficient management approach.
- Shaping the sector with its know-how and experience, Aksa Doğalgaz invests in the development of its young, dynamic and creative employees who embrace the team spirit, and make them feel that they are a valuable part of the Company.
- The Company protects the environment and natural resources with its core business activities and social responsibility efforts, upholds ethical values, and contributes to social and economic development.

OUR VALUES

PASSION FOR QUALITY

Under current market and competitive conditions, offering high quality services to boost customer satisfaction is the main motivation underlying our constant self-renewal, and ever-growing passion for quality.

SCIENTIFIC AND PEOPLE-CENTERED EXPERTISE

Our expertise is based on closely monitoring every relevant technical and technological innovation, implementing improvements in response to our hardware and training requirements, and expanding these rapidly to all our departments. Our basic corporate policy is to embrace every advancement that is centered on science and people.

SOLUTIONS FOCUSED

Our approach is to serve the common good and formulate swift solutions for our customers, country and environment.

CREATIVITY

Even under unchangeable conditions, our corporate philosophy is to always aim for the best in line with our pioneering and creative approach, believe in the power of innovation, and translate change into development.

RESPECT FOR PEOPLE, NATURE AND SOCIETY

In all our business operations, we strive to strike an inclusive balance beginning from the moment the investment decision is made in order to create value that benefits the environment, people and all facets of society. We aim to contribute to production, employment, energy supply security, and the national economy through our investments. We always prioritize people and the environment while implementing our projects.



SENIOR MANAGEMENT



Alper KONYALI
Vice President and
Group General Manager

1st Group General Manager
Alper Konyalı graduated from Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Electric and Electronics Engineering, Department of Energy and started his professional career in 1986 at VM Engineering as Worksite Manager. In 1989, he joined İGDAŞ Istanbul Gas Distribution Company as Construction Control Manager, later serving as Head of Construction Control, and Advisor to the General Manager at the same company. At İGDAŞ, Mr. Konyalı's work focused mainly on improving and reorganizing investment processes, preparing corporate strategic plans, and establishing the materials management system. In 2007, Alper Konyalı joined Aksa Doğalgaz as General Manager. He chaired the GAZBİR Occupational Standard Designation Commissions under the Occupational Proficiency Agency. Mr. Konyalı currently serves as Vice President at Aksa Doğalgaz, as well as Group General Manager and Board Member at the nine natural gas distribution companies that he leads.



Yücel YAZICI
Vice President and
Group General Manager

2nd Group General Manager
Yücel Yazıcı graduated from Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and received his Master's degree in Energy at the same university. He started his professional career in 1990 at İGDAŞ as Worksite Manager, becoming Worksite Director at the İzmit Natural Gas Distribution project from 1996 to 2000, Budget and Planning Officer at Alsimalarko from 2000 to 2002, and Investments Manager at İZGAZ from 2002 to 2004. In 2004, he joined Aksa Doğalgaz as General Manager. Yücel Yazıcı currently serves as Vice President at Aksa Doğalgaz, as well as Group General Manager and Board Member at the five natural gas distribution companies that he leads.



Nuri BAŞ
Vice President and
Group General Manager

3rd Group General Manager
Nuri Baş graduated from Istanbul Technical University, Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering Department. He started his professional career in 1988 at İGDAŞ, where he worked until 1994 as Marketing Manager and Subscriptions Manager. From 1994 to 1996, Mr. Baş led his own company, Tesan Heating Systems, where he was active in building natural gas and heating systems. From 1996 to 1998, he worked at the heating company Yetsan, in charge of sales and marketing, as well as after-sales services. Between 1998 and 2000, Mr. Baş worked at Bahçeşehir Distribution Marketing and Tourism as Facilities Group Manager, in charge of the management and coordination of technical and administrative operations. From 2000 until 2002, he was the Planning Coordinator at İlla Machinery and Heating. Between 2003 and 2004, Mr. Baş served as General Manager at ÇORDAŞ Çorlu Doğalgaz. He joined Aksa Doğalgaz in 2004, working as Customer Services Coordinator until 2009. Nuri Baş currently serves as Vice President at Aksa Doğalgaz, as well as Group General Manager and Board Member at the seven natural gas distribution companies that he leads.



Mustafa DOĞAN
Vice President and
Group General Manager

4th Group General Manager
Mustafa Doğan graduated from Hacettepe University, Zonguldak Engineering Faculty, Department of Mining Engineering and started his professional career in 1993 as Field Engineer at Tekfen A.Ş. He worked at Yüksel İnşaat on the İGDAŞ Project in 1996 and on the İzmit Natural Gas Distribution Project between 1997-1998. Subsequently, he served as Site Manager and Project Manager at various companies' İGDAŞ investments between 1999-2004. In 2004, he moved over to Aksa Sivas Natural Gas as Plant Manager and later worked at Aksar Düzce Ereğli Natural Gas as Company Manager. As of February 2018, Mustafa Doğan serves as Vice President at Aksa Doğalgaz, and as Group General Manager and Board Member in charge of the four natural gas distribution companies that report to him.



Şinasi GÖLBAŞI
Gas Shipment and
Commerce Director

Şinasi Gölbaşı obtained his Bachelor's degree from Kocaeli University, Department of Chemical Engineering and then completed his Master's degree at Istanbul Technical University, Department of Chemical Engineering. In 2004, Mr. Gölbaşı started his professional career as Measurement Engineer at Aksa Doğalgaz, before becoming Gas Control Manager, Gas Control Director and, subsequently, Operations Director. In January 2016, he was appointed Gas Shipment and Trade Director. Aside from his responsibilities at Aksa Doğalgaz, Şinasi Gölbaşı has also served as Natural Gas Distributors Association (GAZBİR)'s President of Shipment Control and the EBT Commission since 2013.



Seçkin ODABAŞI
Distribution Tariffs and
Planning Director

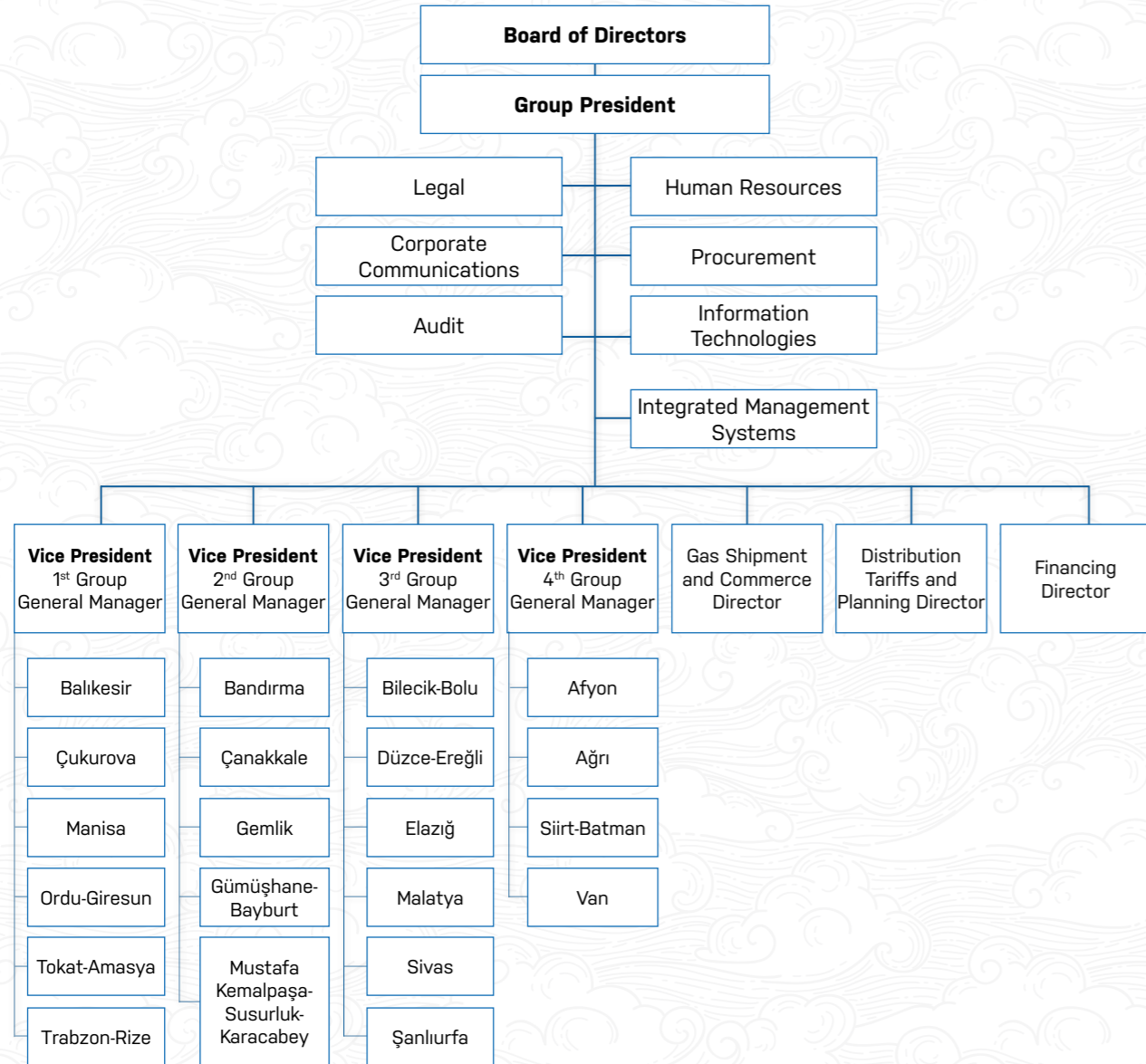
Seçkin Odabaşı graduated from Selçuk University, Department of Geodesy and Photogrammetry Engineering. He commenced his professional career at STFA Holding Energy Group's subsidiary Enerya Gas Distribution, where he served as Project Specialist, Project Manager and Project Director. In 2010, Mr. Odabaşı joined Aksa Doğalgaz Distribution as Distribution Tariffs and Planning Manager, and was later appointed Distribution Tariffs and Planning Director in 2016. Since 2014, Seçkin Odabaşı has also served as the Tariffs Commission President at GAZBİR.



Banu GÜREL
Financing Director

Banu Gürel graduated from Marmara University, Faculty of Economics and started her professional career in 1989 in the banking sector, working as Assistant Manager at Akbank Foreign Exchange Fund Management and, subsequently, at Tekfenbank Fund Management and Securities. In 1996, she transitioned from finance to the real economy, joining Merko Food Industry and Trade as Finance Director. Banu Gürel joined Aksa Doğalgaz in 2004, and currently serves as Finance Director.

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DEVELOPMENTS IN 2017

With its investments to date, Akxa Doğalgaz has created a natural gas conversion market worth TL 20 billion, around TL 14.7 billion of which has already come to fruition.

Total Assets

TL 3.7 Billion

Distribution Network

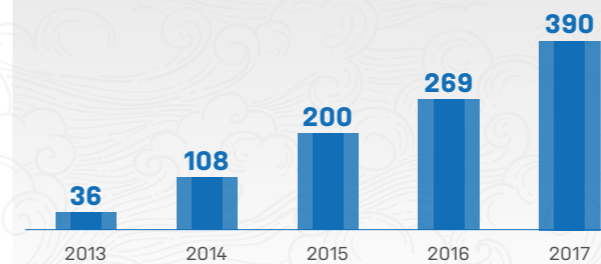
24,423 Km

In the field of energy, Akxa Doğalgaz helped the national economy and its subscribers to save TL 22 billion.

TL 22 Billion

EBITDA (TL million) Change (2013 → 2017)

+983% Growth



- Akxa Doğalgaz ranks 49th in Fortune 500's "Turkey's Top Companies" list.
- The Company's distribution network completed and commissioned totaled 20,135 km, and climbed to 24,423 km with new investments in 2017. In 2017, 8.9 billion m³ of gas was distributed.
- With its investments to date, Akxa Doğalgaz has created a natural gas conversion market of TL 20 billion, TL 14.7 billion of which has been physically completed.
- Since its founding, Akxa Doğalgaz has helped the domestic economy and its subscribers save TL 22 billion as of end-2017.
- Over the years, Akxa Doğalgaz has introduced an increasing number of families to the comfort and convenience of natural gas each day and played a key role in the nation's economy. In 2017, the Company formulated the slogan "Cities Breathe with Akxa Doğalgaz" to underscore the positive contribution of its operations to the natural environment.
- Akxa Doğalgaz has ramped up its digital transformation process, which reached a new stage with the groundbreaking SCADA project. The Company has acquired a rich systems infrastructure with the developable additional modules – a first of its kind in the industry. These efforts sent ripples across the international arena in 2017.
- Akxa Doğalgaz was deemed worthy of the Golden Valve Award 2017 for its contributions to the Archeological Surface Survey from the Neolithic to the Iron Age in the central district of Çanakkale province.
- Akxa Doğalgaz's 2016 annual report –centered around the concept "The Map of Natural Flavors" – received an award at the Felis Awards 2017, which recognizes excellence in advertising and public relations initiatives.
- Akxa Doğalgaz, in line with its new digital marketing-focused corporate communication plan, re-vamped the design and messaging content of its social media channels. In addition, the Company merged the individual web sites for its distribution regions under the umbrella web site aksadogalgaz.com.tr. The Company also inaugurated its Online Appointment System during the year.

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

Leaving behind a financially successful year, Akxa Doğalgaz posted TL 169 million in net profit in fiscal year 2017. During the same period, the total assets of the Company increased 12% to TL 3.7 billion.

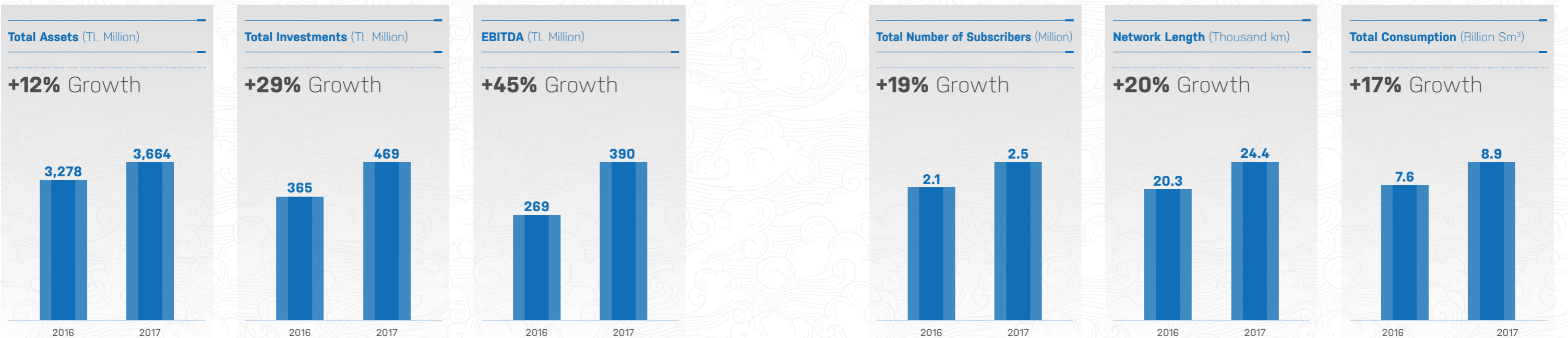
In 2017, Akxa Doğalgaz delivered a total of 8.9 billion m³ of natural gas and expanded its subscriber base to 2.5 million by year's end.

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Financial Indicators (TL Million)	2016	2017	Change (%)
Net Sales	2,580	2,890	12%
Total Assets	3,278	3,664	12%
Total Investments	365	469	29%
Gross Profit for the Period	211	334	58%
Operating Costs	201	264	31%
EBITDA	269	390	45%
Net Profit for the Period	136	169	24%

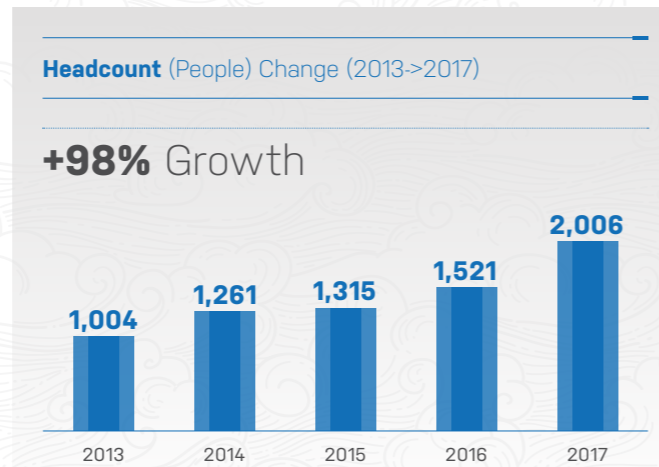
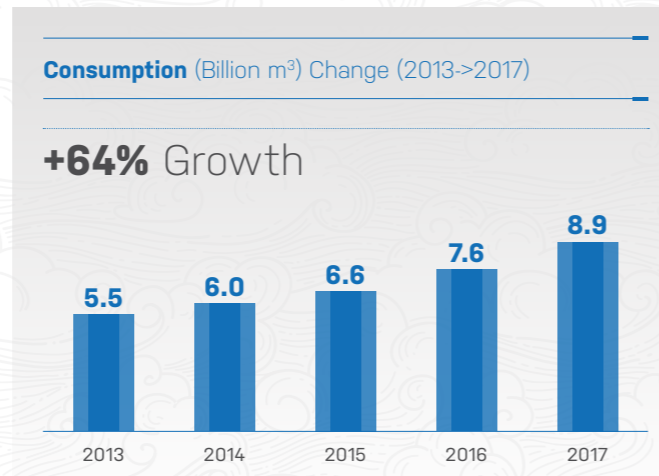
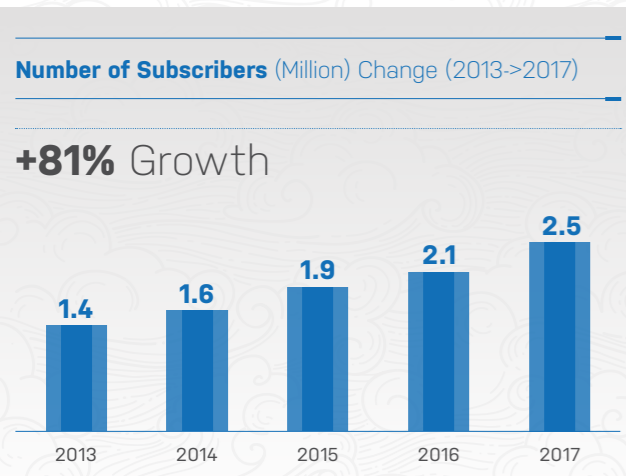
OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

Operational Indicators	2016	2017	Change (%)
Number of Natural Gas Distribution Licenses (Companies)	20	21	
Total Number of Subscribers	2,133,156	2,535,782	19%
Total Number of Residential Subscribers	1,757,908	2,095,874	19%
Potential Number of Residential Subscribers	3,599,415	4,400,995	22%
Network Length (km)	20,316	24,423	20%
Total Consumption Volume (Sm ³)	7,600,073,881	8,922,991,607	17%



FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

Aksa Doğalgaz ranked 49th in Fortune 500's "Turkey's Largest Companies" list (EBITDA).



CAPITAL AND SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE

Driven by the professional corporate management approach and robust shareholding structure of its parent company, Aksa Doğalgaz fully realized its investment and growth strategy in fiscal year 2017 while maximizing customer satisfaction in its distribution regions.

No.	Trade Name	Capital (TL)	KAZANCI HOLDING	AKSA DOĞALGAZ DISTRIBUTION	MUNICIPALITIES	KAZANCI FAMILY AND OTHERS
1	AKSA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	186,524,750	99.9571%			0.0429%
2	AKSA AFYON DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		86.97%	10.00%	3.03%
3	AKSA AĞRI DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
4	AKSA BALIKESİR DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	21,000,000		89.20%	10.00%	0.80%
5	AKSA BANDIRMA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		86.97%	10.00%	3.03%
6	AKSA BİLECİK BOLU DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	18,000,000		99.20%	10.00%	0.80%
7	AKSA ÇANAKKALE DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	21,000,000		89.20%	10.00%	0.80%
8	AKSA DÜZCE EREĞLİ DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	26,000,000		89.20%	10.00%	0.80%
9	AKSA ELAZIĞ DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		86.97%	10.00%	3.03%
10	AKSA GAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	40,000,000		89.20%	10.00%	0.80%
11	AKSA GEMLİK DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		86.97%	10.00%	3.03%
12	AKSA GÜMÜŞHANE BAYBURT DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		96.97%	0.00%	3.03%
13	AKSA KARADENİZ DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		91.55%	7.65%	0.80%
14	AKSA M. KEMALPAŞA SUS. KAR. DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	2,000,000		90.00%	10.00%	0.00%
15	AKSA MALATYA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		89.78%	10.00%	0.22%
16	AKSA MANİSA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	15,000,000		89.20%	10.00%	0.80%
17	AKSA ORDU GİRESUN DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		89.20%	10.00%	0.80%
18	AKSA SİİRT BATMAN DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		97.00%	0.00%	3.00%
19	AKSA SİVAS DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		86.97%	10.00%	3.03%
20	AKSA ŞANLIURFA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	5,000,000		75.00%	10.00%	15.00%
21	AKSA TOKAT AMASYA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		86.97%	10.00%	3.03%
22	AKSA VAN DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	1,000,000		89.20%	10.00%	0.80%
23	AKSA CNG SIKILAŞTIRILMIŞ DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.	650,000	98.77%			1.23%
24	AKSA DOĞALGAZ TOPTAN SATIŞ A.Ş.	7,000,000	99.20%			0.80%
25	ANADOLU DOĞALGAZ TOPTAN SATIŞ A.Ş.	2,700,000	98.88%			1.12%

DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD AND PUBLICATION OF REPORT

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Citizens with disabilities can use the web site's Online Procedures menu, which launched in early 2018, to register their disability status, as part of Aksa Doğalgaz's social responsibility project Life Companion. (See p. 49.)

In keeping with these planned expansion efforts, Aksa Doğalgaz aims to deliver natural gas to 27 provinces and 185 districts and neighborhoods within the boundaries of 31 provinces, thanks to its 21 natural gas distribution licenses. With the addition of these new districts, the Company's potential customer base will climb to 5.3 million. The new regions to which natural gas will be supplied in the period 2017-2021 are shown in bold in the table on the opposite page.

AKSA AFYON DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Afyonkarahisar, Bolvadin, Çay, Dinar, Emirdağ, Şuhut, Sandıklı, Erkmən, İncehisar

AKSA AĞRI DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Ağrı, Doğubayazıt, **Patonos, Eleşkirt, Tatlıçay**

AKSA BALIKESİR DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Balıkesir, Edremit, İvrindi, Havran, Burhaniye, Kepsut, Bigadiç

AKSA BANDIRMA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Bandırma, Erdek

AKSA BİLECİK BOLU DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Bilecik, Bolu, Bozüyük, Söğüt, Pazaryeri, İnönü, Çukurhisar, Osmaneli, Vezirhan, Bayırköy, Yeniçağ, Dörtdivan, Karacasu, Gölpazarı

AKSA ÇANAKKALE DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Çanakkale, Biga, Çan, Kepez, Gönen, Ezine, Bayramiç, Lapseki, Dardanos, Güzelyalı, **Gelibolu**

AKSA DÜZCE EREĞLİ DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Düzce, Karadeniz Ereğli, Gülüç, Kaynaşlı, Konuralp, Alaplı, Cumayeri, Gümüşova, Beyköy, Çilimli, Akçakoca, Gölyaka, Boğaziçi, Yiğilca

AKSA ELAZIĞ DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Elazığ, Yazikonak, Yurtbaşı, Hankendi, Karakoçan, Sarıcan, Akçakiraz, Kovancılar, Palu

AKSA GAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Adana, Mersin, Osmaniye, Hatay, Antakya, İskenderun, Tarsus, Ceyhan, Dörtöyl, Toprakkale, Payas, Karayılan, Sarıseki, Denizciler, Bekbele, Nardüzü, Azganlık, Belen, Kadirli, Yumurtalık, Defne, Kırıkhan, Bahçe, Erzin, İmamoğlu, Kozan, **Reyhanlı, Hassa, Arsuz, Düziçi**

AKSA GEMLİK DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Gemlik, Umurbey

AKSA GÜMÜŞHANE BAYBURT DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Gümüşhane, Bayburt, Kelkit, Şiran

AKSA KARADENİZ DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Trabzon, Rize, Akçabat, Of, Gündoğdu, Ortahisar, Güneysu, **Ardeşen, Çayeli, Fındıklı, Pazar**, Araklı, Arsin, Hayrat, Maçka, Sürmene, Vakfıkebir, Yomra, Beşikdüzü

AKSA MALATYA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Malatya, Konak, Gündüzbey, Yeşilyurt, Bostanbaşı, Yakınca, Topsöğüt, Şahnahan, Dilek, Hatunsuyu, Hanımçiftliği, Orduzu, Battalgazi, Hasırcılar, Doğanşehir, Akçadağ, Darende

AKSA MANİSA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Manisa, Turgutlu, Akhisar, Muradiye, Gölmarmara, Gördes, **Alaşehir, Kırkağaç, Kula**, Salihli, **Soma, Saruhanlı, Ahmetli**

AKSA MUSTAFAKEMALPAŞA SUSURLUK KARACABEY DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Karacabey, Mustafakemalpaşa, Susurluk, Ovaazatlı, Yalıntaş, Tatlavaklı

AKSA ORDU GİRESUN DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Ordu, Giresun, Çarşamba, Ünye, Fatsa, Terme, Espiye, Bulancak, Ünye, **Kabadüz**

AKSA SİİRT BATMAN DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Siirt, Batman, Tillo, Kurtalan, **Kozluk**

AKSA SİVAS DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Sivas, Şarkışla, Suşehri, Cemel, Divriği, Kangal, Zara, Gemerek, Gürçayır, Gürün

AKSA ŞANLIURFA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Şanlıurfa, Siverek, Suruç, Karaköprü, Onbirmisan, Birecik, Viranşehir

AKSA TOKAT AMASYA DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Amasya, Tokat, Merzifon, Suluova, Turhal, Niksar, Erbaa, Zile, Ziyaret, Taşova, Gümüşhacıköy, Reşadiye, Başçiftlik, Pazar

AKSA VAN DOĞALGAZ DAĞITIM A.Ş.

Van, Edremit, Erciş, Çaldıran, Muradiye

In addition to these districts, the Company plans to deliver natural gas to 20 more districts demanding natural gas, when the prescribed technical and legal conditions are met.

NATURAL GAS WHOLESALE

Aksa Doğalgaz Toptan Satış A.Ş. plays an active role in all market-related activities in order to help create and develop a free market in natural gas.



Aksa Doğalgaz Toptan Satış A.Ş. was established on October 19, 2006 following the enactment of Law No. 4646 on the Natural Gas Market. The Law was passed to grant an unfettered and transparent structure to the natural gas market, in order to deliver high quality, continuous and economical natural gas to consumers in line with the principles of free competition and environmental protection. The Company engages in wholesale operations in the natural gas sector.

By winning the tender held on January 12, 2007 by Turkish Petroleum (Türkiye Petrolleri Anonim Ortaklığı – TPAO), the Company obtained the right to sell the natural gas produced at the Akçakoca-Çayağzı Natural Gas production facilities from Turkey's own resources for a three-year period. On May 23, 2007, with the commissioning of the TPAO Akçakoca Çayağzı production facility, Aksa Doğalgaz Toptan Satış A.Ş. became the first Turkish company to engage in wholesale natural gas activities in Turkey. Aksa Doğalgaz Toptan Satış A.Ş. has diversified its supply sources over time as a result of its proactive and market-oriented strategies.

Aksa Doğalgaz Toptan Satış A.Ş. engaged in supply and resource planning efforts prior to 2017, reaching agreements for medium term natural gas procurement from different sources and methodologies. The Company also signed the necessary agreements for the sale of natural gas extracted by TPAO in the Adana Paşaoğlu field and started operations in early 2017. In consideration of market risks, production volumes were decided to be kept at a lower level. In 2017, the natural gas trade amounted to a total of 200 million m³.

Aksa Doğalgaz Toptan Satış A.Ş. plays an active role in all market-related activities in order to help create and develop a free market in natural gas. The Company has obtained a stake in the Energy Exchange Istanbul (EPIAŞ), which was established to this end. The Company will continue its efforts as an active player of the continuous trade platform which will also host free market transactions. The company aims to source inexpensive natural gas from overseas and supply it to domestic customers, in the event a competitive market is created and natural gas imports are liberalized.

CNG/LNG TRADE

In 2017, Aksa Doğalgaz completed the necessary procedures and preparations to ship natural gas to customers as CNG.



Upon an EMRA decision dated October 1, 2009 and numbered 2257-7, Aksa Doğalgaz Toptan Satış A.Ş. was granted a Spot LNG Import License, allowing the company to achieve resource diversity and capitalize on any opportunities that may arise.

Due to developments in oil prices and fluctuations in exchange rates and the effect on the demand in Far East market, prices on the LNG market were not competitive during the year. Although terminals are used for equilibration purposes, current market conditions prevent them from being used for commercial purposes. As a result, Aksa Doğalgaz Toptan Satış A.Ş., like other market players, has not been able to engage in LNG trade. Furthermore, the Company keeps a close watch on the markets in order to seize possible opportunities arising in this area.

Due to the expansion of its distribution areas, the company conducted necessary arrangements and studies related to the swift delivery of natural gas to customers in CNG format, especially in those regions where pipeline investments are not technically or economically feasible. During the last year, the Company participated in statutory tenders and started to supply natural gas as CNG to Elazığ's Kovancılar and Palu districts and Manisa's Gördes district. As for districts requiring long term supplies, the Company continues to work on possibilities to supply gas as LNG.

TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENTS

With its comprehensive investments and systems, Akxa Doğalgaz significantly contributed to the sector by providing new solutions and tapping into domestic resources.



Placing a special focus on identifying technological needs and formulating accurate solutions, Akxa Doğalgaz is committed to operating all systems in an integrated manner at the product selection and design stage and maintaining information security. In order to improve processes and diversify services provided to subscribers, the Company assesses its needs by using advanced technology products based on cost-benefit optimization results.

Akxa Doğalgaz believes in the importance of staying up-to-date and ensuring development through continuous improvement and change. As a result, the Company closely monitors emerging state-of-the-art technologies. Since its first natural gas delivery in 2005, the Company has attached great importance to network management automation efforts and built the necessary systems infrastructure for this purpose. Akxa Doğalgaz engages in long term collaborations with specialized technology firms and contributes to the industry by providing new innovative solutions and tapping into domestic resources thanks to its comprehensive investments and systems.

Akxa Doğalgaz's distribution companies shifted to EMRA's new Natural Gas Distribution Sector Regulatory Account Plan as of January 1, 2017 and harmonized their tariff methodology with the referenced scheme. This account plan allows for the practical filtering from accounting records of data required in tariff determination; the presentation of data necessary for audit and supervision in a verifiable and auditable fashion; in addition to a standard and classified organization of financial analysis, risk analysis and productivity analysis information.

Akxa Doğalgaz employs SAP in its basic enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems, which include accounting, finance, maintenance, stock management and procurement. The FIORI project, initiated in 2017 and completed at end-2017, enabled the Company to conduct maintenance management and reporting in a more efficient manner, allowing senior management to analyze and manage the field with a continuous data flow. After the launch of the software, Akxa Doğalgaz established a uniform procedure for the maintenance and repair activities of all distribution companies. The Company



also ensured asset update and deduplication via CBS integration. Real-time follow-up of planned maintenance activities, breakdown records and material consumption keep maintenance and warehouse stocks up-to-date. In addition, this approach creates a productive, reportable and transparent work follow-up scheme which optimizes service quality and security. Moreover, it contributes to the Company's Paper-free Office efforts with a view to reducing paper consumption.

Document management system integration, as part of the Subscriber Information System enhancement efforts, prevents the Company from demanding the same document again from subscribers and reduces paper consumption. The system integration also keeps subscribers' documents in the digital archive to lessen the physical archive workload and complete any lacking parts of the subscriber documents.

SAP inventory meter delivery integration has made it possible to track the meter lifecycle from beginning to end and to prevent possible difficulties related to meter delivery procedures.

SAP banks receivables integration, realized under the Company's 2017 upgrade efforts, enabled monitoring of the receivable return process, reporting of the processes independently of employees, and managing of processes solely via systems. Furthermore, upgrades were completed to reduce payments made by the Company to banks per transaction by executing transactions wholesale. These efforts yielded savings in labor, time and cost, while reducing paper consumption equivalent to two mature trees.

In 2018, with the E-State Integration of the Subscriber Information System, Akxa Doğalgaz will work to ensure that subscribers can conduct their transactions securely over the Internet as an alternative channel without having to come to company offices, and thus reduce subscriber traffic in the branches.

In the coming year, the Company also plans to: transfer the meter reading and subscriber work order application over to new generation Android handheld terminals; upgrade the technologies and techniques used; realize field meter reading operations by means of new methods outside the conventional ones; simplify and accelerate the procedures; enhance user – system interaction to facilitate mutual communication; and thus arrive at a monitorable structure where continuous improvements take place.

IBM Cognos TM1 software was acquired to analyze budget and planning processes according to new scenarios, and enhance predictability and reliability for consolidation of the Group, which has a large number of distribution companies.

In its infrastructure information systems (CBS/GIS), the Company opts for ESRI, one of the most advanced products in this field. Day-to-day field measurements are marked directly on this system. Manufacturing data for the same day (e.g. installation date/contractor/brand and type of the material used) are also recorded in the database in association with the graphics. All inquiries and work follow-up can be performed over mobile devices.

The Company's subscriber management system is ATOS ABYS. In 2017, a new infrastructure was established so that field teams can conduct meter reading, work order, urgent warning management and other processes via up-to-date mobile software, eliminate the system's dependence on industrial products, and manage it by using ergonomic devices.

The Customer Relations Management (CRM) system in place is Microsoft Dynamics.

The Shipment Control Center completed its transition to new software, with the new systems Iconics Genesis 64 and Schneider Citect SCADA employed simultaneously. Work to expand Genesis 64 across distribution regions is now complete; in three months, it will start to operate as a single active system. The SCADA project is also a crucial component of the Company's digital transformation process. The 3D-supported drawing platform – the first of its kind in the sector – coupled with IoT support, data analysis, advanced report

TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENTS

Across the organization, great importance is attached to managing all procedures in line with defined processes. Akxa Doğalgaz has acquired Paperwork software as its process and document management system and uses it efficiently. In 2017, projects were prepared to manage digital and print archives from a single center.



Alarm Management is implemented in line with the criteria and levels set out in the Emergency Action Plan. Service is delivered via a web portal where customers can keep track of the data. The necessary intervention systems have been set up for management of the network, in line with technical and method requirements.

Mobile platforms top the agenda of the Shipment Control Center upgrade project. With the launch of the new software, the Company will start to use customizable applications which run on all types of mobile devices and that can be easily configured according to one's needs.

structure, effective alarm status management, trend support for practical data visualization, and other such developable additional modules have allowed for the creation of a robust systems infrastructure. These advanced technology efforts also drew significant interest in the international arena in 2017, and were highly appreciated at the Microsoft Technology Summit and at an automation workshop in Boston where they were showcased.

To meet the requirements of BOTAŞ's automation specification which was updated in 2017, the Company reached an agreement with the British firm Swinton to jointly develop a product that has received full approval. As such, a significant contribution was made to the natural gas expansion drive in 2017, with entrance stations providing natural gas to multiple cities established in a short span of time.

All data in the Shipment Control Center is communicated in real time, automatically, at an accuracy rate of almost 100% to the Electronic Bulletin Table system, within the deadlines indicated by BOTAŞ Transmission Network Operation Regulations (ŞİD).

Akxa Doğalgaz has reached an agreement with Turkcell related to the disaster recovery center which will ensure the system's continuity in case of a disaster. The Company also completed work on satellite communication solutions to ensure communication back-up in regions that lack terrestrial lines.

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The Company has installed special illegal gas usage detection devices on four monitoring vehicles that run along the steel and PE natural gas distribution lines and at all A, B, and C-type pressure reduction and measurement stations of Akxa Doğalgaz's 21 natural gas distribution companies. The Company also uses handheld detection devices employing optic sensor technology to check for unauthorized gas use. These efforts cover a total distance of 100 thousand km, twice a year, to check for any illegal gas usage. All findings are reported in detail.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Accounting for 24% of total employment in the natural gas distribution sector, Akxa Doğalgaz strives to reach its corporate objectives driven by a strong sense of team spirit that is based on the power of solidarity, thanks to its dedicated staff, and the importance it places on employees' families.



AKXA DOĞALGAZ'S HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY

Akxa Doğalgaz sees its workforce as its greatest asset, and bases its Human Resources Policy on the values of Kazancı Group.

In order to deliver high quality services to its customers, the Company continuously provides its employees with opportunities to improve their professional, intellectual and behavioral skills, thus boosting their productivity. The Company strives to add to the Akxa family those team members in harmony with its corporate culture, who possess the competence, knowledge and development potential to carry the Company forward into the future.

Keen to evaluate employee performance in the most accurate manner and maintain staff happiness at the highest level, Akxa Doğalgaz strives to reach its corporate objectives driven by a strong sense of team spirit based on the power of solidarity, thanks to dedicated staff, and the importance it places on employees' families.

The main axis of the Company's Human Resources Policy is to build the organizational structure of all the companies under Akxa Doğalgaz Group with teamwork-oriented, open-minded, productive individuals. The Company focuses on those persons who

uphold its corporate values, helping them to constantly develop themselves in line with the culture of excellence. The objective is to become a company that inspires pride in all employees.

Akxa Doğalgaz strives to create a work environment based on amiability, respect, diversity and equal opportunity. The Company believes that success will be achieved once these principles are implemented in a transparent and equitable manner.

SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

Akxa Doğalgaz aims to attract those candidates needed to achieve the Company's strategic planning objectives and long-term targets. The Company conducts the selection process in line with the principles of equal opportunity and non-discrimination. Akxa Doğalgaz recruits those individuals who possess the experience and competence demanded by the position. In addition, the Company develops and manages the staff in a systematic fashion.

Employment applications received are assessed by the Human Resources Department based on candidate competence. First, the Department makes a preliminary assessment of the candidates. In the second stage, the relevant unit managers evaluate their technical proficiency. Selection is made from among those candidates who are customer focused; open to learning and change, adaptable to multicultural environments, in step with technology and innovations, and who embrace teamwork. After these assessments, outstanding candidates are asked whether they remain interested in the relevant position, provided preliminary information about the job, made an offer, and recruited if they accept.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

As required by its corporate vision, Akxa Doğalgaz competently equips its personnel with the knowledge and experience required by the times, aims them to acquire an infrastructure already prepared for the future by creating values that go beyond the current age; and accordingly, supports its employees with training programs designed to help them adapt proactively to

change and developments so as to contribute both to their own personal development as well as to their companies. Akxa Doğalgaz aims to continuously improve its organization, and ensure that everyone embraces the culture of learning. To these ends, the Company provides the staff with various training and development opportunities in keeping with their professional and personal development needs.

Akxa Doğalgaz supports each employee with planned and continuous work from the first day. The training process starts with an Orientation program, so that employees can adapt to the Company and their job, and receive all the information they need.

Under this program, employees receive basic information on:

- The Company's various policies, visions, missions and values,
- Human resources practices,
- The relevant function, position and department.

Throughout their tenure at the Company, employees are offered training programs to help them develop the individual competence demanded by their post in line with their overall career plans.

As part of employee career planning, priority is given to those personnel who have been promoted to a higher position or who have assumed new tasks after shifting to a new position at the Company, so that they can work in a more productive manner.

Akxa Doğalgaz's training programs include:

- On-the-Job Training,
- In-House Career Training,
- Training Outside the Company,
- Online Training.

These programs help employees translate the potential they possess into maximum occupational performance.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

To ensure that all Akxa Doğalgaz companies achieve the corporate strategies and high quality standards, both corporate and individual efforts and success are monitored and measured with the "Performance Management" system. Performance assessments are conducted on an annual basis. Each year, high scoring staff members are identified and rewarded.

REMUNERATION POLICY

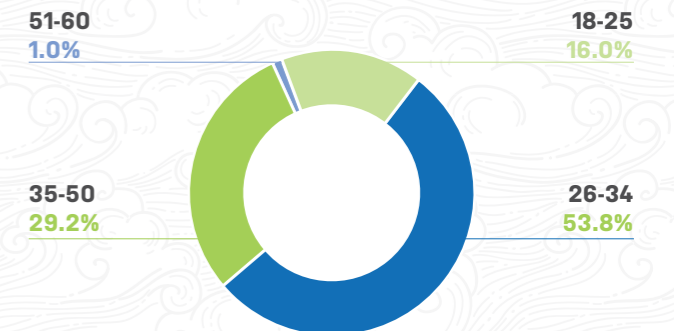
In shaping its remuneration policy, Akxa Doğalgaz Group takes into account the national economic conditions, striving to be fair within the Group and competitive within the sector. The Human Resources Department's market surveys, performance assessment results and business analysis methodology are used to determine the salary scale and pay rises. Employees are rewarded according to their performance to keep their motivation at a high level.

Gender Breakdown of Employees



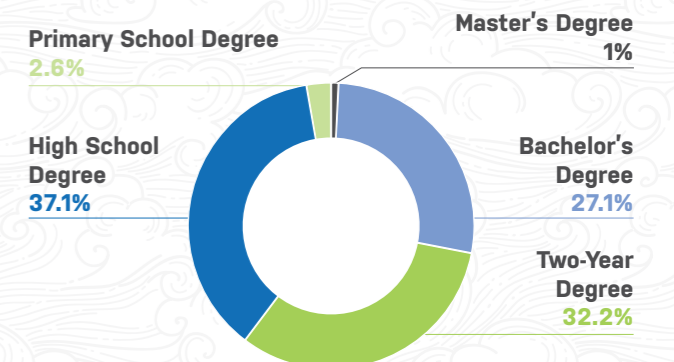
Age Breakdown of Employees

Average Age **32**



Education Breakdown of Employees

60% Bachelor's Degree



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

At Aksa Doğalgaz, all required activities falling under Law No. 6331 on Occupational Health and Safety were conscientiously carried out during the year. Some 36,742 hours of occupational safety training were delivered.



In every province and district where it holds a license, Aksa Doğalgaz aims to deliver uninterrupted natural gas distribution. In accordance with Law No. 6331 on Occupational Health and Safety, the Company fully meets all occupational health and safety requirements related to its employees and stakeholders.

To ensure that employees return home safe and sound every night, Aksa Doğalgaz is committed to fostering an OHS culture and ensuring that occupational safety awareness is shared by every staff member. To this end, the Company attaches great importance on the "OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System." With a view to establishing the continuity of the Occupational Health and Safety Management System, the Company launched a central Occupational Health and Safety project in March 2015 across Turkey, featuring the country's top doctors and specialists.

Occupational health and safety efforts, which figure among the Company's most important core activities, are based on the "AKSAoHS Software" specially designed for Aksa Doğalgaz in response to specific corporate requirements. Programmed in accordance with the Law No. 6331 on Occupational Health and Safety and the OHSAS 18001 management system, AKSAoHS dynamically monitors and checks all activities carried out by 2,243 personnel at the 21 distribution companies. AKSAoHS centrally controls and reports all occupational health and safety activities related to an employee from the moment of recruitment onwards. The software also measures the occupational health and safety performance of the 21 distribution companies.

Furthermore, in order to measure the control and efficiency of the distribution companies' practices onsite, the Aksa Doğalgaz central staff has initiated unannounced OHS field audits. Data collected during these audits and the appropriate methods are integrated into the risk analysis. As such, the Company proactively determines possible hazards in the work areas and uses efficient risk elimination methods to enhance occupational health and safety across the organization.

To identify and prevent any external hazard, annual risk assessments are conducted in all distribution companies; the findings of these studies are eradicated in the most expeditious manner with the participation of employees. Disabled, pregnant or breastfeeding staff is given priority in risk assessments.



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- Annual study and annual evaluation reports,
- Employee representative meetings,
- Planned OHS training programs,
- OHS training for new employees,
- Planned health screenings,
- Health examinations for new employees,
- Field OHS audits,
- Maintenance and checking of equipment that requires periodic controls,
- Grounding measurements, electrical installation checks,
- Work hygiene measurements at newly opened locations,
- Lightning rod measurements and checks,
- Emergency team training,
- Emergency evacuation drills,
- First aid training.

To proactively reduce any possible damage from work accidents and occupational diseases, special occupational health and safety funds have been allocated within the budgets of distribution companies.

Via continuous education and awareness raising efforts, Aksa Doğalgaz is committed to the Company's ultimate goal of "zero work accident" and its slogan "People First." Under the leadership and guidance of its management and the participation of its employees, Aksa Doğalgaz continuously moves toward becoming the "most reliable corporation" in the industry in terms of occupational health and safety.

ENVIRONMENT

At every natural gas distribution company under the umbrella of Aksa Doğalgaz, the environmental risks defined by the Environmental Committee are revised each year and taken under control through a proactive approach.

Mitigation of Carbon Emissions

6 Million Tons

AKSA DOĞALGAZ'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Aksa Doğalgaz sees protection of nature as critical to achieving sustainable growth. The Company shapes its business operations around minimizing its environmental footprint and contributes to preserving the natural environment. With this vision, Aksa Doğalgaz has formulated an Environmental Policy based on the following principles:

- Safely minimizing the environmental footprint of the Company's operations in harmony with all its stakeholders and leaving a healthy environment for future generations,
- Adding value to the environment and living standards by ensuring continuous improvement in compliance with applicable environmental legislation, under the scope of ISO 14001 Environment and OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems,
- Using natural resources in an efficient manner to minimize waste and prevent pollution at the source,
- Keeping under control the possible environmental impact of subcontracted companies,
- Supporting all stakeholders deemed relevant in terms of environmental training and practices, and ensuring sustainability.

AKSA DOĞALGAZ'S ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

All operations executed by Aksa Doğalgaz are designed to fulfil strict environmental regulatory requirements. To ensure the sustainability of the Company's operations, environmental impact and components are identified in a conscientious manner, with input and output flows of every work process kept up-to-date.

At every natural gas distribution company under the umbrella of Aksa Doğalgaz, the environmental risks defined by the Environmental Committee are revised each year and taken under control through a proactive approach.

Methods used to keep the identified risks under control include the following, from high to low priority:

- Eliminating risks at the source,
- Replacing high hazards with lesser hazards,
- Implementing engineering measures,
- Making use of ergonomic approaches.

The 2015 revision made to Aksa Doğalgaz's long-running ISO 14001 Environmental Management System was designed to align the Company's strategic approach with its environmental management system, while improving the organization's environment performance. The continuity of the system is confirmed with the annual audits performed by accredited firms.

Understanding that uncontrolled consumption is the main factor threatening the world's natural resources today, all Aksa Doğalgaz distribution companies expend diligent efforts to use natural resources efficiently. Natural resource consumption levels are checked monthly and duly minimized. As part of the paper-free office project, people-dependent applications



were transferred onto digital platforms; the business processes were rendered swift and measurable; paper, energy and cartridge consumption was reduced.

Waste management and environmental permits are key components of the environmental management approach at Aksa Doğalgaz. To reduce the waste produced by distribution companies, methods such as reuse, recycling and elimination are used, with all legal and regulatory requirements fully met.

Different types of waste are classified accurately and kept in storage areas under appropriate conditions. Waste is prevented from contaminating the soil and water during storage. All waste is delivered to Ministry of Environment and Urbanization-licensed elimination firms within the deadlines prescribed by waste management regulations.

Waste management training for Company personnel, especially waste management teams, are completed on an annual basis. The division of labor is determined for everyone and employee awareness is raised as regards collection of waste by category.

Aksa Doğalgaz will continue working toward the goal of leaving a healthy environment for future generations while abiding by all legal and regulatory requirements.

CITIES BREATHE FRESH AIR WITH NATURAL GAS.

Using clean energy resources with the smallest environmental footprint has become not simply a choice but an obligation for the future of our country and the world. Natural gas stands out as a highly important and widely available source of energy that is high quality, safe and clean, since it provides advantages in sustainable energy policies and carbon economy management. As of today, natural gas is available in 77 Turkish provinces. In 2018, natural gas will become available in all 81 of our provinces, and at a growing number of locations in these provinces. As a result of the wide-spread use of natural gas in Turkey, the country's carbon emissions have been reduced by around 40%. Cities that use natural gas have experienced a measurable and palpable drop in air pollution. In 2016, if households consuming natural gas had opted for coal, carbon emissions would be 27.4 billion kg higher, bringing total annual emissions up from 41.3 billion kg to 68.7 billion kg. As for industry and electricity generation, the replacement of coal with natural has slashed carbon emissions by half or some 58 billion kg.

AKSA DOĞALGAZ HELPS 15 MILLION PEOPLE AND 260 MILLION TREES BREATHE CLEANER AIR.

During its 15 years of activity in the natural gas distribution sector, Aksa Doğalgaz introduced a growing number of people to the comfort and convenience of natural gas by extending its license regions and expanding its subscriber base. Moreover, the Company monitors its environmental footprint in order to leave a more habitable planet for future generations. Continuously expending efforts to expand the use of natural gas in Turkey and to raise citizens' awareness about the environmental impact of carbon-intensive fuel such as coal, Aksa Doğalgaz plays an effective role in reducing air pollution in the cities where it operates. Active in 27 provinces and 167 districts and towns, Aksa Doğalgaz brought about a 6 million ton reduction in carbon emissions in just one year by replacing coal use with natural gas in its license regions. This volume is equivalent to the amount that as many as 260 million mature trees would be needed to process. Given that in Turkey alone 42 thousand persons die prematurely each year due to environmental pollution and 30 thousand persons meet an early death from the effects of air pollution, the Company considers that it creates a considerable social benefit by slashing air pollution.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Aksa Doğalgaz, in line with its new digital marketing focused corporate communication plan, re-vamped the design and messaging content of its social media channels.



2017 was marked by important developments in terms of Aksa Doğalgaz's corporate communication efforts.

With the new, digital marketing-focused corporate communication structure initiated in 2016, Aksa Doğalgaz revamped the design and message content of its social media channels in line with the new corporate communication strategy. In addition, the Company consolidated and relaunched the separate web sites for the distribution regions under the umbrella of aksadogalgaz.com.tr.

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Turkey's "Eco-friendly natural gas distribution company" shapes its corporate communication efforts with an environmentally friendly approach in order to touch the lives of people and cities in the most authentic manner. Last year's annual report, which was entitled the "Map of Natural Flavors" as a result of this approach, received an Accomplishment Award at Felis, the prestigious marketing awards competition.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Aksa Doğalgaz has shaped its business operations with the awareness of the Company's immense responsibility to society, which is the true source of its power, and strives to ensure that its social responsibility activities make a concrete, ongoing contribution to society at large.

Since its inception, The Company monitors the social and environmental impacts of its activities in the regions where it operates, while guided by the social and environmental values of Kazancı Group. In addition, Aksa Doğalgaz works to resolve local problems and raise the living standards of local residents. To become an integral part of the local community, the Company engages in open dialogue with the local population. Similarly, the Company invites all its stakeholders to share the core values that make up its corporate culture.

Aksa Doğalgaz strives to ensure that its social responsibility activities make a concrete, ongoing contribution to society at large. Instead of investing in short-term projects, the Company works to execute long-term projects designed to become self-sustaining over time.

LIFE COMPANION

Aksa Doğalgaz believes that it is very important for equal opportunity to exist in every aspect of society to ensure the economic and social development of our country. In this spirit, we closely monitor the problems that our more than 8 million disabled citizens experience in their everyday lives. In keeping with this vision, the Company developed the "Life Companion" project in 2015 to make life safer for the disabled in its core business area.

Providing continuous and safe natural gas to its subscribers in 27 provinces and 167 districts and neighborhoods, Aksa Doğalgaz launched the Life Companion initiative to deliver extremely fast services under emergency situations. As part of the project, when disabled individuals registered in Aksa Doğalgaz's subscription system call the "Natural Gas Emergency Line 187" or the 444 4 187 Solution Center, the system automatically shows that the call originates from a disabled subscriber.* At that time, call center operators immediately dispatch emergency teams to the home or office in question without even waiting for the subscriber to explain the situation in detail. Aksa Doğalgaz aims to make their lives easier by delivering emergency services to disabled subscribers alone in a hazardous situation.

Under the Life Companion project, we have started yet another exemplary effort by teaching sign language to our employees, mainly field personnel. We have also taken steps to spread this effort to other natural gas company members of the Turkey Natural Gas Distributors Association (GAZBİR).

Aksa Doğalgaz's Life Companion project – the first of its kind in the sector – received the Golden Valve award at the 2016 Turkey Energy Summit.

OTHER SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACTIVITIES

Aksa Doğalgaz Supports Archeology: Under a contract signed by Aksa Doğalgaz and Çanakkale Provincial Directorate of Culture and Tourism on behalf of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Aksa Çanakkale Doğalgaz Dağıtım A.Ş. Distribution is the main sponsor of the "Archeological Surface Survey from the Neolithic to the Iron Age in the central district of Çanakkale province," conducted by Assistant Prof. Derya Yılmaz. Initiated in September 2016, the research efforts will

continue in 2018. Aksa Doğalgaz was deemed worthy of the Golden Valve Award 2017 for its contributions to research at the 8th Turkey Energy Summit held in 2017.

A Commemorative Forest for Every Distribution Region Project:

With this initiative, Aksa Doğalgaz aims to contribute to society now and in the future by creating new forest areas in all its distribution regions. Under the project, commemorative forests are formed on tree planting days. Saplings were planted in Afyon and in Şanlıurfa.

Raising Awareness on Energy Savings:

With the belief that ecology training for children at a young age will shape their environmental behavior throughout their lives, Aksa Doğalgaz organizes presentations to raise the energy conservation awareness of primary school students. The Company informs students about natural gas as an eco-friendly and clean energy source, while presenting information on using other energy sources more efficiently. Aksa Doğalgaz delivered the first training in this program at Bandırma Marmara Primary School. The Company plans to will continue its collaboration with additional schools in its distribution regions.

Book, Stationery and Clothing Donations to Students:

Aksa Doğalgaz employees regularly visit schools in their areas of operation, and provide students in financial need with school supplies, stationery and clothing.

Visits to Retirement Homes and Child Protection Centers on Special Days:

Aksa Doğalgaz personnel visit retirement homes and child protection society centers on special days, to support the individuals living in these facilities.

Blood Donation to Kızılay: At events held periodically under the coordination of Aksa Doğalgaz, employees donate blood to Kızılay (Turkish Red Crescent).

*Citizens with disabilities can use the web site's Online Procedures menu launched in early 2018 in order to register their disability status online.

CORPORATE COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Aksa Doğalgaz launched the Online Appointment System so that citizens can complete any procedure without having to wait in line at the branch locations in the distribution regions.

DIGITIZATION EFFORTS

In September 2017, Aksa Doğalgaz consolidated the web sites of its 21 natural gas distribution companies under a single roof – aksadogalgaz.com.tr – and relaunched the umbrella site with a brand new interface. The new web site delivers a pleasant user experience and is search engine optimized for easy access. It also allows Aksa Doğalgaz subscribers to reach the information they require in a fast, practical and secure manner.

As of 2017, Aksa Doğalgaz's umbrella social media accounts were redesigned in terms of both visuals and content. Innovative features and aspects of the Company, the latest corporate news and special content for specific days and weeks started being shared regularly with social media followers. Inquires, suggestions and requests received over social media are delivered to the responsible units and responded to in the shortest time in order to enhance customer satisfaction.

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IN-HOUSE COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Aksa Doğalgaz ranks among the youngest companies of the industry with an average employee age of 32. The Company firmly believes in the importance of establishing solid relations with the younger generation as they enter the workforce. Aksa Doğalgaz works to provide a peaceful and pleasant working environment for its staff and develops its in-house communication efforts accordingly. The Company organizes various events during the year and holds celebrations to mark special occasions. Its internal communication efforts position the Company as the "employer of choice" in the sector for both current and also potential employees.



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THE MAP OF NATURAL WONDERS



TURN THE BACK FOR
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ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

THE MAP OF NATURAL WONDERS

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Please scan the QR code to see the Map of Natural Wonders.

A SPECIAL SELECTION OF AMAZING NATURAL WONDERS

Operating in many parts of Turkey, Akxa Doğalgaz compiled a selection of natural wonders in these cities.

Adana

Situated on Seyhan River in Turkey's Mediterranean Region, Adana is the fifth largest city in the country, and a major cultural and trading center. Adana has a typical Mediterranean climate; its vegetation consists mainly of maquis that can be seen at altitudes as high as 700-800 meters; larches and cedars can be seen in higher altitudes. Adana is one of the first industrialized cities in Turkey and is considered an economically powerful urban area. Additionally, Adana is Turkey's most developed agricultural city, where advanced agricultural machinery and modern cultivation techniques are widely used. Adana lies in the heart of Çukurova, the country's most agriculturally productive area, with 39% of the city's land area considered highly fertile. Boasting a long and rich history, Adana is also home to many natural wonders.

Total Area

13,844 km²

Population (2017)

2,216,475

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

406 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,725 km

Total Number of Subscribers

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KAPIKAYA CANYON

Situated in the west of Adana's Karaisalı district, Kapıkaya Canyon is the valley of Çakıt Creek; as a result, from a distance, it appears to be a mountain split in two. The canyon is covered with oleander, sycamore and pine trees. Stairs and guard rails make it easy to hike some 7 kilometers of the 20 km walking track. The canyon attracts visitors who enjoy nature walks. The famous Varda Bridge, another historical attraction in Adana, is visible from Kapıkaya Canyon. A bridge connects these two amazing natural and historic landmarks, enabling access to Varda Bridge.

HOW TO GET THERE

After you arrive in Adana's Karaisalı district, you need to travel 5 kilometers more to reach Kapıkaya Canyon.

Situated in Adana's Pozantı district, Belemelik Valley offers visitors a visual feast and a wonderful walk through nature. The valley welcomes you with century-old trees in all shades of yellow and green. This beautiful combination of colors in the valley can be enjoyed all seasons of the year. Belemelik Valley attracts visitors who want to spend a day in a natural environment as well as those who enjoy nature walks and photography. The valley receives many visitors throughout the year.



VARDA-BELEMEDİK

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Belemelik Valley by following the Adana-Pozantı-Belemelik village route.



ANCIENT CITY OF ANAVARZA



Situated in Adana's Kozan district, the history of Anavarza (Anazarbus) dates back 2,100 years. The site has been home to many civilizations throughout its long history. The ancient city of Anavarza, where you can see the traces of various cultures through the ages, has been included in UNESCO's World Heritage Tentative List. The remains of the ancient city, especially the colonnaded double-lane road and pools decorated with mosaics, attract architecture and history lovers. The walls surrounding the Anavarza archaeological site are 1,500 meters long. One of the gates to the city was designed as a triumphal arch, which is symbolic of the third century. When you climb the steep slope at the end of the main road, you will enjoy a magnificent panoramic view of Çukurova.

HOW TO GET THERE

If you take the exit to Ayşe Hoca village at the 28th kilometer-marker on the Ceyhan-Kozan highway, and drive 4 kilometers more, you will reach Dilekkaya village, where the ancient city of Anavarza is located.

Afyon

Situated in the interior of Turkey's Aegean Region, Afyon province serves as a gateway between the flatlands of Central Anatolia and the Aegean coast. Afyon is the only city in the country with railways in all four directions. The city has a harsh climate with moderate precipitation, and vegetation growing mainly in brown forest soils due to the continental climate. Afyon is one of the largest marble and travertine producers in the world. The local economy is primarily driven by agriculture and livestock farming. Boasting a rich history, Afyon is also home to many natural wonders.



Total Area
14,772 km²

Population (2017)
715,693

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

109 Million m³

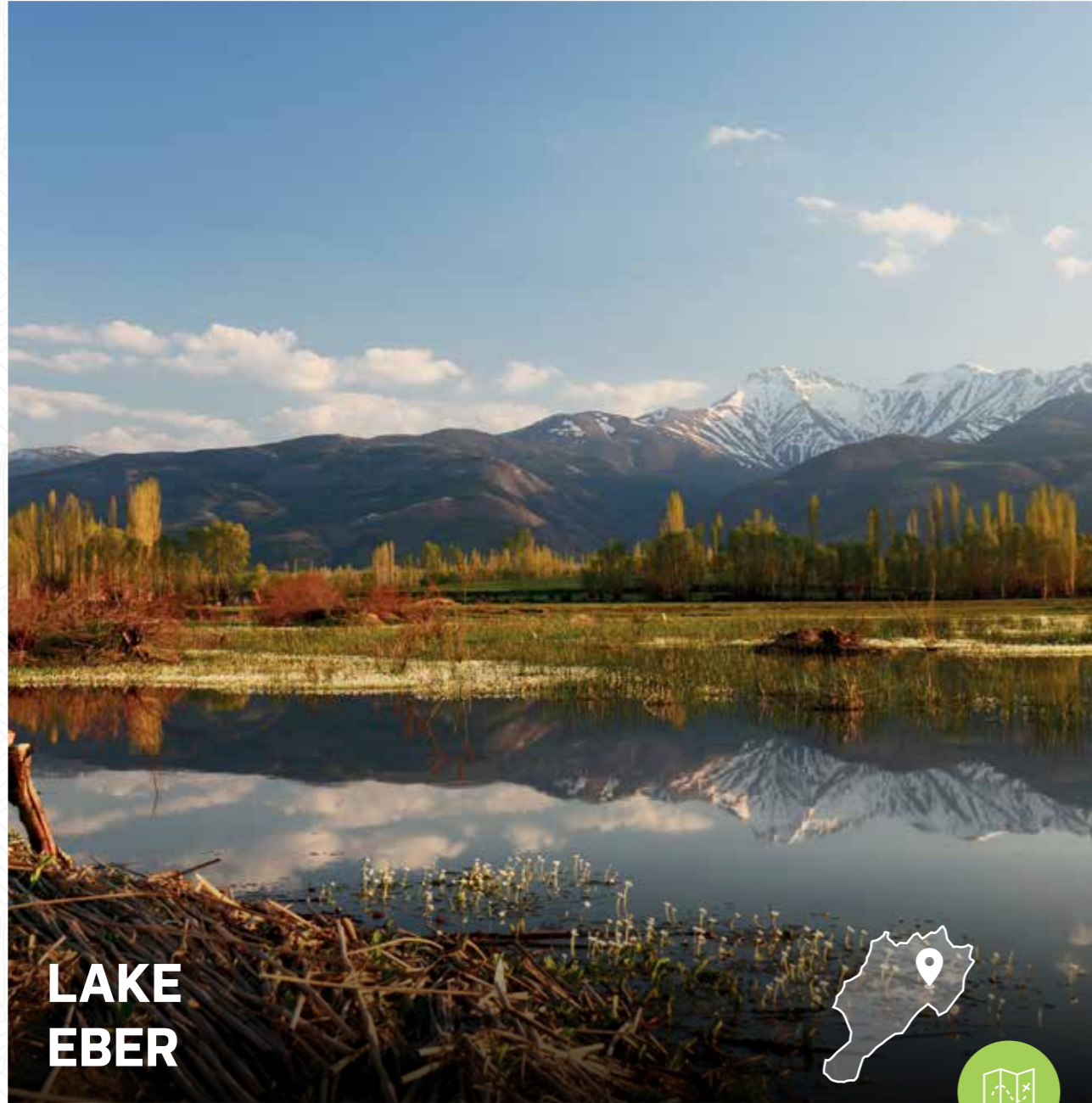
Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,115 km

Total Number of Subscribers

85,927

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LAKE EBER

Situated between the Çay and Bolvadin districts of Afyon, Lake Eber is the nesting site for various waterfowl species such as the pygmy cormorant (*microcarbo pygmaeus*), greater white-fronted goose (*anser albifrons*), greater sand plover (*charadrius leschenaultii*), and the Dalmatian pelican (*pelecanus crispus*). Lake Eber is the 12th largest lake in Turkey, and one of the most famous natural wonders in Afyon. There are many islets on the lake; local residents call these islets "kopak." Lake Eber is visited by nature lovers throughout the year.

HOW TO GET THERE

After you arrive in Afyon's Bolvadin district, you need to travel 8 kilometers southeast to reach Lake Eber.



ACIGÖL FLAMINGO OBSERVATORY

While many bird sanctuaries are diminishing around the globe due to environmental mishaps, Lake Acigöl in Afyon is still a major nesting site for flamingos. Acigöl offers great opportunities for nature tourism with its bird species and seasonality. The Flamingo Observatory at Acigöl is located at the intersection of the Antalya-Denizli highways. Lake Acigöl, Turkey's second largest hypersaline lake after Lake Tuz, attracts many tourists, bird lovers in particular. Lake Acigöl is home to about 176 species of birds, offering visitors a relaxing excursion amid a diverse array of chirping birds.

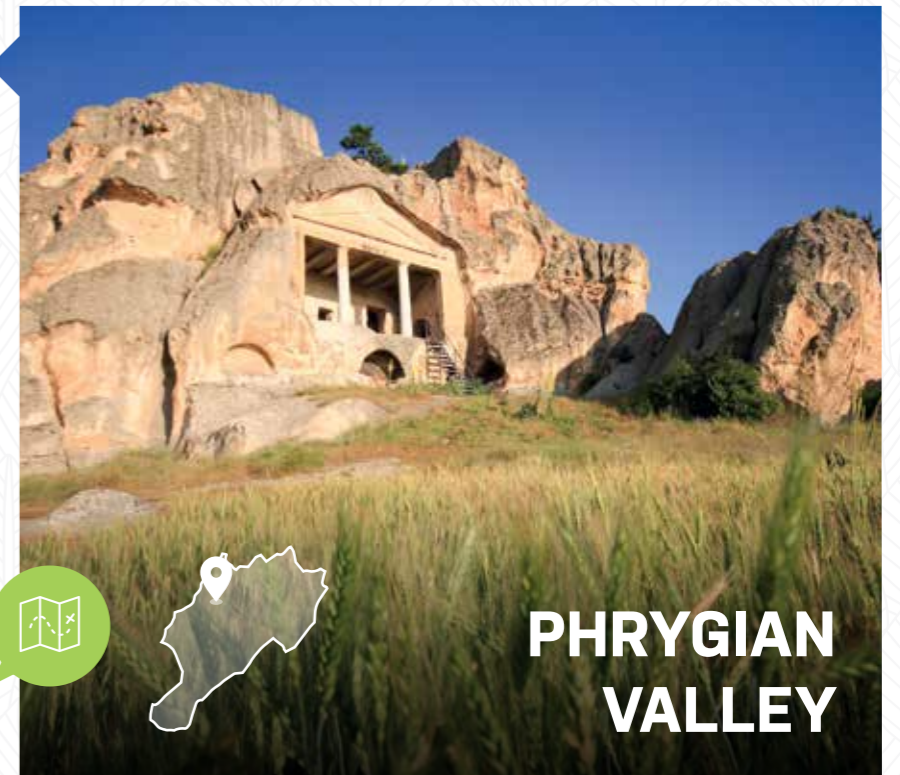
HOW TO GET THERE

Acigöl Flamingo Observatory is located in Akpınar village of Afyon's Başmakçı district, 5 kilometers from the district center.

The Phrygians, who originally resided in the Balkans, migrated to Anatolia about 3,000 years ago during the Aegean Migration. These people built a new civilization in the Phrygian Valley by carving homes, castles and monuments out of the rocks. The Phrygian Valley covers a wide expanse between Eskişehir, Kütahya and Afyon. The 400 km hiking and biking trail, an ancient road used by the Phrygians, offers visitors who enjoy nature and sports a unique journey through an area rich in natural and historical wonders.

HOW TO GET THERE

You need to drive to reach the Phrygian Valley, which is situated 75 kilometers from Eskişehir, 39 kilometers from Çifteler, and 30 kilometers from Seyitgazi. If you do not have a car, you can travel by bus from Eskişehir to Seyitgazi, or from Afyon to İhsaniye, and then take a taxi to the Phrygian Valley.



PHRYGIAN VALLEY

Ağrı

Located in Turkey's Eastern Anatolia Region, Ağrı province once served as a gateway for Central Asian tribes migrating to Anatolia. Therefore, the area has been home to many civilizations throughout history. The city has a harsh continental climate, which inhibits growth of native plants. The local economy depends on border trade, agriculture and livestock farming. Ağrı is home to many natural and historic treasures.

Total Area

11,520 km²

Population (2017)

536,285


Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

9 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

64 km

Total Number of Subscribers

2,367
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ISHAK PASHA PALACE

Situated on a hill on the side of a mountain 5 kilometers east of Ağrı's Doğubayazıt district, Ishak Pasha Palace is the last large monumental structure built during the "Tulip Period" of the Ottoman Empire. It is one of the most distinguished and magnificent examples of 18th century Ottoman architecture and invaluable in terms of art history. After Topkapı Palace in Istanbul, Ishak Pasha is the most famous palace built during the last period of the Ottoman Empire. Ishak Pasha is not merely a palace, but rather a complex of buildings (külliye). Its architectural style reflects a combination of Ottoman, Persian and Seljuk architectural styles. Ishak Pasha is the first palace in the world to feature a central heating system. The Palace attracts both local and foreign tourists throughout the year, offering them a unique historical experience.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Ishak Pasha Palace by traveling 5 kilometers from Doğubayazıt district.

Mount Ararat National Park is one of the largest national parks in Turkey, and one of the most remarkable natural attractions in the region. The National Park is situated on the foothills of Mount Ararat, which is widely known as the "Roof of Turkey" because of its immense height. Mount Ararat National Park offers visitors a visual feast with amazing views. Located on Turkey's border with Iran, Nakhichevan and Armenia, Mount Ararat National Park attracts both local and foreign tourists with its green fields, clear springs, and diverse wildlife. The National Park, which also includes Mount Ararat, the highest peak in Anatolia, is a natural treasure well worth visiting. It is home to many different species of tortoises, snakes, ducks, birds, frogs, fish, and more. The Park fascinates visitors with its rich underwater life.



MOUNT ARARAT NATIONAL PARK

HOW TO GET THERE

Mount Ararat National Park is 10 kilometers from the Doğubayazıt district of Ağrı, and 40 kilometers from Iğdır.

Amasya

Situated in the Black Sea Region of Turkey, Amasya is a beautiful city and one of the oldest Anatolian settlements. Amasya's ancient name was "Amaseia," which was given by the Greek geographer Strabo. Starting with the Hittites, Amasya has been the center of many civilizations down through the ages. Located on the valley floor, Amasya has a transitional climate, falling between the marine climate of the Black Sea and a continental climate. The surrounding area is covered with pastureland. The local economy mainly depends on agriculture and livestock farming. Due to its unique physical characteristics, Amasya is home to many natural wonders.



Total Area

5,702 km²

Population (2017)

329,888

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

97 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

761 km

Total Number of Subscribers

76,320

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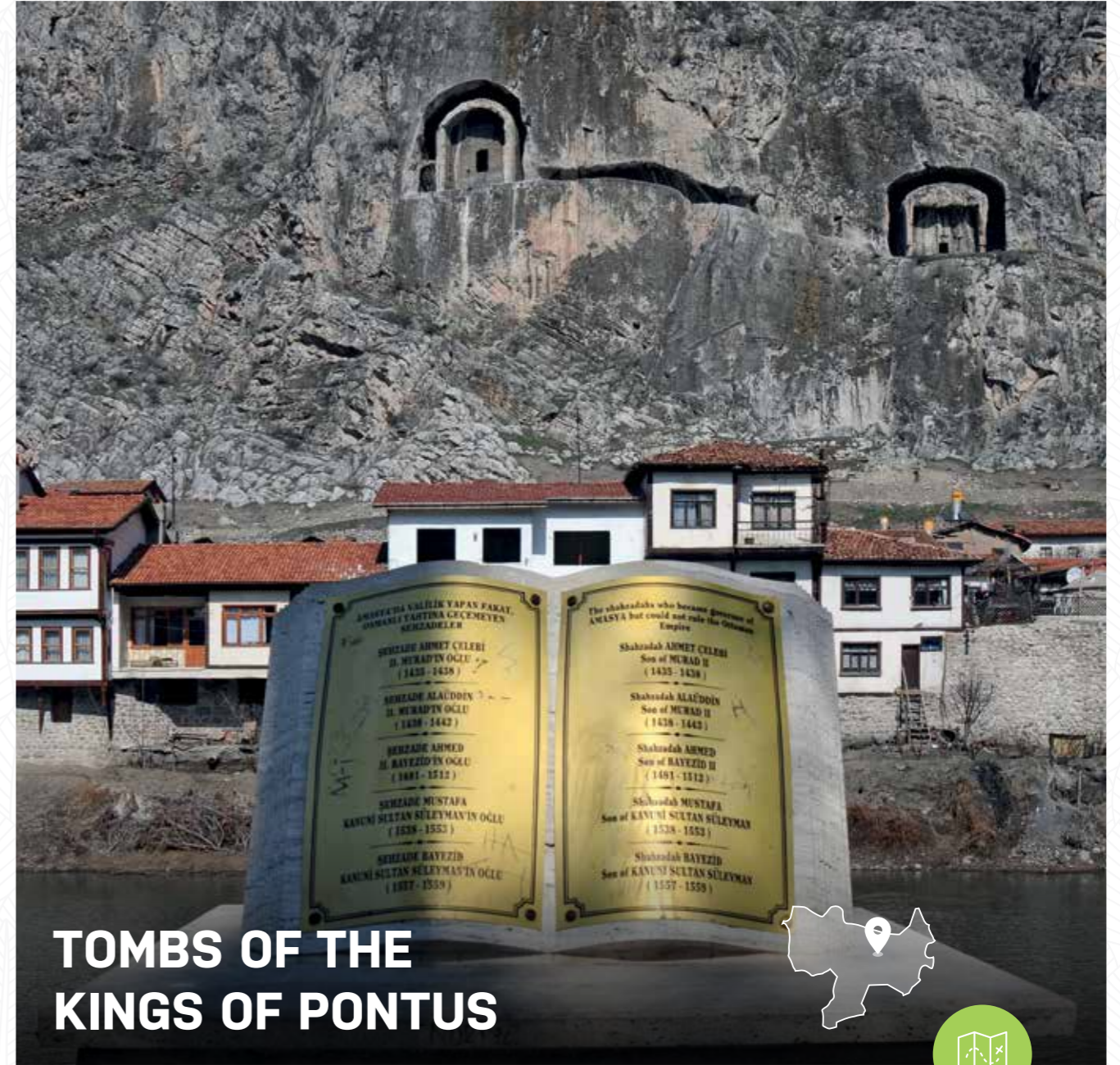
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Located west of Borabay village in Amasya's Taşova district, Lake Borabay is a landslide-dammed lake. Hiking trails, picnic areas, campsites, homes and recreational facilities are situated around the lake. Surrounded by yellow pines and chestnut trees, the campground near the lake has a very relaxing atmosphere. Lake Borabay offers a unique experience to those who seek tranquility in nature.

HOW TO GET THERE

If you exit at the 44th kilometer-marker on the Amasya-Taşova highway toward the junction to Samsun and drive 11 kilometers further, you will reach Lake Borabay.

LAKE BORABAY



TOMBS OF THE KINGS OF PONTUS

Located in Yuvacık village, north of Amasya, the Tombs of the Kings of Pontus are rock-tombs carved into Mount Harşena. These monuments are among the most amazing historical treasures in Amasya. Also known as "Valley of the Kings," this site has been included in UNESCO's World Heritage Tentative List. Originally, there were a total of 21 royal tombs, but only a few have survived to the present day. The Tombs of the Kings of Pontus, which are among the most treasured heritage sites in Turkey, attract both local and foreign tourists.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach the Tombs of the Kings of Pontus by climbing the stairs that start at the railway in the Hatuniye neighborhood.

Balıkesir

Although Balıkesir is located in Turkey's Marmara Region, some parts of the city extend into the Aegean Region. In terms of land area, Balıkesir is the 12th largest city in the country. The coastline (Aegean Sea) of the city has a Mediterranean climate while a continental climate dominates from west to east, and north to south. The oceanic climate of the Black Sea can be felt on the city's Marmara Sea coastline. Forests cover 31% of Balıkesir's land area. The local economy is primarily based on agriculture and livestock farming; major products include okra, black-eyed peas, melons, olives, olive oil, and cheese. Balıkesir is also famous for its coastal districts, which generally appeal to local tourists. Boasting a rich and storied history, Balıkesir is home to many natural wonders.

Total Area

14,272 km²

Population (2017)

1,204,824

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

1.77 Billion m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,669 km

Total Number of Subscribers

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Located in Mount Ida National Park on the Akçay-Altinoluk road, Hasan Boğuldu Pond takes its name from a tragic love story. The pond and its lush green surroundings provide a relaxing and refreshing environment with its beautiful, unspoiled nature. Visitors flock to the area, especially in spring and summer, to cool off in the icy waters of the pond. A picnic area is situated near the pond.

HOW TO GET THERE

Various routes lead to Hasan Boğuldu Pond.

The most convenient one is the road that goes through Zeytinli in Edremit. If you travel 4 kilometers on this road, you will reach the entrance of Mount Ida National Park, where Hasan Boğuldu Pond is located.

HASAN BOĞULDU POND



Located in Mount Ida National Park, Şahindere Canyon serves as a natural air corridor, which carries fresh, pine-filled and thyme-filled air from Mount Ida to Edremit Bay, and iodine-filled air from the sea toward the mountains. This natural air circulation creates the perfect habitat for various endemic plants and hundreds of animal species. Şahindere Canyon is an ideal locale for those who want to spend their vacation steeped in nature. The canyon is 26 kilometers long with some parts reaching a depth of 600-700 meters. Nature lovers are recommended to use a guidebook when walking in the canyon.



ŞAHİNDERE CANYON

HOW TO GET THERE

Şahindere Canyon is 2 kilometers from the Altınoluk neighborhood of Balıkesir's Edremit district.

Turks had practiced Shamanism long before converting to Islam. Today, one can see traces of Shamanic life in Tahtakuşlar village, which is situated on the Edremit-Çanakkale highway, near Çamlıbel. The first private Ethnography Museum in Turkey is also located here. With its fresh air flowing from Mount Ida and magnificent views, Tahtakuşlar village is an ever-popular destination in this region.

HOW TO GET THERE

Tahtakuşlar village is in the Güre district of Balıkesir. You can reach the village by traveling 2 kilometers more on the Edremit-Çanakkale highway after passing Güre.



TAHTAKUŞLAR VILLAGE

Batman

Situated in Turkey's Southeastern Anatolia Region, Batman province contains the Tigris River flanked by fertile lands on both its sides. Boasting a long rich history, Batman is a natural treasure. The province is also home to the ancient city of Hasankeyf, more than one thousand caves, and other historic wonders. Although Batman is a relatively new city, its history includes numerous civilizations dating back to the Sumerians. Batman has an Eastern Mediterranean Climate and the area is largely comprised of steppe vegetation. As a result of recent investments and industrialization, the city has undergone a rapid transformation in recent years. The fast-growing construction industry, in particular, has significantly contributed to the growth of the city. Batman is home to unique natural wonders including more than 4,000 caves.



Total Area
4,680 km²

Population (2017)
585,252

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

74 Million m³

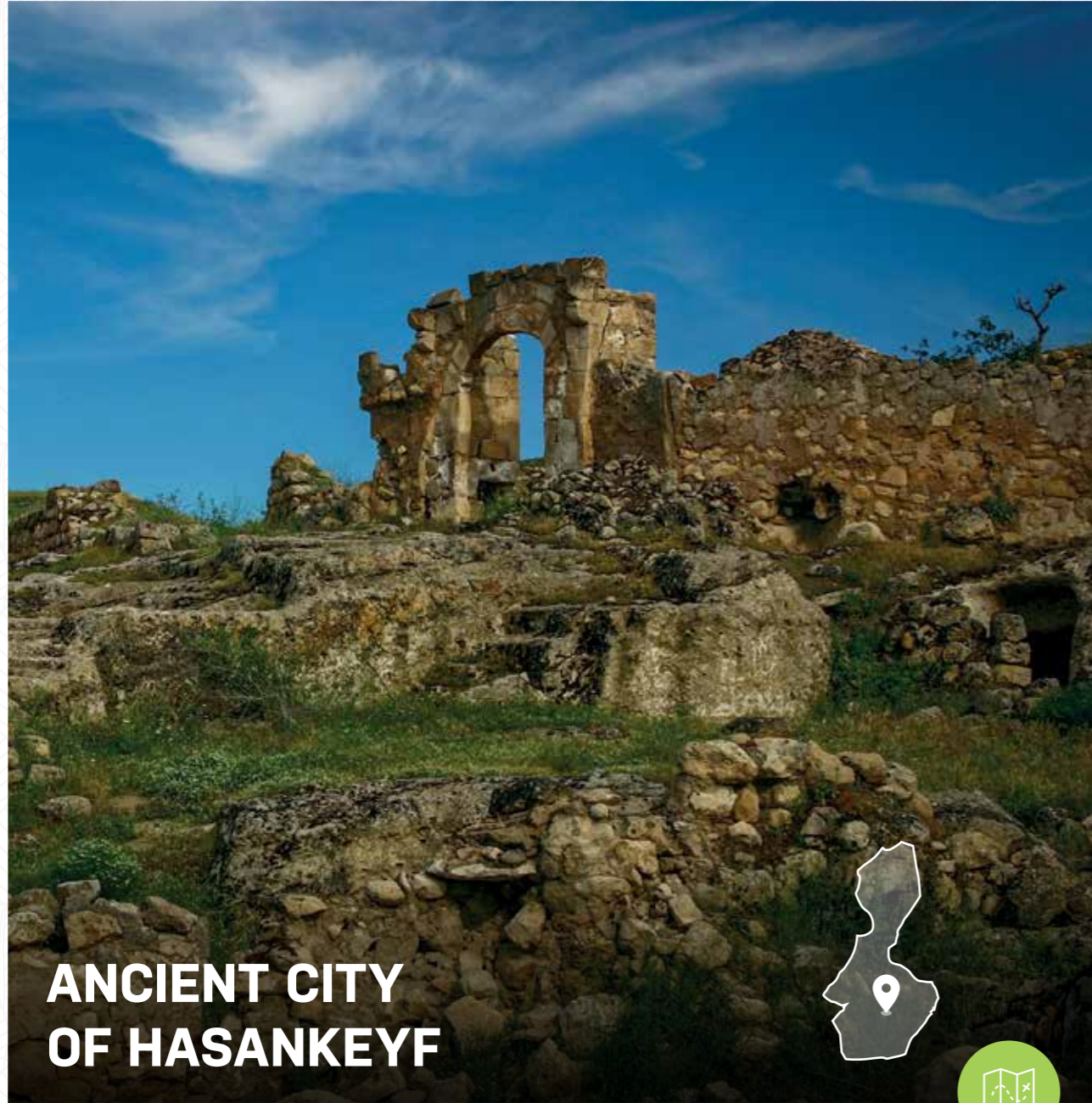
Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

430 km

Total Number of Subscribers

51,920

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ANCIENT CITY OF HASANKEYF

The ancient city of Hasankeyf, built on and around the banks of the Tigris River, is one of the first settlements in Mesopotamia – the cradle of civilization. The rocky cliffs on which the city was built are thought to have been formed by water erosion over hundreds of thousands of years. Nearly 6,000 caves are located around the ancient city. The history of Hasankeyf dates back to the 8th century BC. According to archeologists, the site provided shelter to many civilizations throughout history. As a result, the ancient city of Hasankeyf is considered to be a World Heritage site.

HOW TO GET THERE
The ancient city of Hasankeyf is situated on the Batman-Mardin highway. Air travel is the most convenient way to access the area as Hasankeyf is 131 kilometers from Mardin Airport and 48 kilometers from Batman Airport. You can also reach the site via intercity buses.



ZEYNEL BEY MAUSOLEUM

Zeynel Bey Mausoleum is situated in Hasankeyf, Batman. The monumental structure was built for Zeynel Bey, the son of the Aq-Qoyunlu ruler Uzun Hasan, during the Aq-Qoyunlu era (1460-1487). Zeynel Bey Mausoleum is the first example of mausoleums built in Anatolia. This monument is a must-see because of its architectural and religious significance. The mausoleum's cylindrical design, tile embellishments and epitaph are of particular interest to visitors.

HOW TO GET THERE
Zeynel Bey Mausoleum is located in Hasankeyf New Cultural Park in the Kesmeköprü village of Batman's Hasankeyf district. You can drive to the site by following the signs on the Batman-Mardin highway, or take one of the shuttle buses that run between Batman city center and Hasankeyf district.

Historic Malabadi Bridge is an arch bridge structure with a fascinating architectural design, and one of the most important historical treasures in Batman. The bridge is 150 meters long and 7 meters wide, and boasts the widest arch among all arch bridges in the world. The spandrels of the main arch incorporate two small rooms for weary travelers. Malabadi Bridge was built in 1147 by the Artuqids, and is visited by many local and foreign tourists throughout the year.

HOW TO GET THERE
Malabadi Bridge is near Diyarbakır's Silvan district. You can drive to the site by following the signs on the Diyarbakır-Batman highway.



MALABADI BRIDGE

Bayburt

Situated in Turkey's Eastern Black Sea Region, Bayburt province is a cultural and historical treasure. The province features a transitional climate between the oceanic climate of the Black Sea and the continental climate of Eastern Anatolia. The surrounding area is covered in pastureland. Turkey's first private ethnography and art gallery is located in Bayburt. The local economy depends solely on agriculture and livestock farming because trade and industry have not developed in this area as of yet. Bayburt, once an important center on the ancient Silk Road and Spice Routes between Trabzon and Iran, is home to many natural wonders and historic treasures.

Total Area

3,741 km²

Population (2017)

80,417

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

21 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

187 km

Total Number of Subscribers

17,995

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UNDERGROUND CITY



The Underground City in Bayburt's Aydıntepe district has a history spanning three millennia, taking visitors back to the early days of Christianity. The engineering wonders of the city are truly fascinating. Aydıntepe Underground City features chambers, halls and hallways completely carved out of the volcanic tufarock without using building materials. The site is situated 2-2.5 meters under the earth's surface. The Underground City also features meeting halls, a kitchen, water source and a pool. Excavation work continues at the site.

HOW TO GET THERE

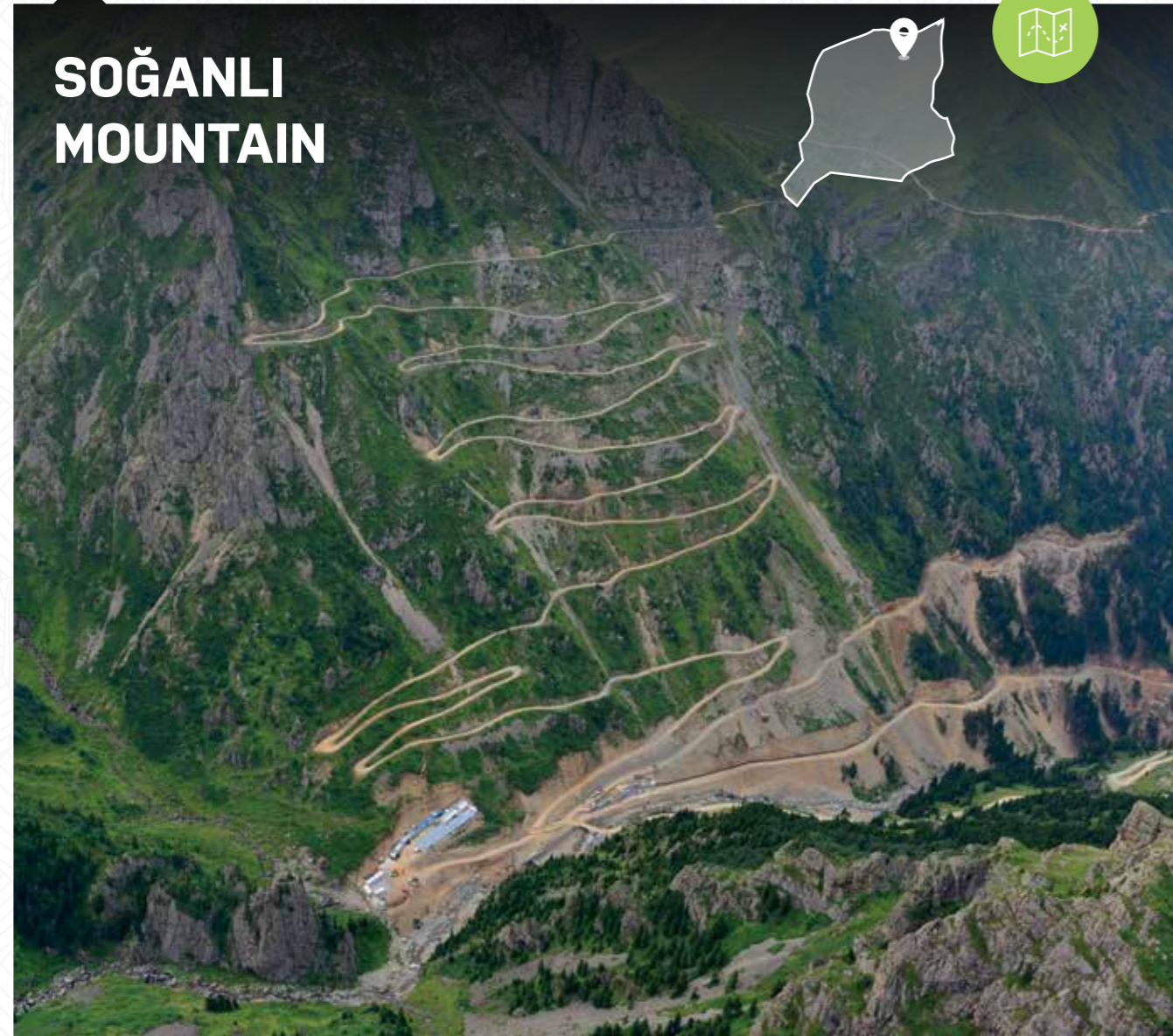
The Underground City is located in the Aydıntepe (Hart) district, about 25 kilometers northeast of Bayburt.

Located in Bayburt's Altintepe district, Soğanlı Mountain forms a natural boundary between Bayburt and Trabzon. The mountain passes that connect these two cities are critically important for the residents of this region. Soğanlı Mountain has an altitude of 3,371 meters. The famous Derebaşı turns on the Bayburt-Trabzon highway, which traverse the slopes of Soğanlı Mountain, are considered to be among the most challenging roads in the world.

HOW TO GET THERE

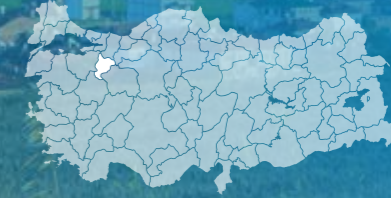
Soğanlı Mountain is located in Bayburt's Altintepe district, on the Bayburt-Trabzon highway.

SOĞANLI MOUNTAIN



Bilecik

Bilecik province, the birthplace of the Ottoman Empire, is situated in the southeastern Marmara Region, where the Marmara, Black Sea, Central Anatolia and Aegean Regions intersect. Bilecik has a wet climate; some 47% of its land area is forestland, making it one of the greenest cities in Turkey. Agriculture, livestock farming, mining, forestry, tanning, marble and tile production are the main industries that drive the local economy. Bilecik boasts a rich historical and cultural heritage, and is home to numerous archeological treasures.



Total Area
4,310 km²

Population (2017)
221,693

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

519 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

751 km

Total Number of Subscribers

67,400

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Suuçtu Waterfall in Bilecik's Yenipazar district is 30 meters high and has an elevation of 875 meters. The waterfall creates an amazing view, but you should think twice before dipping in its small plunge pool: the water is freezing cold. Suuçtu Waterfall is a fascinating oasis where you can relax for hours amid the soothing sounds of flowing water and the surrounding natural foliage.



SUUÇTU WATERFALL

HOW TO GET THERE

If you travel south from Yenipazar district toward Aşağıçaylı-Yukarıçaylı villages and drive 2 kilometers after passing Yukarıçaylı village, you will reach Suuçtu Waterfall.

Located in Bozcaarmut village of Bilecik's Pazaryeri district, Bozcaarmut Pond is perfect for hand-line fishing. The pond is a natural treasure with its pristine landscape, quiet tranquility, fresh air, amazing views, and the majestic pine trees that surround it. The area around the pond is ideal for a relaxing camping experience.



BOZCAARMUT POND

HOW TO GET THERE

You can get to Bozcaarmut Pond by driving on the TEM motorway and taking the Pazaryeri exit without entering Bilecik. After you pass Pazaryeri and Bozcaarmut village, you need to drive 3 kilometers further to reach the pond.

Bolu

Situated in Turkey's Western Black Sea Region, Bolu province has been home to many nations and civilizations throughout history – the Hittites, Kingdom of Macedonia, Persians, and the Ottomans. Over the years, the city has adopted different customs and traditions, which have collectively created a unique identity. The coastal areas of the city feature the oceanic climate of the Black Sea, while the interior has a continental climate. Bolu is surrounded by forestland and is home to diverse array of flora and fauna, thanks to its geographic location between different climate types. The local economy mainly depends on agriculture and forestry; however, in recent years, industry and tourism have also developed in the city. With its numerous historical and natural treasures, Bolu is a popular ecotourism destination.



Total Area

8,341 km²

Population (2017)

303,184

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

120 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

662 km

Total Number of Subscribers

79,927

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Seben Rock Houses, which are located in the Solaklar village of Bolu's Seben district, complement the natural beauty of the Black Sea Region while shedding light on Bolu's rich history. These houses were carved into the rock by the Phrygians to protect against their enemies. Seben Rock Houses attract many visitors throughout the year. You can fully relax and enjoy the natural environment when you visit the site.

HOW TO GET THERE

Seben Rock Houses are located in Seben district, 54 kilometers from Bolu city center. You can reach there easily by taking the road to the hot springs and following the signs after you pass the town of Karacasu.

SEBEN ROCK HOUSES



LAKE ÇUBUK

**HOW TO GET THERE**

Lake Çubuk is located 11 kilometers north of Göynük district. If you follow the sign at the 5th kilometer-marker on the Göynük-Bolu highway, turn left and drive 6 kilometers further, you will reach Lake Çubuk.

Lake Çubuk in Kayabaşı is a landslide-dam lake covering an area of 15 hectares at an elevation of 1,150 meters. Surrounded by lush pine forests, Lake Çubuk is a natural wonder, offering visitors a tranquil and soothing environment for picnics, camping, fishing and hiking. The windmills, which were recently built around the lake for a film shoot, add to the unique beauty of the surroundings.

Bursa

Situated in Turkey's Marmara Region, Bursa is the fourth most populous city and one of the biggest metropolitan areas in the country. Bursa has a mild climate; the oceanic climate of Marmara Sea is felt in the northern parts of the city while the harsh climate of Uludağ Mountain dominates to the south. The area's vegetation consists mainly of forestland. With large, fertile plains around the city, Bursa contributes significantly to Turkey's agricultural production. Bursa is one of the country's most industrialized cities and boasts a highly developed economy, mainly driven by its large automotive industry. Furthermore, Bursa was the first major capital of the Ottoman Empire; therefore, the city is home to many natural and historic treasures.

Total Area

10,882 km²

Population (2017)

2,936,803

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

224 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

711 km

Total Number of Subscribers

76,448**Aksa Mustafakemalpaşa Susurluk Karacabey Doğalgaz Dağıtım A.Ş.**

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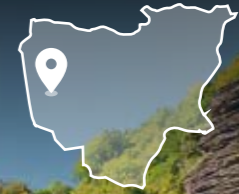
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Suuçtu Waterfall on the Karadere River is located 17 kilometers from Bursa's Mustafakemalpaşa district. The waterfall formed across a fault and is 38 meters high. The beautiful colors of nature surrounding the waterfall are fascinating to the eye through all seasons of the year. Suuçtu Waterfall attracts many visitors, especially for picnicking. The beech trees around the waterfall clean and cool the air in the area. If you have a car that is suitable for the local road conditions, you can drive up to the nearby trout restaurant and enjoy a delicious meal.

HOW TO GET THERE

When you drive 80 kilometers from Bursa to Izmir, you will see the Mustafakemalpaşa sign. You need to follow the sign and enter the Mustafakemalpaşa district. After passing Kayabaşı and Muradiye Sarnıç villages, you will reach Suuçtu Waterfall.

SUUÇTU WATERFALL





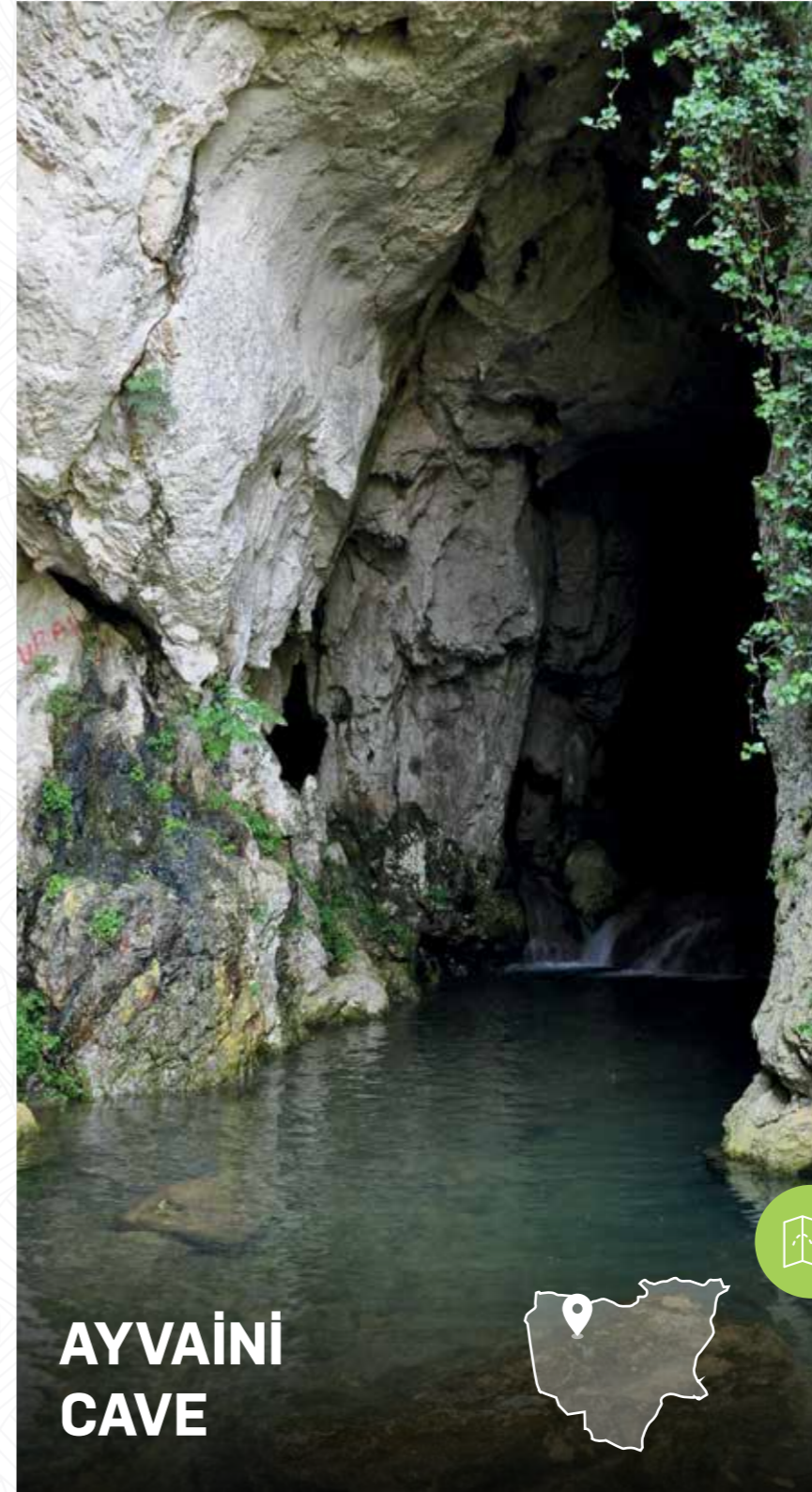
UÇANSU WATERFALL



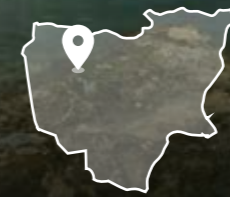
Uçansu Waterfall is located in Büyükkumla village, a resort town in Bursa's Gemlik district. The waterfall, a true natural wonder, is not easy to reach, and therefore is able to maintain its pristine beauty. With its icy waters, Uçansu Waterfall is the perfect place to spend a relaxing day in nature.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can get to Uçansu Waterfall, which is located in Gemlik district, via the Gemlik-Armutlu highway. Turn right on the bridge over Büyükkumla Creek and follow the pathway through the forest toward the valley surrounded by olive tree groves, where the famous Gemlik olives are grown.



AYVAINI CAVE



Ayvaini Cave is the sixth longest cave in Turkey and the longest underground passage in the southern Marmara Region. The cave has two entrances: one in Ayva village and the other between Doğanalan and Kazanpınar villages in the Mustafakemalpaşa district. There is a sharp descent to the entrances of the cave; therefore, it is not open to the general public. However, the site attracts professional mountain climbers and cavers. Featuring amazing dripstone formations such as stalagmites, stalactites, draperies, pools and ponds, Ayvaini Cave is truly a natural wonder. The cave formed during the "Mesozoic Era," when the earth's surface began to split up into the current continental landmasses.

HOW TO GET THERE

You need to pass through Bursa's Karacabey district, and then take the Başköy exit at the 30th kilometer-marker on the Karacabey-Bursa highway toward Akçalar and Fadıllı villages. Then, turn left on the first bridge you see and drive about 5 kilometers to reach Ayva village and Ayvaini Cave.

Çanakkale

A large portion of Çanakkale province is located within Turkey's Marmara Region. The Dardanelles strait, which passes through Çanakkale, forms part of the continental boundary between Europe and Asia, while also connecting the Marmara and Aegean Seas. Baba Burnu (headland), the westernmost point of Anatolia, and İncirburnu on Gökçeada Island, which is Turkey's most westerly point, are within the boundaries of Çanakkale. More than half of the province's land is covered with cornelian cherry and oak trees. Because of its location, Çanakkale has a transitional climate, though the Mediterranean climate is dominant in general. Çanakkale's economy mainly depends on agriculture; however, the manufacturing, tourism, fishing and forestry industries are also growing and increasingly contributing to the local economy. Çanakkale has a very special place in the history of Turkey, and is home to numerous natural wonders.

Total Area

9,955 km²

Population (2017)

530,417

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

251 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

885 km

Total Number of Subscribers

119,684

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Situated atop a steep hill on Çan Road, Atikhisar Castle is 10 kilometers from Çanakkale's Merkez district. The castle offers stunning views throughout all seasons of the year. The site is easy to reach, and the walking trail is very convenient for visitors. There are no social facilities around the castle, so you should be prepared if you plan to visit. Atikhisar Castle features watchtowers, walls and cisterns that reflect the architectural styles and construction techniques used during the Ottoman period. Most of the walls and towers have endured to the present day. Local residents refer to Atikhisar Castle Gavurhisar.

HOW TO GET THERE

Atikhisar Castle is located on the Çanakkale-Çan highway. You can get reach the castle from the Kayadere village of Çanakkale's Merkez district.

ATIKHİSAR CASTLE





KEMERDERE

Kemerdere, a natural slice of heaven in Çanakkale, is 24 kilometers from the city center. The ancient aqueduct in Kemerdere was built by the Trojans to carry water to the city. Kemerdere is truly a natural wonder with its fascinating rock formations shaped by flowing water and the amazing cave, which was formed by centuries of erosion. The natural lake under the aqueduct and the surrounding trees create a stunning view. Aqueducts are considered historical treasures; in that regard, Kemerdere is highly valuable and worthy of conservation.

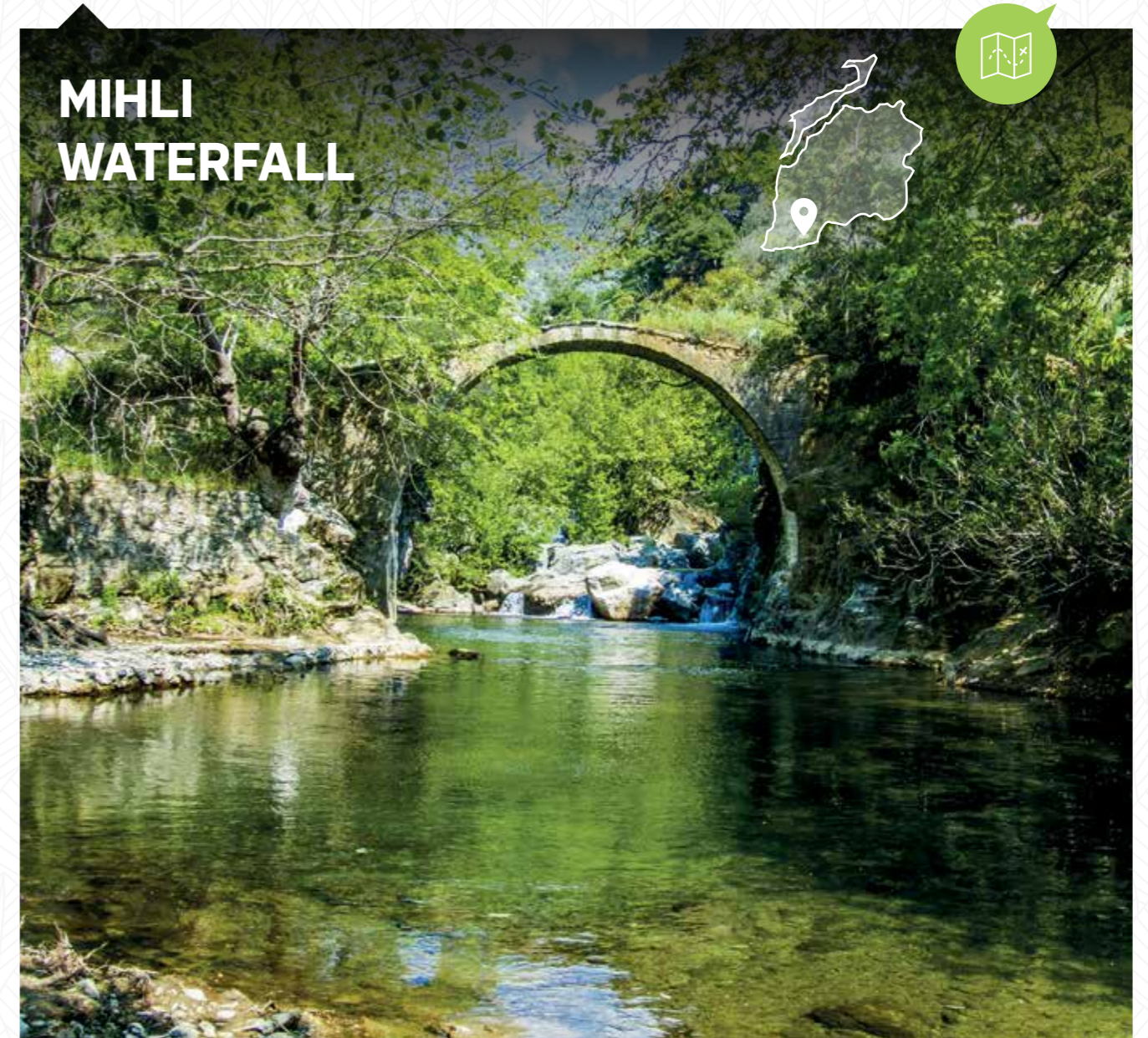
HOW TO GET THERE

It takes about 20-25 minutes to get to Kemerdere from Çanakkale city center. After you pass the signs for the archaeological site of Troy, you need to take the road toward Akçapınar village at the junction across from the Kumkale agricultural facility. When you turn onto this village road from the Çanakkale-Izmir highway, you will see the sign for Kemerdere village.

Located in Küçükkuyu village of Çanakkale's Ayvacık district, Mihli Waterfall is yet another sliver of heaven amid the beautiful natural environment of Çanakkale, and a must-see in the Mount Ida region. Mihli Waterfall is a popular destination among those who prefer freshwater over saltwater on hot summer days.

HOW TO GET THERE

After you pass through the Adatepebaşı neighborhood in Küçükkuyu (located in Çanakkale's Ayvacık district), you need to follow the signs to reach Mihli Waterfall.



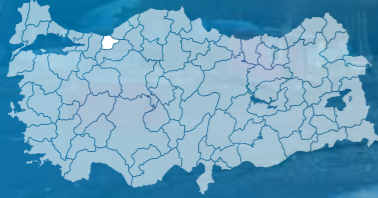
MIHLI WATERFALL

Düzce

Situated in Turkey's Western Black Sea Region, Düzce is the only ancient city on the Black Sea's western coastline that has endured to the present day. The site's history dates back to the Hittite period. Düzce has a wet and mild coastal climate. The area's vegetation consists mainly of forestland, where you can see all imaginable shades of green. The local economy largely depends on forestry and modern livestock production. Düzce has great historical significance, while also being home to many cultural and natural treasures.

Total Area
2,574 km²

Population (2017)
377,610



Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

239 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

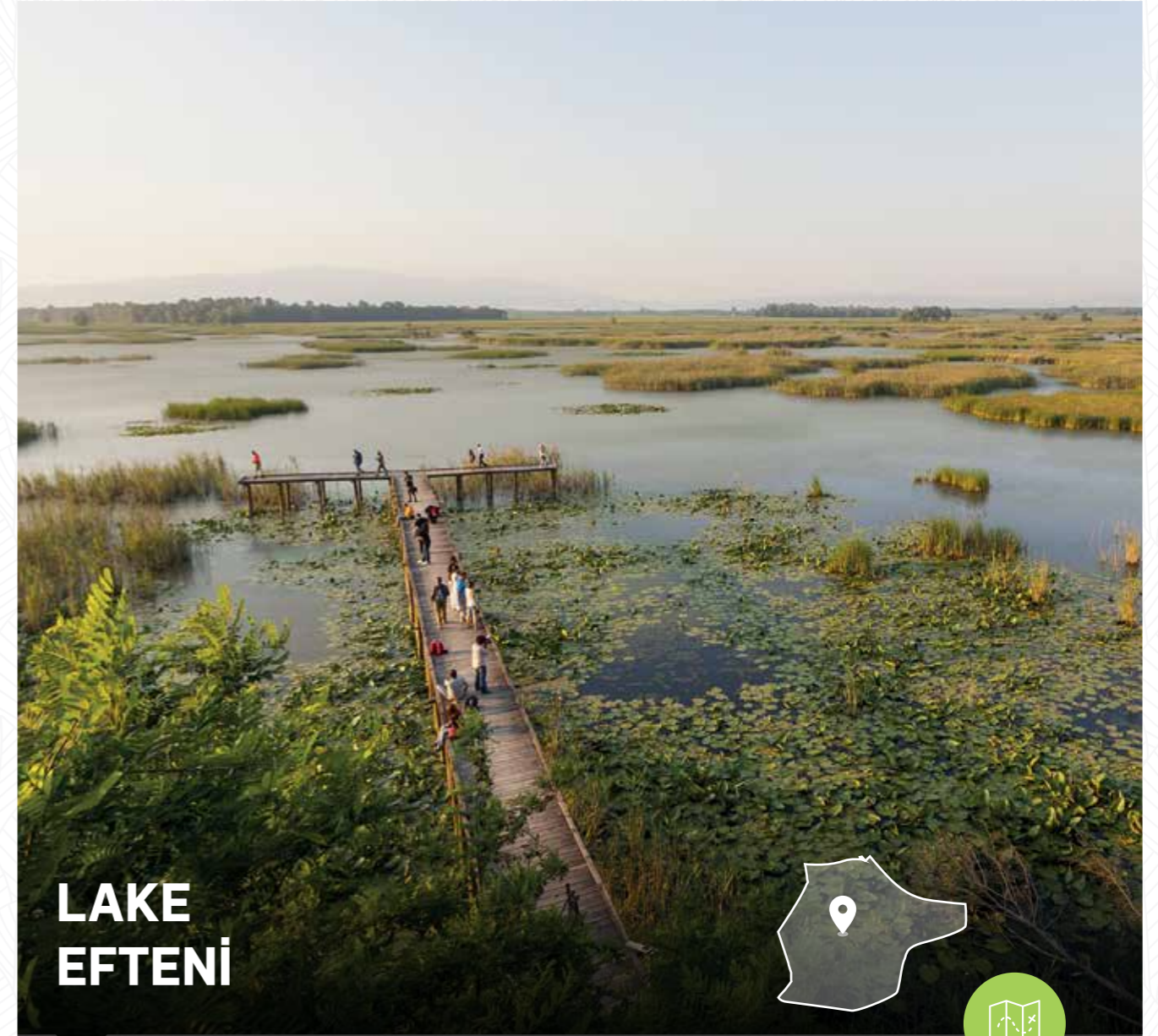
1,683 km

Total Number of Subscribers

86,225

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LAKE EFTENİ



Lake Efteni is situated at the foot of the Elmacık mountain range in Düzce's Gölyaka district. The lake is at the center of a major ecosystem, where the rivers of Düzce plain meet and flow into the Black Sea via Büyük Melen channel. With rich vegetation and water sources in the surrounding area, Lake Efteni is critically important to migratory birds. The lake's history can be traced back to the Byzantine era. Thanks to diverse habitat types in the region, Lake Efteni is home to more than 150 bird species, mostly waterfowl. The lake is perfect for hand-line fishing, and is one of the most fascinating places in Düzce.

HOW TO GET THERE

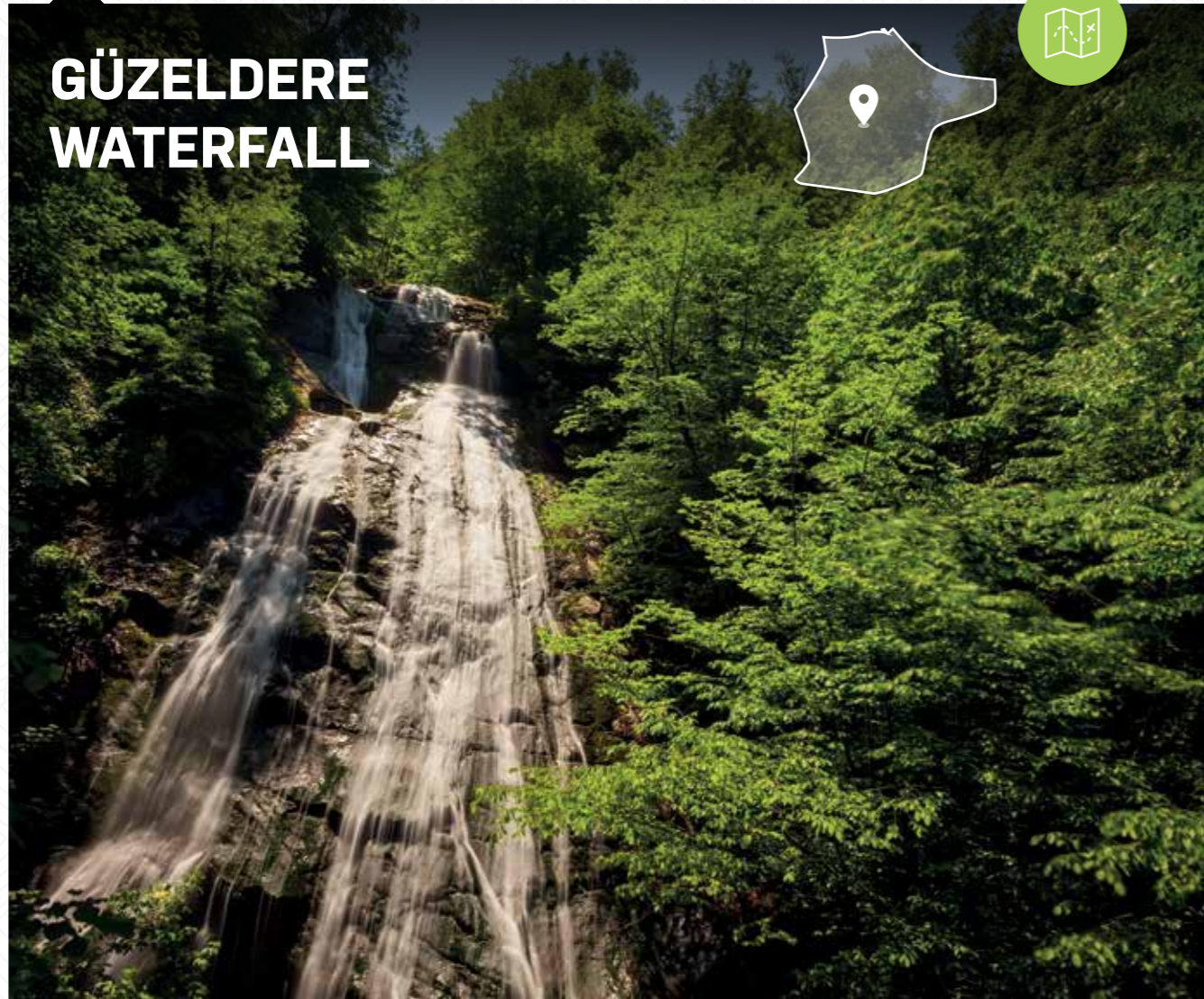
Lake Efteni is about 10 kilometers from Düzce city center. You can reach the lake by taking the Düzce-Gölyaka exit and following the signs for Güzeldere Waterfall.

Located in the Gölyaka district of Düzce, Güzeldere Waterfall is one of the most beautiful places in the region with its natural vegetation, picnic and recreation areas in the forest, and ample hiking trails. Amid giant beech and hornbeam trees, vigorous waters fall from a height of 130 meters, creating amazing views for visitors. Güzeldere Waterfall is among the largest in Turkey, and is the perfect spot for those who want to escape from the city. Surrounded by many different types of trees, Güzeldere Waterfall is ideal for trekking, camping, horseback riding, biking and photo safaris.

HOW TO GET THERE

Güzeldere Waterfall is about 10 kilometers from Düzce city center. You can get there by taking the Düzce-Gölyaka exit and following the signs for Güzeldere Waterfall.

GÜZELDERE WATERFALL



Elazığ

Situated in the upper Euphrates valley in Turkey's Eastern Anatolia Region, Elazığ province has a history dating back to 3000 BC. Today, Elazığ still preserves the rich cultural legacy of the ancient city of Harput. In the past, Elazığ had a continental climate; however, after construction of dams and reservoirs in the region, its climate became milder. Because Elazığ is located on a fertile plain, agriculture plays an important role in the city's social and economic development. However, manufacturing and service industries have also been growing steadily. The local economy mainly depends on field crops, livestock farming, orchard and vineyard products. Thanks to its storied history, natural and historic treasures, holy shrines that drive faith tourism, and hot springs for health tourism, Elazığ is a rapidly developing city in Eastern Anatolia.



Total Area

9,313 km²

Population (2017)

583,671

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

157 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,093 km

Total Number of Subscribers

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Situated in Elazığ's Palu district, Surp Lusavoriç Church has defied the tests of time and endured to the present day despite the destructive impulses of man, much like other historic assets across Anatolia. Historians estimate that the church was built during the Byzantine era. Surp Lusavoriç Church is a natural and historic treasure in Elazığ, a city that has always boasted a highly diverse ethnic and religious population mix. Palu municipality recently started renovating the church, which is severely damaged due to years of neglect.



SURP LUSAVORIÇ CHURCH

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Surp Lusavoriç Church from Elazığ's Palu district.

Üryan Baba Shrine is situated on a hillside facing Harput, directly below a rocky cliff called "Kayabaşı." The shrine is a single-story building made of rubble. The structure was built in 1278, according to the Hijri calendar, for Üryan Baba, whose identity remains unknown. Üryan Baba Shrine is part of Elazığ's rich religious and cultural heritage, and a must-see historic site in this city.

HOW TO GET THERE

On the way to the ancient city of Harput, if you turn right before reaching the steep cliff called "Kayabaşı" and walk 100 meters, you will see Üryan Baba Shrine.

ÜRYAN BABA SHRINE

Eskişehir

Eskişehir province is located on the banks of the Porsuk River in Turkey's Central Anatolia Region. Eskişehir has been home to many civilizations down through the ages. The city has a continental climate, and its vegetation consists mainly of plants native to the Central Anatolian steppes and forests of northwest Anatolia. With its two universities, rich cultural heritage, architectural treasures, and large-scale industry, Eskişehir has become a center of education and science with a distinctly European feel. As a result of industrialization and urbanization efforts, Eskişehir has developed rapidly to become one of the most important cities in the country. Eskişehir Organized Industrial Zone, one of the largest in Turkey, is home to 228 enterprises. Furthermore, Eskişehir is strategically located in Turkey's transportation network, where all the country's major rail lines intersect. Eskişehir is the only place in the country for meerschaum mining. The city has rich natural resources, unique historic treasures and numerous natural wonders.



Total Area
13,925 km²

Population (2017)
860,620

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

180 Million m³

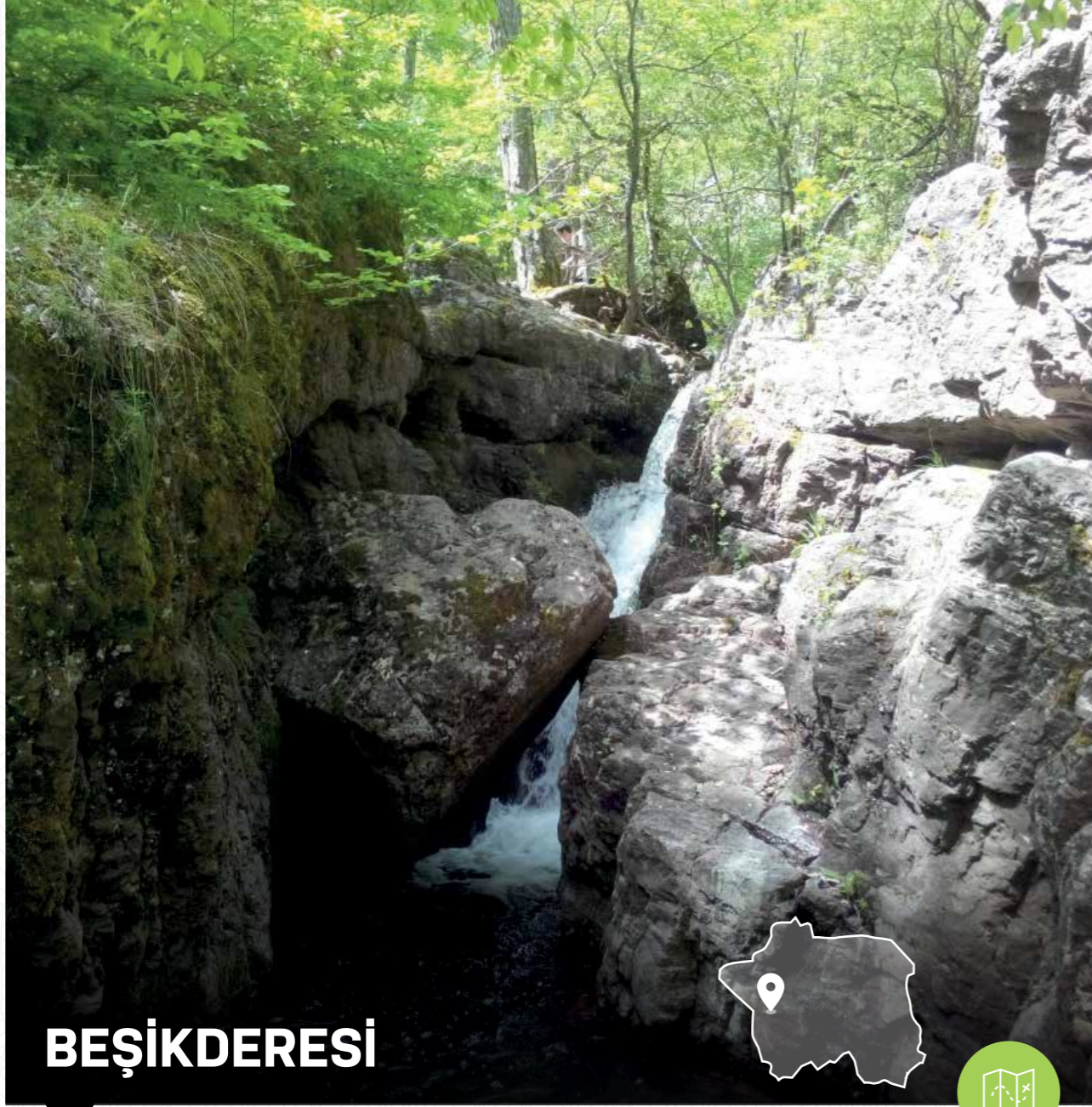
Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

162 km

Total Number of Subscribers

2,238

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BEŞİKDERESİ

Beşikderesi is situated 35 kilometers from Eskişehir and spans across a 10-hectare area. It is adjacent to the pine forests in Kalabak village. Beşikderesi, an amazing natural wonder in Eskişehir, is a recreational area and campground rich in fresh, clean air. The site takes its name from the waterfall in the recreation area. Beşikderesi is perfect for a relaxing family picnic in nature.

HOW TO GET THERE
Beşikderesi is about 35 kilometers from Eskişehir city center. You can get there by following the village road signs after passing Osmangazi University dormitories.

Yapıldak Castle is located in Yapıldak village, in southern Kümbet Valley in Eskişehir's Seyitgazi district. Around the rocky hill on which Yapıldak Castle is situated, one can see stairs, surveillance rooms, houses, wall niches, and tombs – all carved from the rock. The tombs are believed to date back to the Roman-Byzantine era. These tomb structures were carved into the steep surfaces of a large rock mass, which stands on a tufa platform positioned in a north-south direction. Yapıldak Castle, which mostly attracts history lovers, is an important historic and national treasure of Eskişehir.

HOW TO GET THERE
You can reach Yapıldak Castle by taking either the Yazılıkaya exit or Kümbet village exit on the Eskişehir-Afyon highway.



YAPILDAK CASTLE

Giresun

Situated in Turkey's Eastern Black Sea Region, Giresun province was an important strategic point on the Silk Road. It is believed that cherry and hazelnut originated in Giresun. The coastal parts of the city enjoy a mild climate while the area south of Giresun Mountains and the interior of the city have a continental climate. Surrounded by beautiful plateaus, Giresun receives a lot of rain; therefore, the area is covered with luxuriant vegetation, consisting mainly of forests, prairieland and pastures. The local economy largely depends on agriculture. You can see many natural wonders and every shade of green imaginable in Giresun.

Total Area

6,831 km²

Population (2017)

437,393

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

16 Milyon m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

175 km

Total Number of Subscribers

19,677

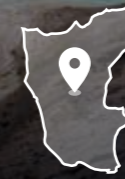
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BLUE LAKE



Blue Lake is located in Kuzalan National Park within Giresun's Dereli district. The site includes a total of three lakes of different sizes. The lake's striking turquoise color is caused by the limestone rocks and calcium carbonate in the water, making for a magnificent view. Blue Lake is the only place in the Eastern Black Sea Region where carbonated water flows in a creek. Therefore, Blue Lake is a unique national wonder and an attractive destination especially for nature tourism.

HOW TO GET THERE

If you drive 45 kilometers toward Dereli-Şebinkarahisar-Sivas on the Black Sea coastal road and follow signs for Şebinkarahisar, you will reach Blue Lake.

Situated in the Yeniköy village of Giresun's Espiye district, Yedi Değirmenler National Park features mills and waterfalls, and is one of the most distinctive national parks in Turkey. The park gets its name from the seven mills on the site that were built 300 years ago by the Genoese for mineral grinding. The park also contains several caves with stalactites that reach three meters in height. Yedi Değirmenler National Park, widely considered one of Turkey's natural treasures, offers visitors a nature-culture experience.



YEDİ DEĞİRMENLER NATIONAL PARK



HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Yedi Değirmenler National Park from Yeniköy village in Giresun's Espiye district.

Gümüşhane

Situated in Turkey's Eastern Black Sea Region, Gümüşhane province was once an important center on the ancient Silk Road between China and Trabzon. Today, the province is home to many natural and historic treasures. The city got its name from the rich silver mines in the area. Gümüşhane's climate is similar to those of the Eastern Anatolia and Black Sea regions. Most of its land areas are covered with meadows. The local economy mainly depends on agriculture and livestock farming. Featuring more than 450 plateaus, ancient castles, a rich mix of flora and fauna, Gümüşhane offers many natural wonders and historical attractions to visitors.

Total Area

6,440 km²

Population (2017)

170,173

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

16 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

206 km

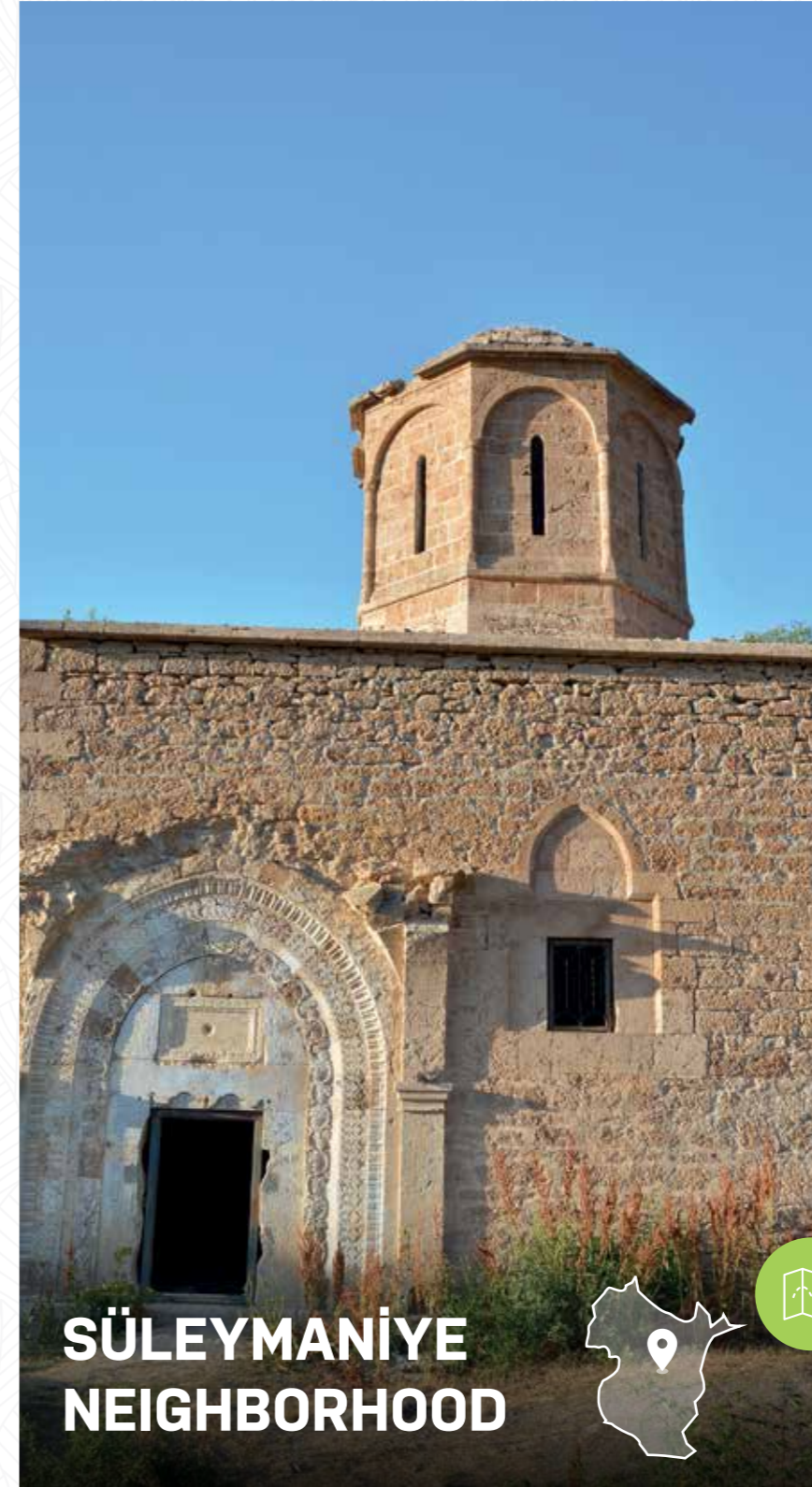
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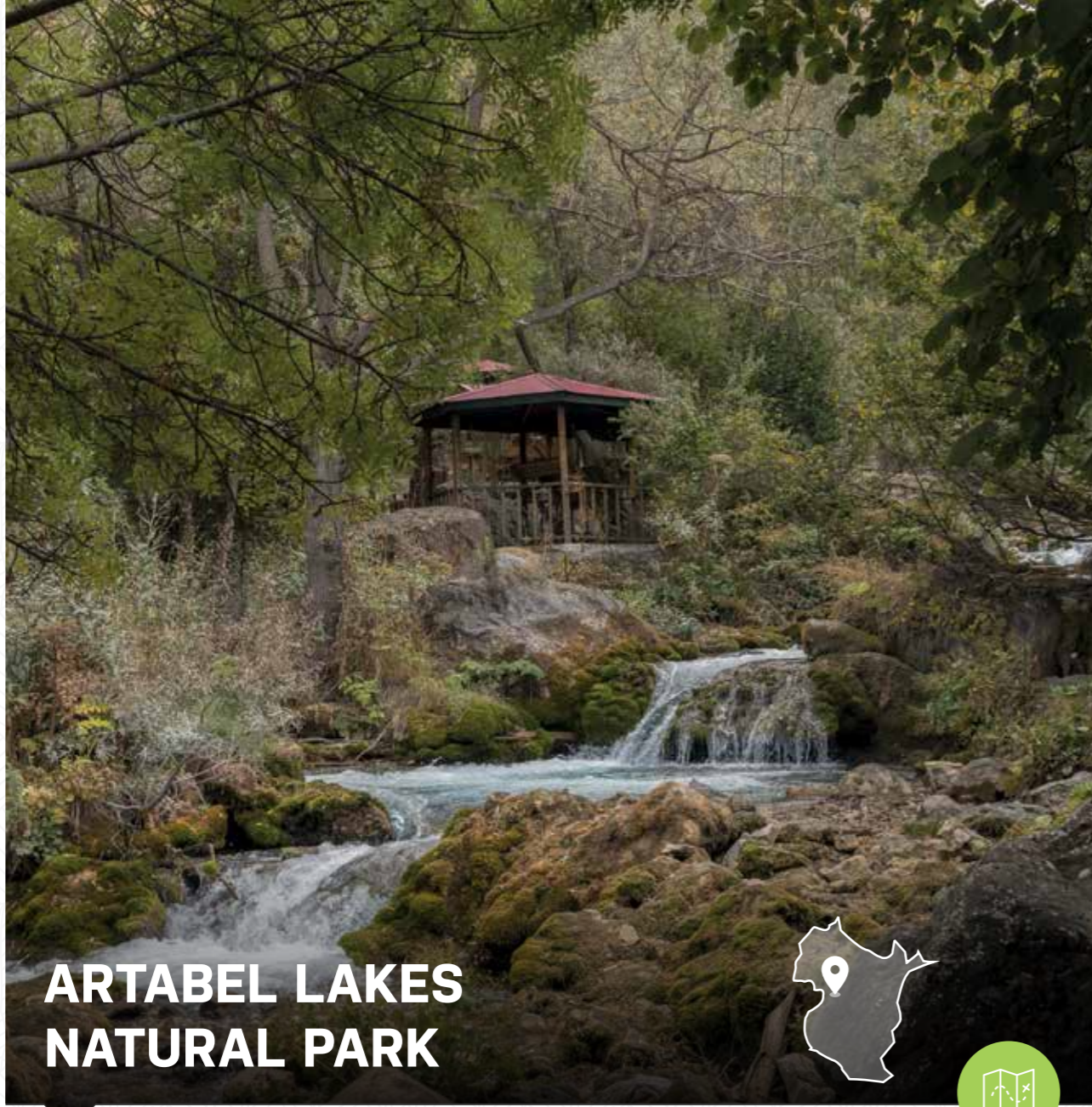
SÜLEYMANİYE NEIGHBORHOOD



Situated about 5 kilometers southwest of the city center, Süleymaniye Neighborhood (Old Gümüşhane) is the oldest settlement in Gümüşhane. Thanks to its rich silver and gold mines and strategic location on the ancient Silk Road, Süleymaniye has served as "a gateway for many civilizations" throughout history and maintains its historical significance to this day. The neighborhood contains many historical and cultural sites, including mosques, churches, masjids and hamams (public baths). Süleymaniye Neighborhood was officially declared a natural and urban archaeological site in 2002.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Süleymaniye Neighborhood, which is about 5 kilometers from Gümüşhane, from the city center.



ARTABEL LAKES NATURAL PARK

Artabel Lakes Natural Park, which covers an area of 5,859 hectares and contains three amazing lakes, is about 40 kilometers from the Torul district of Gümüşhane. The area was designated a "National Park" in 1998. In addition to the three primary lakes, the national park features very interesting geomorphological formations, glacial lakes and a rich array of flora and fauna. Artabel Lakes Natural Park is covered in snow for about six months of the year, though it attracts many visitors year-round.



HOW TO GET THERE

If you take the Gülaçar village exit at the İkisu-Şiran junction on Gümüşhane-Trabzon highway, and drive for about 30 minutes, you will reach Artabel Lakes Natural Park.

Karaca Cave is located in the Çebeli village of Gümüşhane's Torul district. The site is the only cave in Gümüşhane that is open to the general public and the top tourist attraction in the city. Karaca Cave is rich in unique dripstone formations including stalactites, stalagmites and travertines in various shapes that resemble flags, roses, columns and stairs. Karaca Cave is open to visitors for seven months of the year (April 15 to November 15), and is included in most travel itineraries in the Black Sea Region.



HOW TO GET THERE

To reach Karaca Cave, you first need to go to Karaca neighborhood by taking the road toward Krom Creek, Cehennem Valley Canyon on the Gümüşhane-Torul highway. From there, you can easily walk to the cave.

KARACA CAVE

Hatay

Situated in the Mediterranean Region, Hatay is the southernmost city in Turkey. Throughout history, many ethnically and culturally diverse communities have peacefully coexisted in Hatay. As a result, the city was awarded UNESCO's Peace Prize. Hatay has a Mediterranean climate, and agricultural land accounts for half of the city's total land area. A wide variety of crops can be grown in Hatay, mostly on the Amik Plain. Additionally, the Port of İskenderun, Turkey's third largest port, is located in Hatay. The city is home to many historic, cultural and natural treasures. Hatay harbors great potential for health and cultural tourism with its thermal springs, beautiful plateaus, and pristine beaches.

Total Area
5,867 km²
Population (2017)
1,575,226



Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

845 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,174 km

Total Number of Subscribers

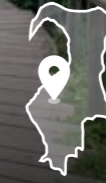
81,625

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BEŞİKLİ CAVE



With its extensive historical remains, Hatay attracts many local and foreign tourists throughout the year. Beşikli Cave, located in Samandağ, is one of the most treasured historic sites in the city. Dating back to the Roman era, Beşikli Cave contains 12 rock-cut tombs separated by walls. These tombs are believed to belong to Roman emperors and the prominent citizens of the ancient city of Seleucia Pieria, although no solid evidence has been found.

HOW TO GET THERE

Beşikli Cave is 30 kilometers from Hatay city center, and 5 kilometers from the Samandağ district.

Situated 5 kilometers from Hatay's Samandağ district, Titus Tunnel is an awe-inspiring historic structure. The most amazing aspect of this tunnel is that it was dug entirely by hand. Construction of the tunnel was ordered by Titus Flavius Vespasianus (a.k.a. Titus) in 300 B.C. and took centuries to complete. Titus Tunnel, which was built to protect the harbor and the city from flooding, is 950 meters long and 6 meters wide. Carved into mountains and featuring centuries-old remains, Titus Tunnel is proof that mankind can achieve most anything with hard work and dedication.



TİTUS TUNNEL

HOW TO GET THERE

Titus Tunnel is 30 kilometers from Hatay city center, and 5 kilometers from the Samandağ district.

Malatya

Malatya province is located in the upper Euphrates valley in Turkey's Eastern Anatolia Region. Malatya is the most developed city in the region. As the city is situated on a slightly sloping plain in the north-south direction between the Eastern, Southeastern and Central Anatolia regions, it has a harsh continental climate. The area's vegetation mainly consists of meadowland. Throughout history, Malatya has been described as "The West of the East and the East of the West." Malatya is famous for its apricots; 80% of the country's apricots are grown in orchards across Malatya Plain.

Total Area

12,146 km²

Population (2017)

786,676



Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

230 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,382 km

Total Number of Subscribers

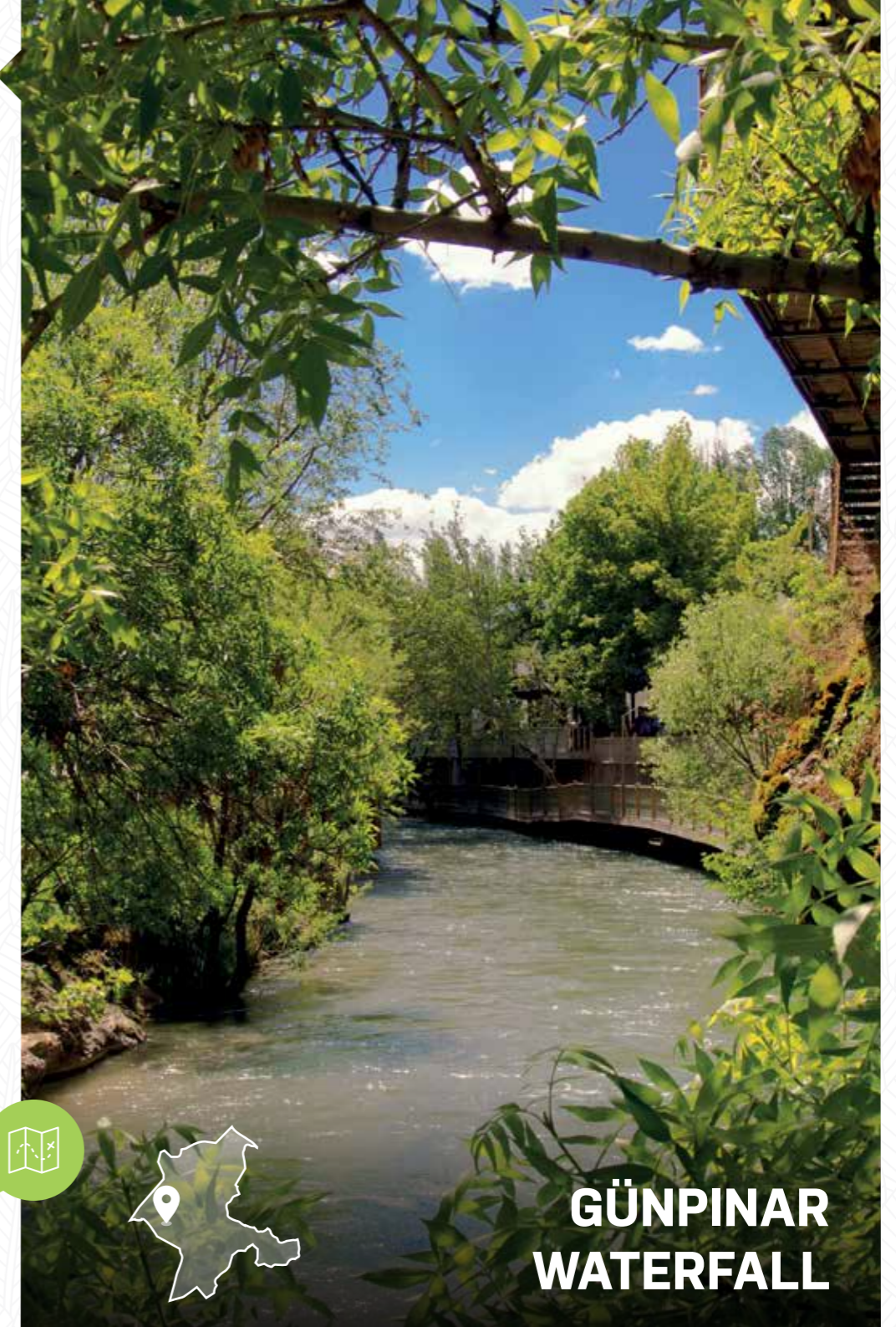
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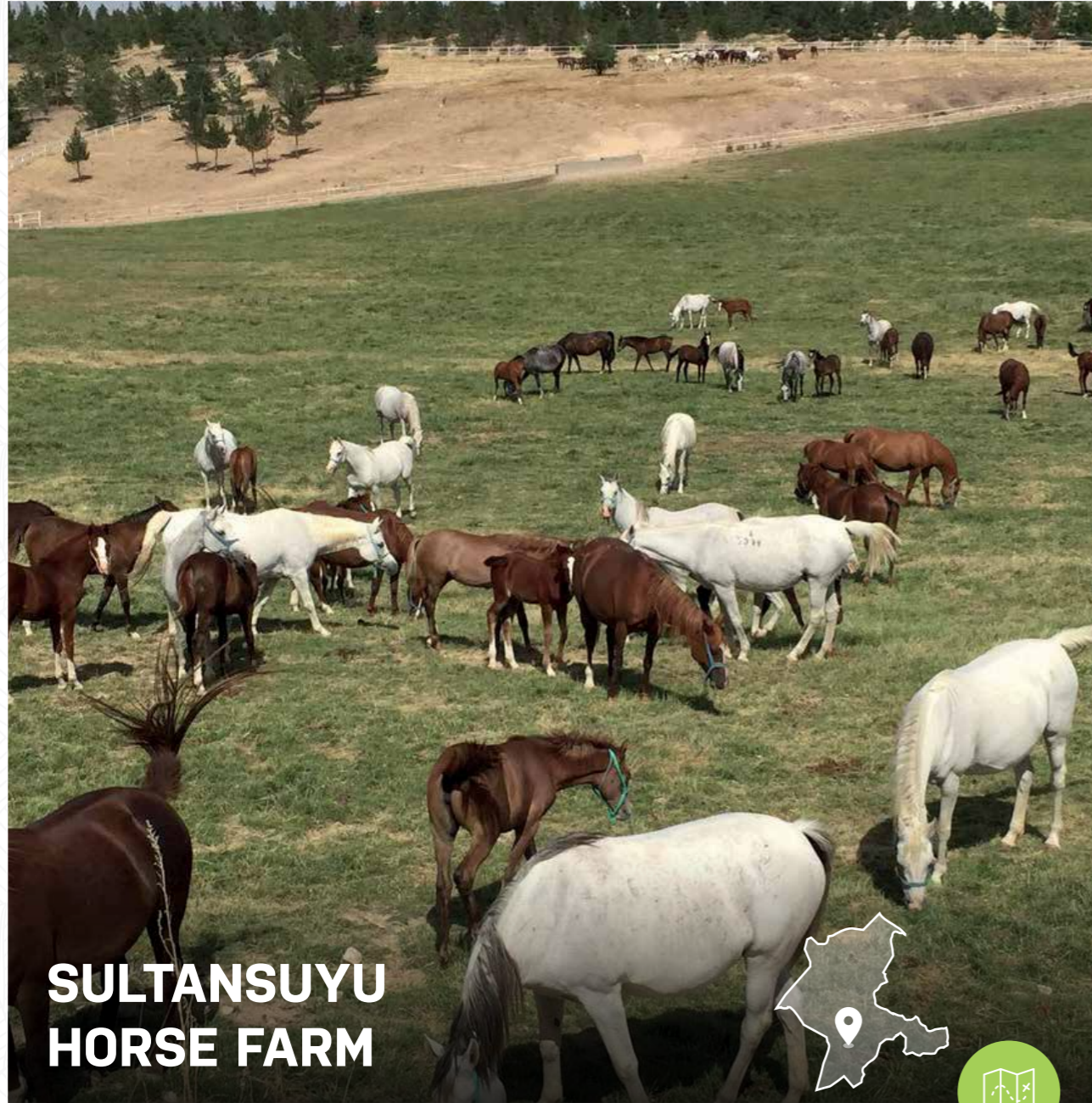
Situated 7 kilometers from Malatya's Darende district, Günpınar Waterfall is 40 meters high and flows down from three dramatic levels. Surrounded by luxuriant tree cover, Günpınar Waterfall offers visitors a unique experience. The waterfall, an amazing natural wonder in Malatya, is on Günpınar Creek and draws flocks of tourists year-round.



HOW TO GET THERE

If you travel 7 kilometers from the Darende district of Malatya, you will reach Günpınar village, where the waterfall is located.

**GÜNPINAR
WATERFALL**



SULTANSUYU HORSE FARM

Located in the Sultansuyu valley of Malatya's Akçadağ district, Sultansuyu Horse Farm was established in 1865 under the name "Sultansuyu Çiftlikatu Hümayun (Imperial Horse Farm)" to breed saddle horses and provide wool felt and wool fleece for the army. Later, it began serving only as a horse farm. Today, Sultansuyu Horse Farm is operated by the General Directorate of Agricultural Enterprises. The horse farm is widely renowned for its Arabian horses.

HOW TO GET THERE

Sultansuyu Horse Farm is located in Sultansuyu valley, 27 kilometers west of Malatya. You can get there via the Malatya-Kayseri highway.



Manisa

Situated in Turkey's Aegean Region, Manisa has a population of 1.4 million, making it the second largest city in the area after Izmir. The city's long history can be traced back to the Paleolithic era. Manisa's fertile lands have drawn many civilizations to the city throughout history. Manisa has a Mediterranean climate; however, a continental climate dominates in the eastern parts of the city. Agricultural land accounts for about 40% of the city's total land area. The local economy mainly depends on the textile, food and tanning industries, in addition to agricultural production. Manufacturing is also a key sector of Manisa's economy.



Total Area
13,269 km²

Population (2017)
1,413,041

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

564 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,129 km

Total Number of Subscribers

147,780

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Located in Gediz Valley, in Manisa's Kula district, Kula Fairy Chimneys have become a popular tourist destination over the years. Kula and the surrounding area have extensive amounts of volcanic soils. These amazing rock formations are the result of weathering and erosion caused by flood waters flowing down Gediz Valley, cutting and sculpting the tufa rock. Kula Volcanic Geopark, the first and only geopark in Turkey, was built around Kula Fairy Chimneys, which create magnificent pastel-colored views in Gediz Valley.



KULA FAIRY CHIMNEYS

HOW TO GET THERE

If you travel 16 kilometers from the Kula district, you will arrive in Burgaz village. When you follow the signs, you will reach Kula Fairy Chimneys.



ANCIENT CITY OF SARDES

Situated in Sart village within Manisa's Salihli district, Sardes was the capital of the ancient kingdom of Lydia. According to recorded history, Sardes was the starting point of the famous Royal Road, and it was the first city to mint coins. The city is unique in terms of urban planning; it features the largest bulwark outside of Mesopotamia and one of the world's most magnificent temples constructed in the Ionic order, a structure that has endured to the present day. The ancient city of Sardes, once a dominant power, sheds light on the history of Anatolia.

HOW TO GET THERE

If you follow the signs after you arrive in Sart village in Manisa's Salihli district, you will reach the ancient city of Sardes.

Mersin

Located on the Mediterranean coast of southern Turkey, Mersin is the third largest city in the Mediterranean Region, after Adana and Antalya, and the 11th biggest city in the country. In addition, the Port of Mersin is the largest port in Turkey thanks to its extensive hinterland. Mersin has a Mediterranean climate; as a result, its vegetation largely consists of maquis. The local economy depends primarily on agriculture, trade, manufacturing and domestic tourism.



Total Area
15,620 km²
Population (2017)
1,793,931

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed
781 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines
1,362 km

Total Number of Subscribers
115,968

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Located in Kisecik village in Mersin's Çamlıyayla district, Sarıkavak Kisecik Canyon is a secluded heaven on earth surrounded by beautiful nature. Tourists are strongly recommended to visit the canyon, which is also a great place to swim. The best season to visit Sarıkavak Kisecik Canyon is summer because the water level is ideal for swimming and the weather conditions are perfect for trekking.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can easily reach Sarıkavak Kisecik Canyon once you arrive in Kisecik village in the Çamlıyayla district of Mersin.

SARIKAVAK KİSECİK CANYON



Located about 33 kilometers from the Mut district of Mersin, Yerköprü Waterfall is one of the most magnificent natural wonders in Turkey. The site was officially designated as a "Natural Monument" in 2011. The waterfall was formed by a small spring, which emerged from abraded limestone rocks about 110 million years ago, during the Cretaceous era. At a height of 30 meters, the waterfall flows down a very steep canyon on Ermenek Creek. It is fed by a lake, an underground water tunnel about 200 meters in length, a cave with stalactites and rich vegetation.

HOW TO GET THERE

You need to travel 23 kilometers toward Ermenek from Mersin's Mut district; turn left before reaching Evren village and travel 9 kilometers more. When you reach the end of the road, you will need to walk to get to the waterfall.

YERKÖPRÜ WATERFALL

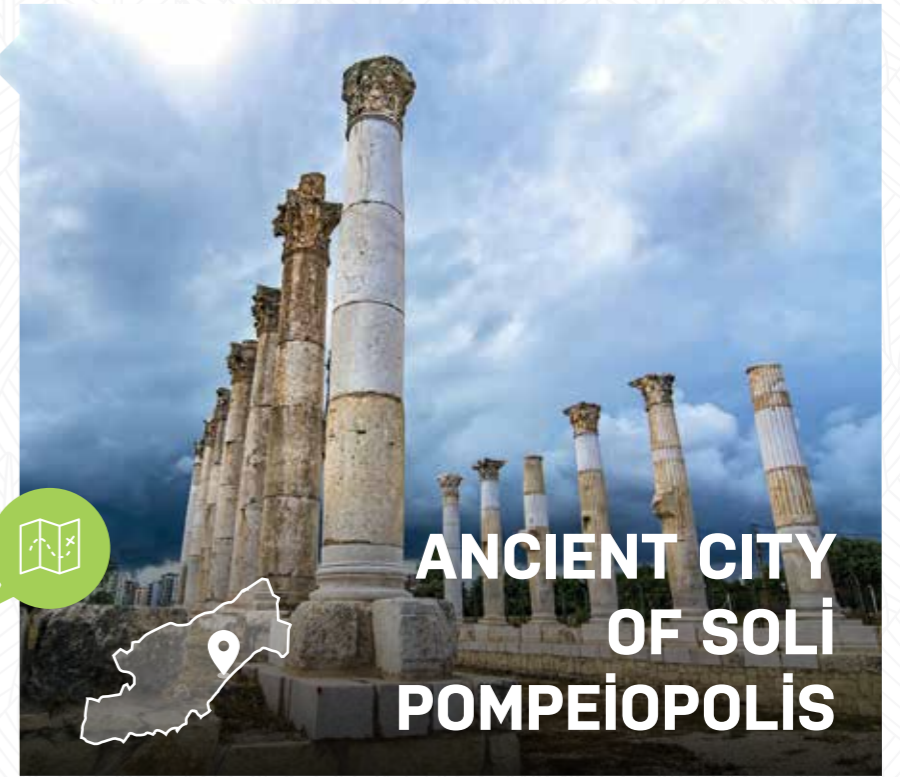


Located in Mersin's Mezitli district, Soli Pompeiopolis was founded by Rhodian colonists in 700 BC, and to this day carries the traces of many civilizations from the Neolithic, Hellenistic and Roman periods. Soli Pompeiopolis is the closest ancient site to Mersin city center. The city's name was derived from the Greek word "Soloï," which means "Sun." The 3,000-year-old ancient city, which has been nominated for inclusion on the World Heritage List, attracts local and foreign visitors who are interested in cultural tourism.

HOW TO GET THERE

If you travel 14 kilometers from Mersin city center, you will reach the ancient city of Soli Pompeiopolis, which is located in the Mezitli district.

ANCIENT CITY OF SOLİ POMPEİOPOLİS



Ordu

Ordu province is situated on the coast of the Central and Eastern Black Sea regions. The province's history dates back to around 15,000 BC. Ordu has the oceanic climate of the Black Sea and its land is heavily forested. The city has the longest coastline and the cleanest beaches in the region. Ordu is center of hazelnut production in Turkey. Even though the level of industrial development is relatively low, Ordu is home to three of Turkey's biggest factories. With its unique geographic location, mild climate, green landscapes, natural and historic treasures, Ordu is a must-see destination in Turkey.

Total Area
5,952 km²

Population (2017)
742,341



Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

85 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

683 km

Total Number of Subscribers

75,990

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Situated in Ordu's Gökçöy district, Ulugöl is the largest lake in the city and lies at an elevation of 1,500 meters. Surrounded by magnificent oak and hornbeam trees, the lake is located amid a beautiful natural landscape. At Ulugöl, which is a crater lake, visitors can see every shade of green and blue imaginable. It is the perfect place for a relaxing vacation steeped in nature. Picnic areas and campgrounds are throughout the surrounding area. Gökçöy district is one of the locales in Turkey where people live the longest: 21% of the populace is aged 60 years and over.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Ulugöl by traveling 15 kilometers from Gökçöy, which is about 60 kilometers from Ordu city center.

ULUGÖL



Situated at an elevation of 1,500 meters in Ordu's Aybastı district, Perşembe Plateau is one of the most treasured natural wonders not only in the region, but also the entire country. Perşembe Plateau and its meanders are soon expected to be put under protection as a natural World Heritage site. With its oxygen-rich air, the plateau is a popular tourist destination in Ordu. In his famous travelogue "Seyahatname (Book of Travel)," Evliya Çelebi mentions the characteristic features of the plateau and the Perşembe Plateau festivals.

**HOW TO GET THERE**

Perşembe Plateau is located about 17 kilometers from the Aybastı district of Ordu. You can get arrive at the site by following the signs after you reach Aybastı.

PERŞEMBE PLATEAU

Osmaniye

Located in the Mediterranean Region on the eastern Çukurova Plain, Osmaniye is the Turkish province with the smallest land area. Osmaniye has a Mediterranean climate and its vegetation largely consists of maquis. The recently established organized industrial zone is vital for the local economy. Other major sources of income for local residents include peanut and cotton production and livestock farming.



Total Area
3,215 km²

Population (2017)
527,724

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

50 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

482 km

Total Number of Subscribers

35,994

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Located on the Cevdetiye-Karatepe road about 12 kilometers from Osmaniye city center, Castabala-Hierapolis is an ancient city built around a medieval castle. Archaeological findings show that the city's history dates back to the Roman period. The ancient site was discovered in 1875. Built on a hillside, the city has a central grid plan with administrative buildings situated in the middle and the medieval castle rising on a rocky promontory for protection. The city also includes a theater, baths, shops and churches.



CASTABALA-HIERAPOLIS

HOW TO GET THERE

Castabala-Hierapolis is 12 kilometers from Osmaniye city center. You can get there via the road that connects Osmaniye to Aslantaş Dam and Karatepe-Aslantaş open air museum.

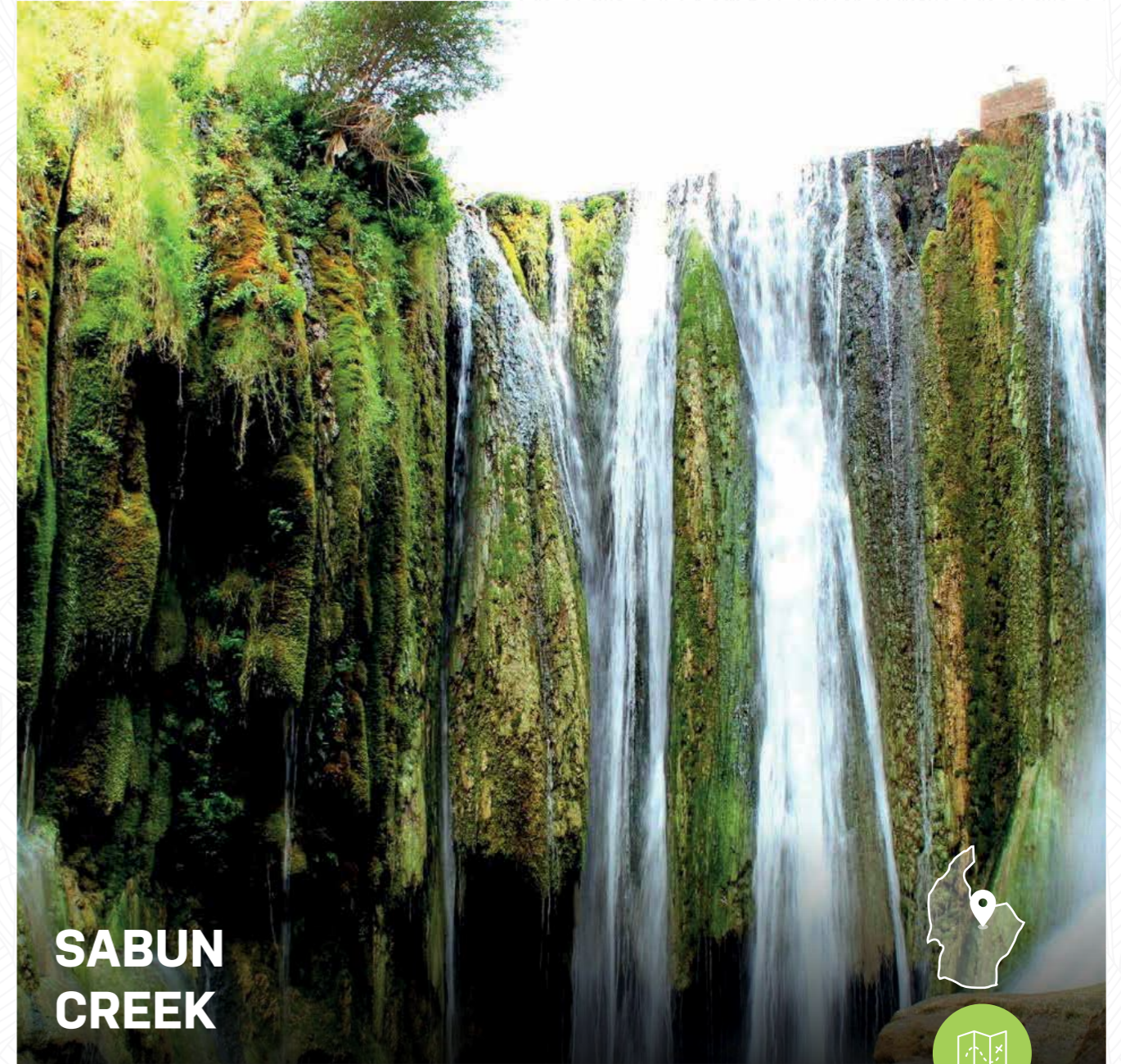


KIRMITLI BIRD SANCTUARY

Located in Kırmitlı village, 15 kilometers from Osmaniye city center, Kırmitlı Bird Sanctuary spans a beautiful natural environment. The sanctuary is one of the small lakes situated around Ceyhan River and is home to about 200 bird species. This lake and its surrounding area create a perfect habitat for birds, including some rare species such as the black-crowned night heron, kingfisher, pied kingfisher and Izmir kingfisher. Extreme care is given to protect biodiversity in the area. Kırmitlı Bird Sanctuary offers visitors a relaxing day in nature amid a diverse array of chirping birds.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can easily reach Kırmitlı Bird Sanctuary once you arrive in Kırmitlı village, which is located on the Osmaniye-Kadirli road.



SABUN CREEK

Situated at the foothill of Düldül Mountain in Osmaniye's Düziçi district, Sabun Creek falls from a height of about 10 meters and is one of the fascinating natural wonders in Osmaniye. The creek and the surrounding area attract mostly hikers and photographers. The waterfall on the creek, which was featured in a James Bond movie, draws many local and foreign tourists.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Sabun Creek by following the signs in the Düziçi district of Osmaniye.

Rize

Located in Turkey's Eastern Black Sea Region, Rize province receives the most rainfall in the country. The province has a climate characteristic of the Eastern Black Sea Region and the city is surrounded by spruce trees. Rize is a major producer of tea and its Anzer honey is world famous. The province is a unique tourist destination. Rize is home to many natural and historic treasures including steep-sided valleys, beautiful mountains with accessible summits, glacial lakes, emerald green plateaus, abundant rivers and creeks, historic arch bridges and castles.

Total Area
3,919 km²

Population (2017)
331,041



Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

48 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

291 km

Total Number of Subscribers

46,956

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Situated in the Çamlıhemşin district of Rize, Elevit Plateau lies at an altitude of 1,800 meters and is generally visited during summer months by local residents who practice transhumance – the seasonal moving of livestock from one grazing ground to another. Elevit Plateau is a must-see for those who are interested in pastoral tourism. Every year in August, various festivals are organized on the plateau, which is home to mountain goats and other indigenous wildlife of the Black Sea Region. With its amazing green landscape, fresh air, and traditional houses that are typical of the Black Sea Region, Elevit Plateau offers visitors a unique experience in nature.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can access Elevit Plateau from Rize's Çamlıhemşin district.

ELEVİT PLATEAU



Located in Rize's Çamlıhemşin district, Pokut Plateau lies at an altitude of 2,050 meters and is one of the province's most beautiful plateaus. It is like a special terrace on the Kaçkar Mountains. Pokut means "Windy Valley" in Armenian. Pokut Plateau attracts nature lovers throughout the year and offers its visitors a rich visual feast.



POKUT PLATEAU

HOW TO GET THERE

Pokut Plateau is only 21 kilometers from the Çamlıhemşin district of Rize. However, it is recommended that you go there with a 4WD vehicle because the road is very rough and rugged.

Situated at an altitude of 1,130 meters in the Güneysu district of Rize, Kible Mountain Mosque fascinates visitors with its amazing location and breathtaking views. Previously, the mosque was in decrepit condition, but later it was completely restored and renovated. Nestled in a lovely natural environment, Kible Mountain Mosque is one of the most beautiful mosques in Turkey, and attracts more and more visitors each year.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Kible Mountain Mosque from Kible Mountain village in the Güneysu district.

KIBLE MOUNTAIN MOSQUE



Samsun

Samsun province is situated on the fertile deltas of the Yeşilirmak and Kızılırmak rivers in Turkey's Central Black Sea Region. The province benefits from the mild oceanic climate of the Black Sea. Agricultural land accounts for nearly half of the city's total land area. In terms of population size, education, industry, trade, transportation and economy, Samsun is the most developed and largest city in the Black Sea Region. Agriculture, manufacturing, livestock farming and tourism are the primary drivers of the local economy. Samsun is home to many natural and historic treasures. It also has major historic significance because the Turkish War of Independence started there.



Total Area

9,352 km²

Population (2017)

1,312,990

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

833 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

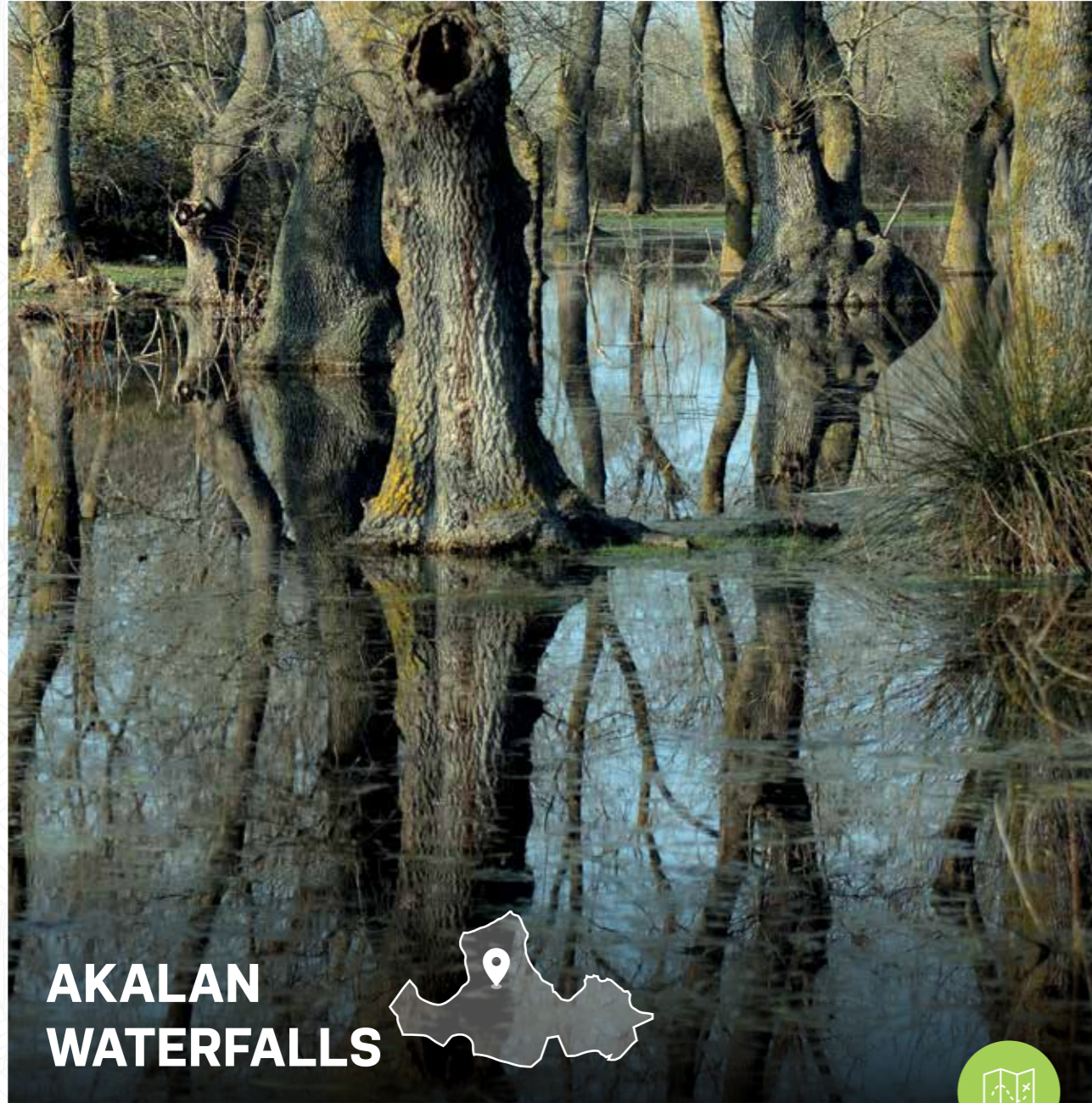
190 km

Total Number of Subscribers

13,079

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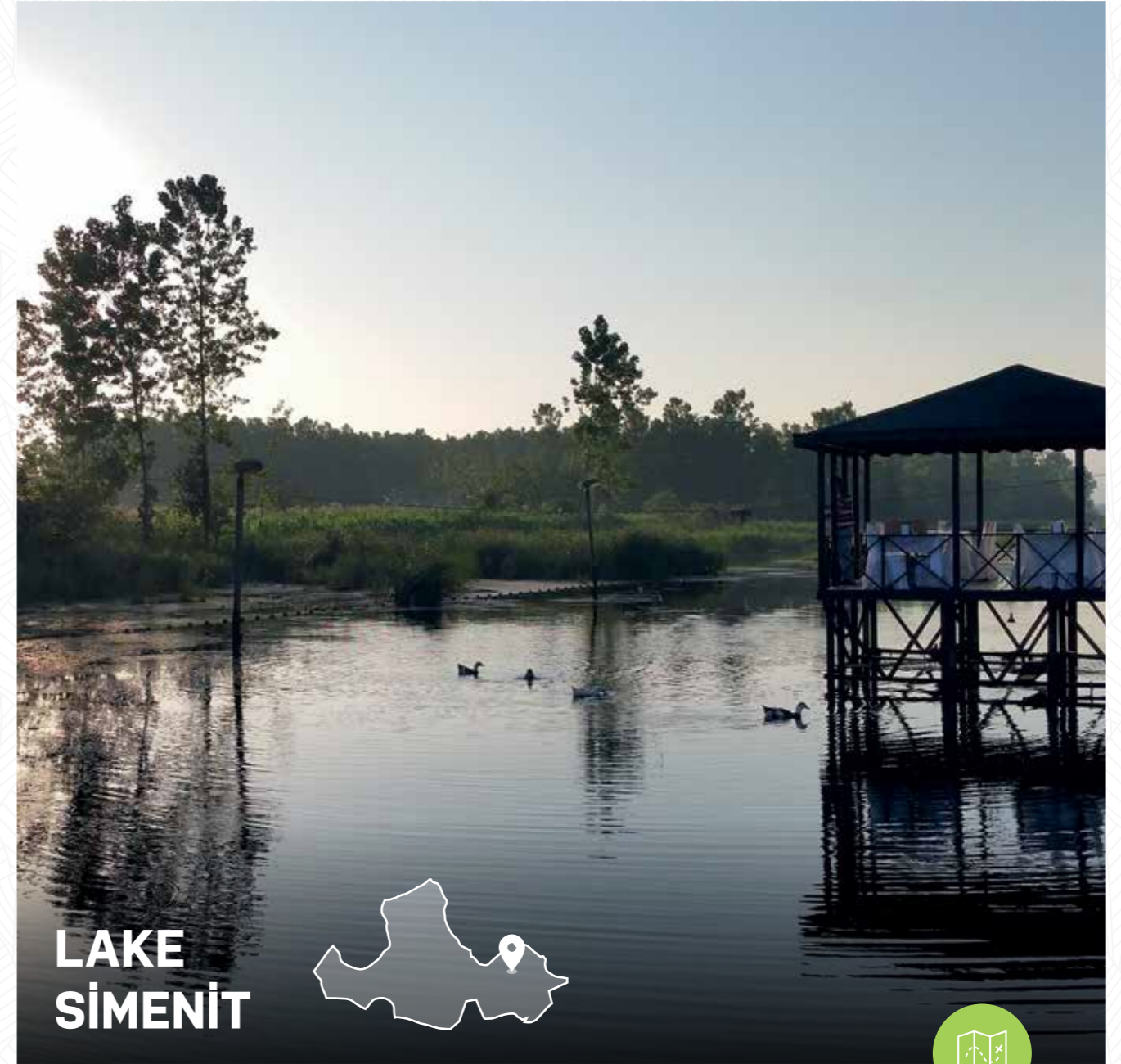
AKALAN WATERFALLS

Located in Akalan village of Samsun's Bafra district, Akalan Waterfalls include 18 different waterfalls of varying sizes. The waterfalls are 15 meters high, and the surrounding area is perfect for picnicking and hiking. Akalan Waterfalls, one of the most amazing natural wonders in Samsun, mostly draw those who enjoy nature sports. The area offers visitors a peaceful and pleasant day in a beautiful natural environment.



HOW TO GET THERE

Akalan Waterfalls are located 36 kilometers from Samsun city center. You can easily get there from Akalan village.



LAKE SIMENİT

Located in the Terme district of Samsun, Lake Simenit consists of a series of interconnected lakes formed by a creek that spreads over a large area before flowing into the sea. Pursuant to the resolution of Samsun Regional Council for the Conservation of Cultural and Natural Property, Lake Simenit was declared a first- and third-degree conservation area. Some 200 hectares of the lake is an open-water surface while the remaining area is covered with reeds and marshes. The lakes mostly attract nature and bird lovers year-round.



HOW TO GET THERE

You can easily reach Lake Simenit from Samsun's Terme district.

Siirt

Situated in Turkey's Southeastern Anatolia Region, Siirt province has been home to many Islamic states, including the Anatolian Seljuk State and the Ottoman Empire, throughout history. The city has a four-season continental climate, and the surrounding area is largely comprised of steppe vegetation. The local economy mainly depends on agriculture, fruit production and livestock farming. In terms of land area, Siirt is one of the smallest provinces in Turkey, but it is home to many natural wonders and historic treasures.

Total Area
5,499 km²

Population (2017)
324,394



Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

28 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

253 km

Total Number of Subscribers

29,588

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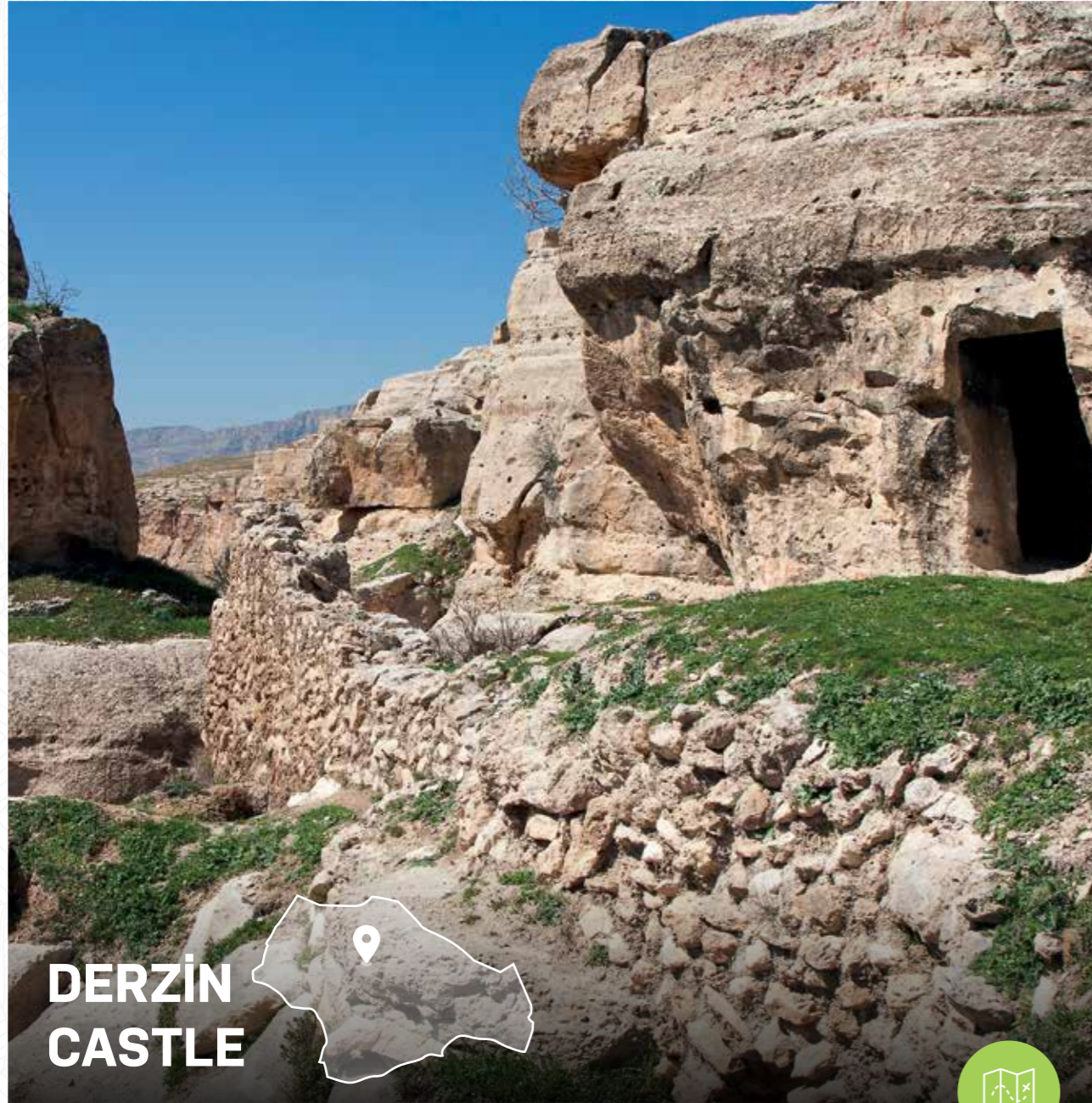


KALETÜL ÜSTAD HILL



Located in Siirt's Tillo district, Kaletül Üstad Hill first gained its reputation as a place frequented by the sufi saint İbrahim Hakkı. Later on, a glass viewing platform and recreational areas were built on the hill for visitors. Kaletül Üstad Hill, which offers magnificent views, is a must-see in Siirt.

HOW TO GET THERE
You can reach Kaletül Üstad Hill
from the Tillo district of Siirt.



DERZİN CASTLE

Situated on a steep hilltop 8 kilometers from Siirt's Baykan district, Derzin Castle is an amazing historical structure. The exact date of its construction is unknown, but the structural and architectural characteristics of the castle suggest that it was built during the Byzantine era. The watchtowers of the castle, which was purposely built on a high hill, have endured to the present day, despite the adverse effects of many geographic and physical factors. Derzin Castle offers visitors a unique historic experience.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Derzin Castle from Adakale village in Siirt's Baykan district.



Sivas

A large portion of Sivas is located within Turkey's Central Anatolia Region; however, some parts of the city also extend into the Black Sea and Eastern Anatolia regions. Sivas is the second largest city in the country in terms of land area. Compared with the neighboring cities, Sivas has a unique microclimate and the area is largely comprised of steppe vegetation. The local economy primarily depends on agriculture, with about 70% of the population engaged in agricultural production although the manufacturing sector has been growing rapidly in recent years. Sivas is located at the intersection of highways and railways that connect all parts of Turkey. The city is famous for its hot springs, and is home to many natural and historic treasures.



Total Area
28,619 km²

Population (2017)
621,301

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

177 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,318 km

Total Number of Subscribers

145,842

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Located in the Gürün district of Sivas, Lake Gökpınar is widely considered to be one of Turkey's most unique and beautiful natural wonders. The lake gets its name from its sparkling turquoise waters, abundant green surroundings, and colorful flowers that bloom in the spring. With its crystal clear and pristine water, Lake Gökpınar attracts thousands of visitors throughout the year.



LAKE GÖKPINAR

HOW TO GET THERE

If you travel 10 kilometers further on the Kayseri-Malatya highway after passing the Çayboyu neighborhood, you will reach Lake Gökpınar.



DİPSİZ GÖL WATERFALL

Located in the Kozağaç village of Sivas's Doğanşar district, Dipsiz Göl Waterfall is about 30 meters high, offering visitors a refreshing experience. Dipsiz Göl Waterfall has magnificent scenery, complete with plateau houses, fountains, and picnic areas. The waterfall attracts nature lovers with its breathtaking views.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Dipsiz Göl Waterfall via the Doğanşar-Hafik road in Sivas.

Şanlıurfa

Situated in Turkey's Southeastern Anatolia Region, Şanlıurfa province was known as "Urfa" until 1984, when it was officially renamed "Şanlıurfa (Urfa the Glorious)" by the Turkish Grand National Assembly. Şanlıurfa, which is widely known as the "Land of Prophets," is the seventh largest province in the country. The area has barren vegetation due to the continental climate of the Southeastern Anatolia and scarce rainfall. The local economy largely depends on agriculture, and industry is underdeveloped. However, Şanlıurfa is expected to become a major agricultural hub with other industries growing further once the Southeastern Anatolia Project (GAP) is completed. Several civilizations are thought to have settled in Şanlıurfa since the Neolithic period. Today, the city is home to many natural wonders and historic treasures.



Total Area
19,451 km²

Population (2017)
1,985,753

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

282 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

800 km

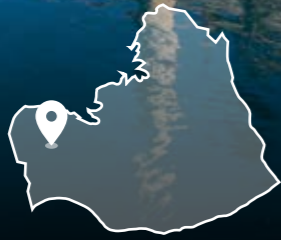
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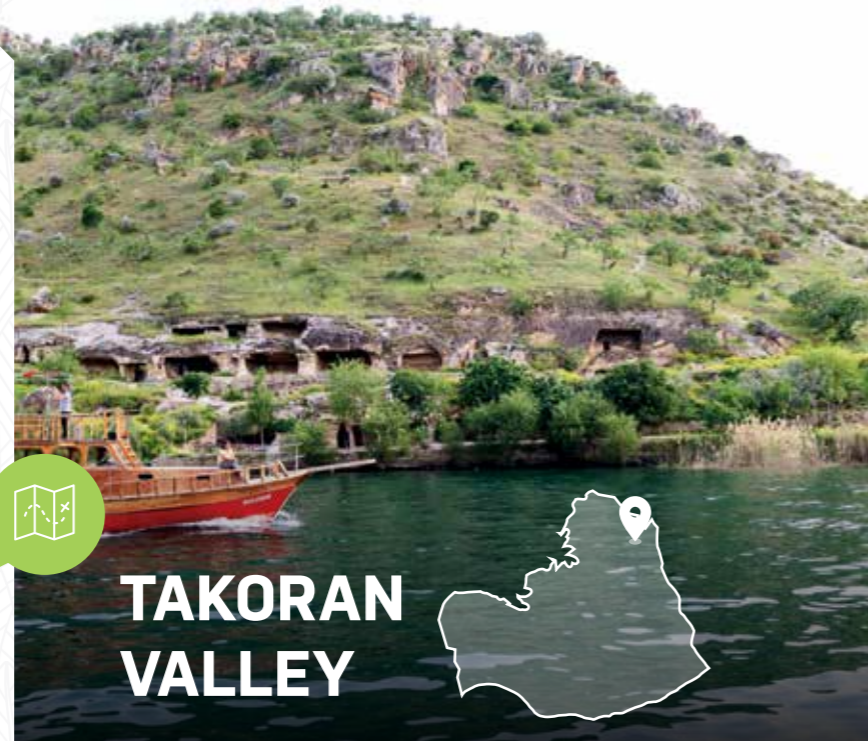


Halfeti, a district of Şanlıurfa, has been home to many civilizations throughout the centuries and is known as a "Hidden Heaven." Half the district's land area was submerged after construction of Birecik Dam in 2000, and settlements were established in other parts of the district. Halfeti is one of the top tourist destinations in Şanlıurfa. Thanks to its microclimate, it is also the only place on earth where "black roses" grow. With its numerous ancient castles, churches and bridges, Halfeti offers visitors a unique historical and natural experience.

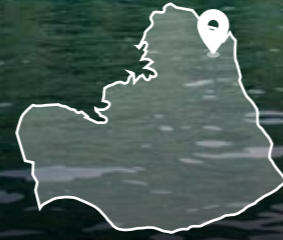
HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Halfeti via the road that leads to Birecik district.

Located in Şanlıurfa's Siverek district, Takoran Valley was formed by the rising waters from Atatürk Dam. With its untouched natural beauty, ancient structures, rock tombs, numerous canyons and hidden coves, Takoran Valley attracts more and more nature lovers every year, thanks to continued efforts to reveal its splendor. The valley is definitely a natural wonder worth discovering.



TAKORAN VALLEY



HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Takoran Valley from the Siverek district of Şanlıurfa.

Tokat

Situated in Turkey's Central Black Sea Region, Tokat is among the few cities in the country that have successfully preserved their historic, cultural and natural assets to the present day. Tokat has a transitional climate between the oceanic climate of the Black Sea and the continental climate of Central Anatolia. About 50% of the city is covered by forestland. The local economy largely depends on agriculture and related industries; about 80% of the population engages in agricultural production. All types of crops can be grown on Tokat's fertile plains. Livestock farming is also very advanced in the area. Widely known as "A City of Culture and History," Tokat is also home to many natural wonders.



Total Area
10,073 km²

Population (2017)
602,086

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

131 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

1,138 km

Total Number of Subscribers

105,605

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LAKE KAZ

Located in the Pazar district, Lake Kaz is one of the most amazing natural wonders in Tokat. The lake is a "Wildlife Development Area" and the breeding ground of many bird species. Visitors can row on the lake where they have the chance to observe a diverse range of birds such as the ruddy shelduck, white stork, magpie, common blackbird, little grebe, white wagtail, among many others. Additionally, visitors can enjoy magnificent sunsets at Lake Kaz.

HOW TO GET THERE

Lake Kaz is located in Tokat's Pazar district. You can easily reach the lake by following the signs on the D180 highway or Pazar-Zile road.

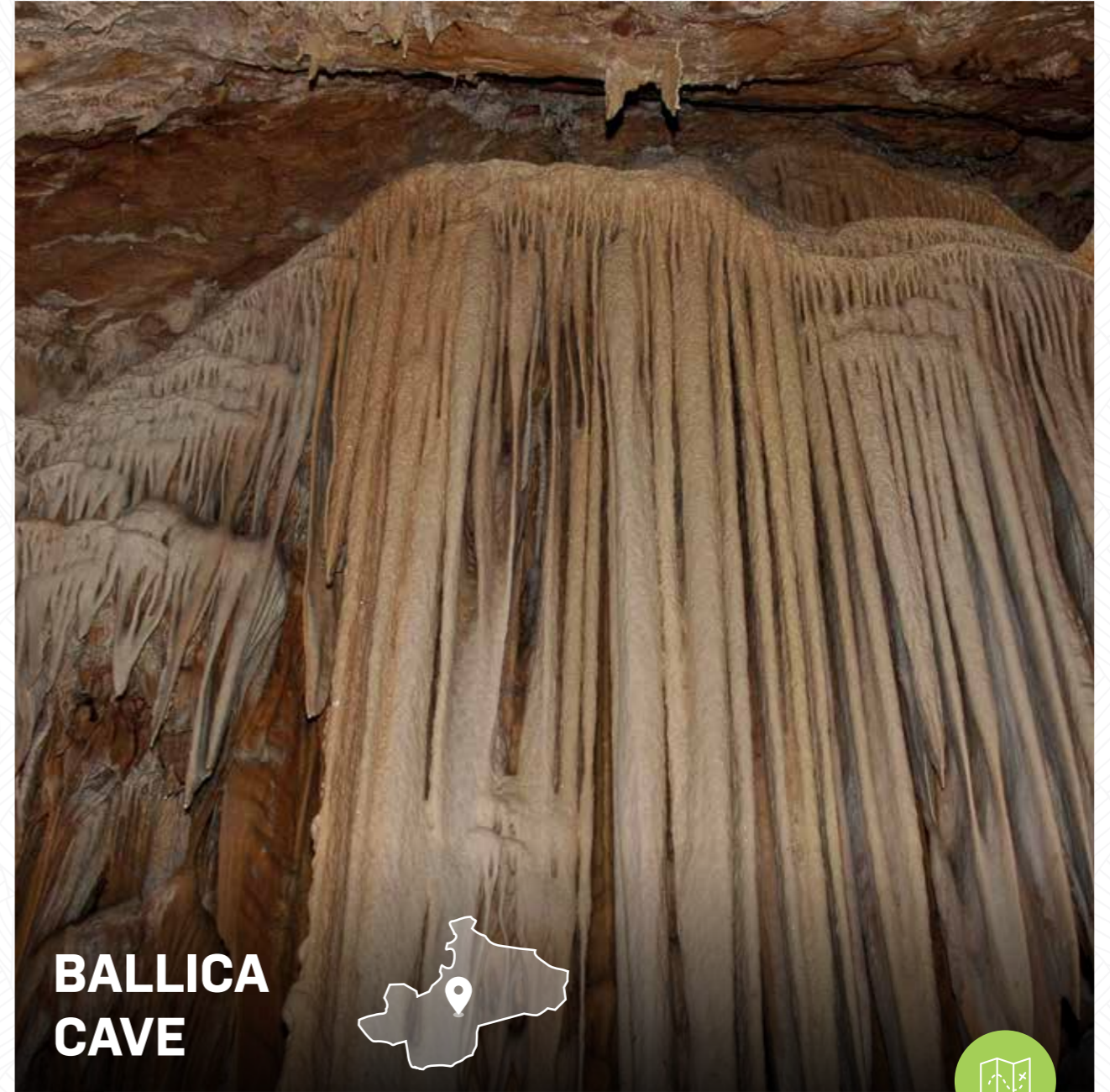
Çatak Plateau is located in the town of Çevreli in Tokat province, a 1.5-hour drive from the city center. The plateau, one of the most amazing natural wonders in the region, attracts many local and foreign tourists year-round. Çatak Plateau fascinates visitors with its untouched beech forests and pristine creeks.



ÇATAK PLATEAU

HOW TO GET THERE

If you drive about 1.5 hours from Tokat city center, you will reach Çatak Plateau, which is located in the town of Çevreli.



BALLICA CAVE

Situated in Ballica village in Tokat's Pazar district, Ballica Cave is one of the largest and the most mesmerizing caves in Turkey. The cave complex is estimated to be 3.4 million years old. Currently, eight of the cave's halls are open to visitors. However, other sections of the cave complex remain a mystery and have yet to be explored. Formations in the cave include onion-like stalactites, which have drawn worldwide attention. Ballica Cave fascinates visitors with its breathtaking views and historical value. In addition, the 54% humidity level in the cave makes breathing easier and therefore benefits those with asthma.

HOW TO GET THERE

To reach Ballica Cave, you need to travel 8 kilometers from the Pazar district of Tokat.

Trabzon

Situated in Turkey's Eastern Black Sea Region, Trabzon boasts 4,000 years of history. The city has a climate typical of the Black Sea region with plentiful precipitation and luxuriant vegetation. Some 45% of Trabzon's total land area is covered with forests. The local economy largely depends on agriculture, with about 75% of the population engaged in agricultural production, livestock farming, fishery, hunting and forestry. Trabzon has unique customs and traditions, and the city is home to many cultural sites, historic attractions and natural wonders.

Total Area

4,662 km²

Population (2017)

786,326



Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

111 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

489 km

Total Number of Subscribers

84,033

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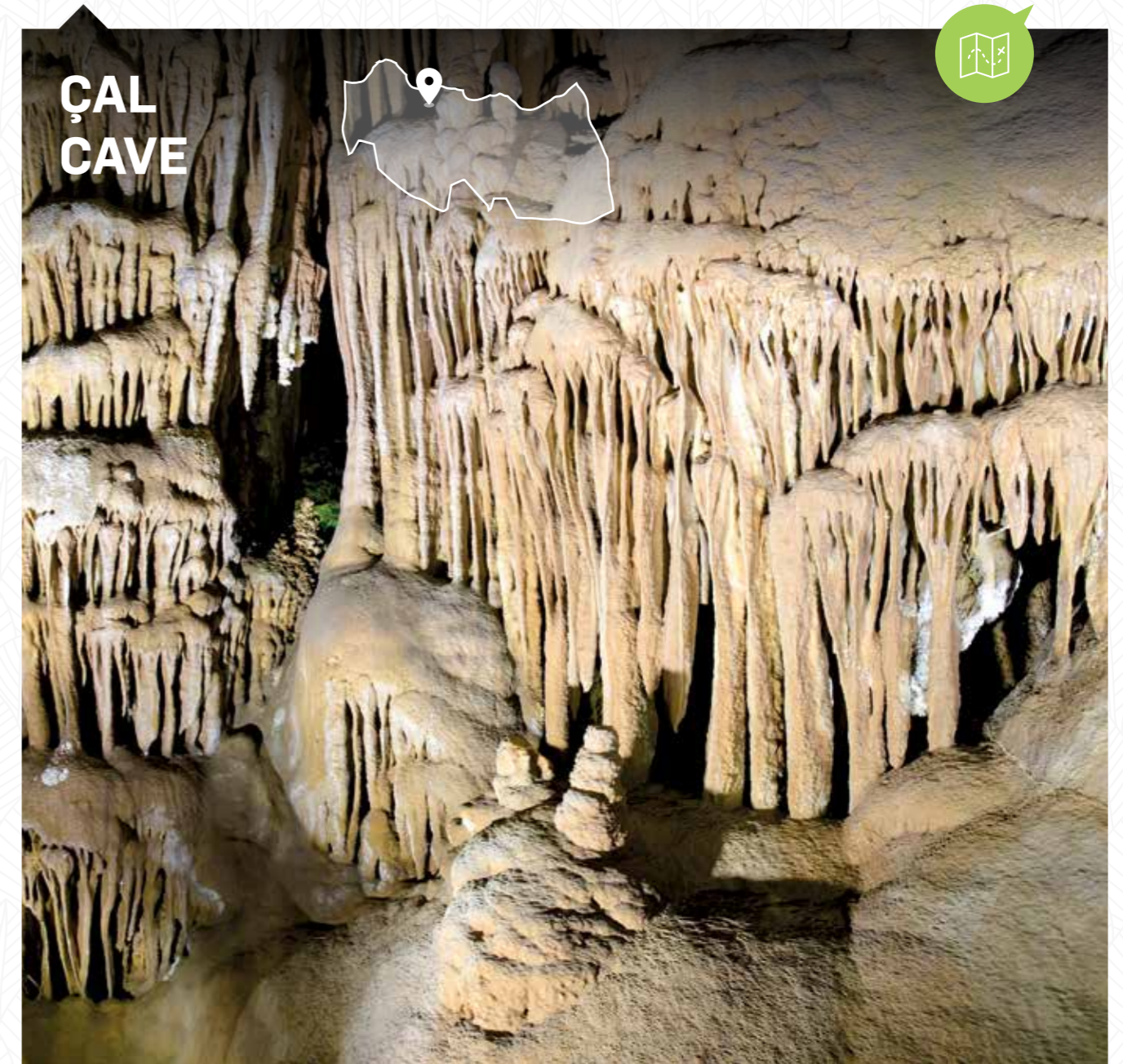
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Located in Trabzon's Düzköy district, Çal Cave is a hidden slice of heaven with its otherworldly formations. The cave is 8 kilometers long, making it the second longest cave complex known in the world. While walking along the lengthy passageway inside the cave, visitors can see a fascinating lake and waterfall on the right side. Even though it spans 8 kilometers in length, only one kilometer of the cave complex is currently open to visitors. Çal Cave is a major tourist attraction in Trabzon, drawing thousands of local and foreign tourists throughout the year.

HOW TO GET THERE

If you turn onto Akçaabat-Söğütlü bridge on the Black Sea coastal road and drive toward Düzköy, you will reach Çal Cave.





KADIRALAK PLATEAU



Situated in Trabzon's Tonya district, Kadiralak Plateau is widely known as the "Purple Plateau" because it is covered in blue asters. Visitors can enjoy the magnificent sight of these flowers for only two weeks a year. Blue aster is a rare flower species protected under the Berne Convention. Visitors flock to Kadiralak Plateau during the two-week period when these beautiful flowers are in full bloom.

HOW TO GET THERE
You can reach Kadiralak Plateau by traveling 9 kilometers from the Tonya district of Trabzon.

Van

Van province is situated in Turkey's Eastern Anatolia Region, on the shore of a large lake with the same name (Lake Van). The expansive lake is the largest closed basin in Anatolia. In terms of land area, Van is the sixth largest city in the country. Van has a harsh continental climate and the area is largely comprised of steppe vegetation. The local economy mainly depends on agriculture, sheep farming and animal by-products. Van is home to many natural wonders and historic treasures, and a key destination for cultural and nature tourism.



Total Area
21,334 km²

Population (2017)
1,106,891

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

102 Million m³

Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

890 km

Total Number of Subscribers

85,659

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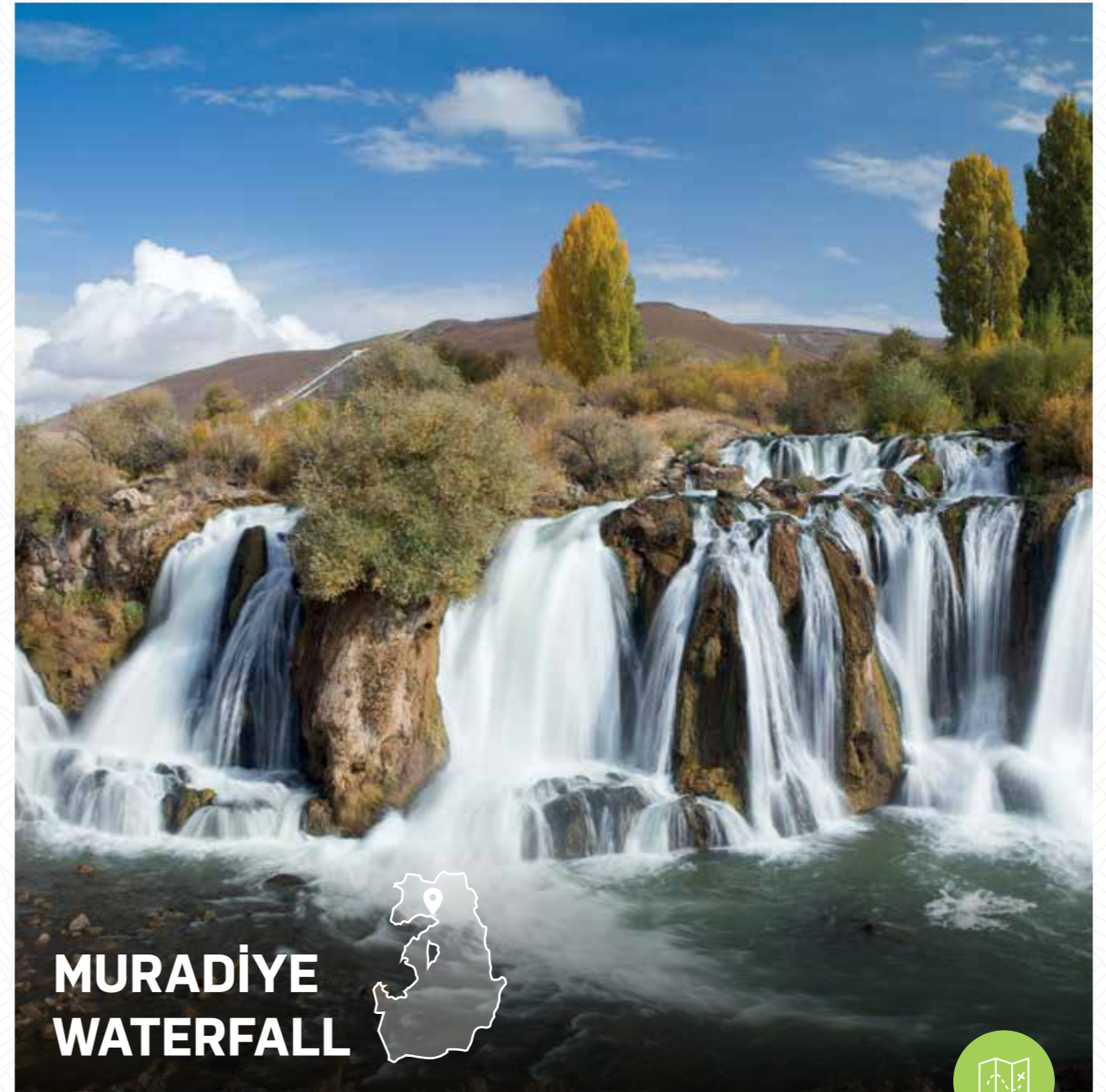
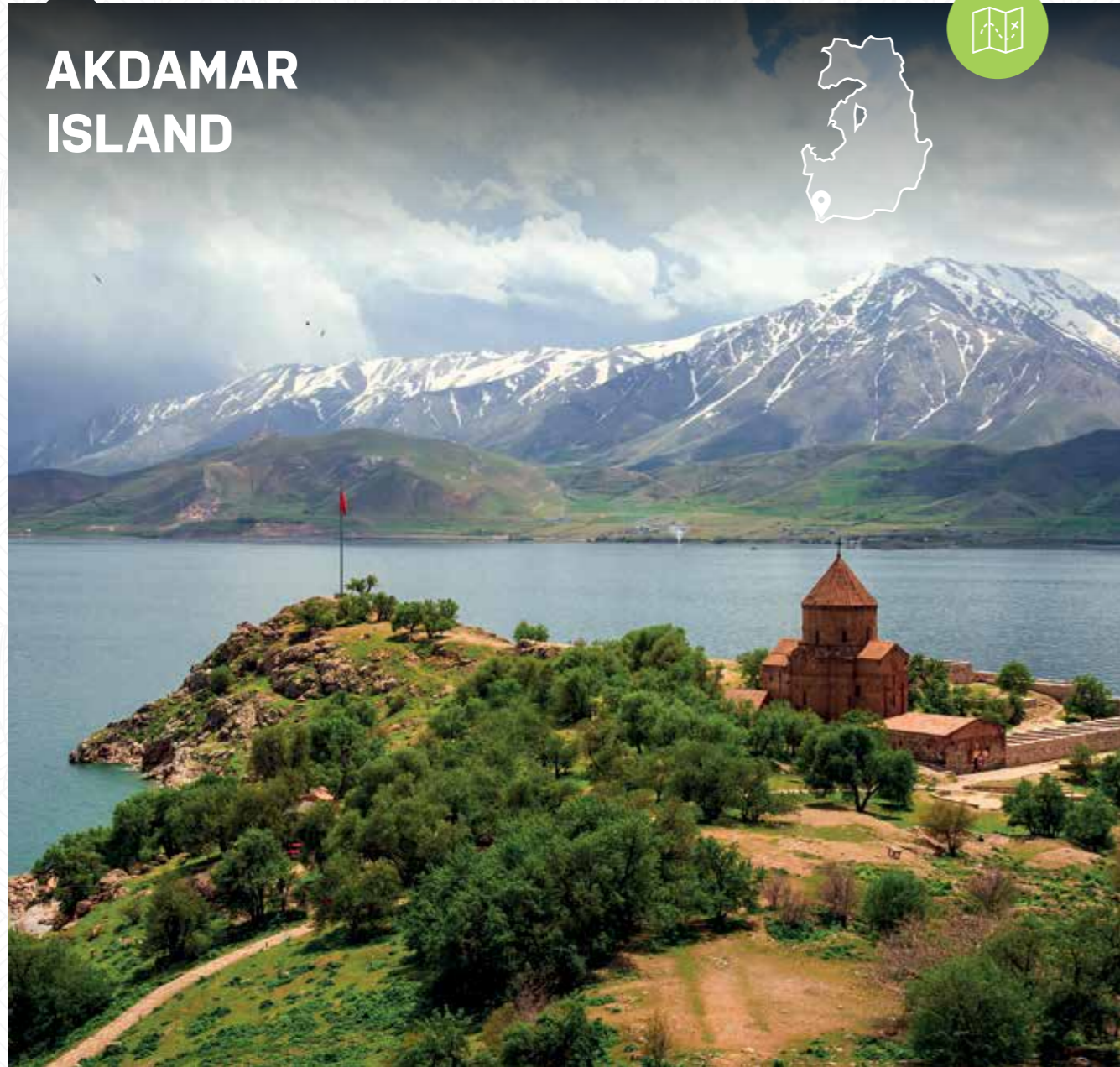
Located in the southeastern quadrant of Lake Van, Akdamar Island is the largest island in the lake and a major tourist attraction with a long history. In 1990, the island was officially declared a protected archeological site. The island got its name from an ancient Armenian legend. Akdamar Church, which is situated on the island, is an important example of Medieval Armenian architecture. Akdamar Island is like an open-air museum and one of the most fascinating natural wonders in Van, attracting many tourists.

HOW TO GET THERE

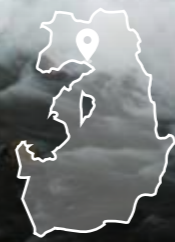
You can reach Akdamar Island by boat from the city of Van.



AKDAMAR ISLAND



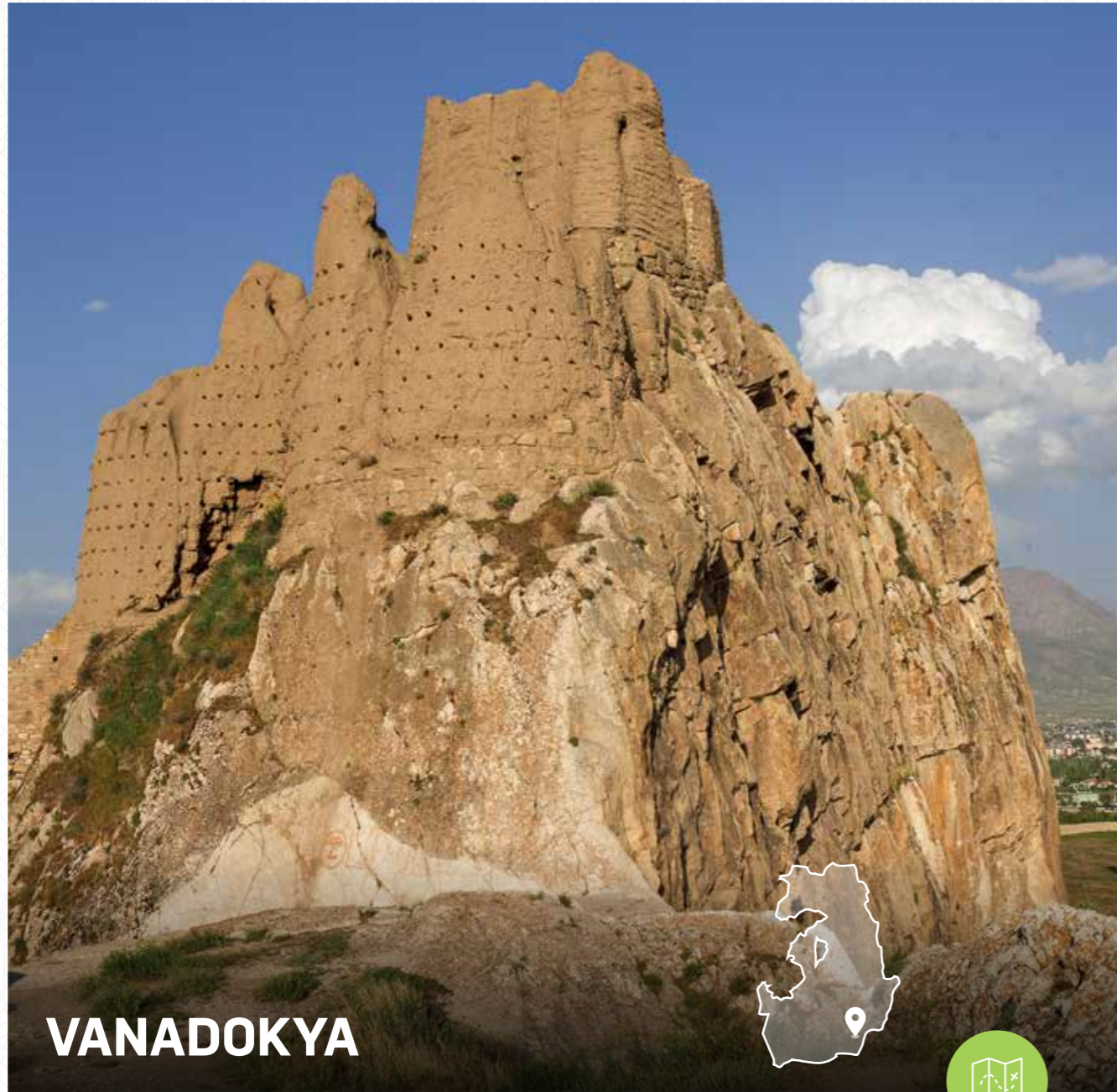
MURADIYE WATERFALL



Located in Van's Muradiye district, Muradiye Waterfall is named after Murad IV, the Ottoman Sultan who captured Baghdad. The waterfall is on Bend-i Mahi Creek, which is fed by Tendürek Mountain, and measures 50 meters high. Muradiye Waterfall, one of the most beautiful natural wonders in Eastern Anatolia, is mostly visited by local residents from surrounding cities who want to spend a pleasant, relaxing day or camp in a natural environment.

HOW TO GET THERE

You need to travel about 60 kilometers from Van towards Erciş district and turn right at the Muradiye Waterfall sign and travel 20 kilometers more.



VANADOKYA

Located in Yavuzlar village in Van's Başkale district, Vanadokya is dotted with fairy chimneys, which have formed over the years. Wind and rain sculpted the rocks spurted out from Yiğit Volcanic Mountain into these otherworldly formations. Vanadokya is very similar to Cappadocia in the Ürgüp district of Nevşehir province, and it has become a place of interest for nature tourism in recent years. Besides fairy chimneys, there are also 35 caves and 12 rock carved houses in the area. Vanadokya, a fascinating natural treasure, attracts many local and foreign tourists, especially during the summer months.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Vanadokya from Yavuzlar village, which is located in the Başkale district of Van.

Zonguldak

Situated in Turkey's Western Black Sea Region, Zonguldak is an important port city for the maritime trade between Turkey and the countries that border the Black Sea. The city has a climate typical of the Black Sea Region, and luxuriant vegetation consisting mainly of forests. Forest and shrub lands account for 65% of the city's total land area. Zonguldak became known as the "City of Mines" because it has the largest and the richest hard coal reserves in the country. Mining and industry are the primary drivers of the city's economy. Zonguldak is one of the most beautiful cities in the Black Sea Region, and home to many natural wonders and historic treasures.



Total Area
3,306 km²

Population (2017)
596,892

Total Volume of Natural Gas Distributed

451 Million m³

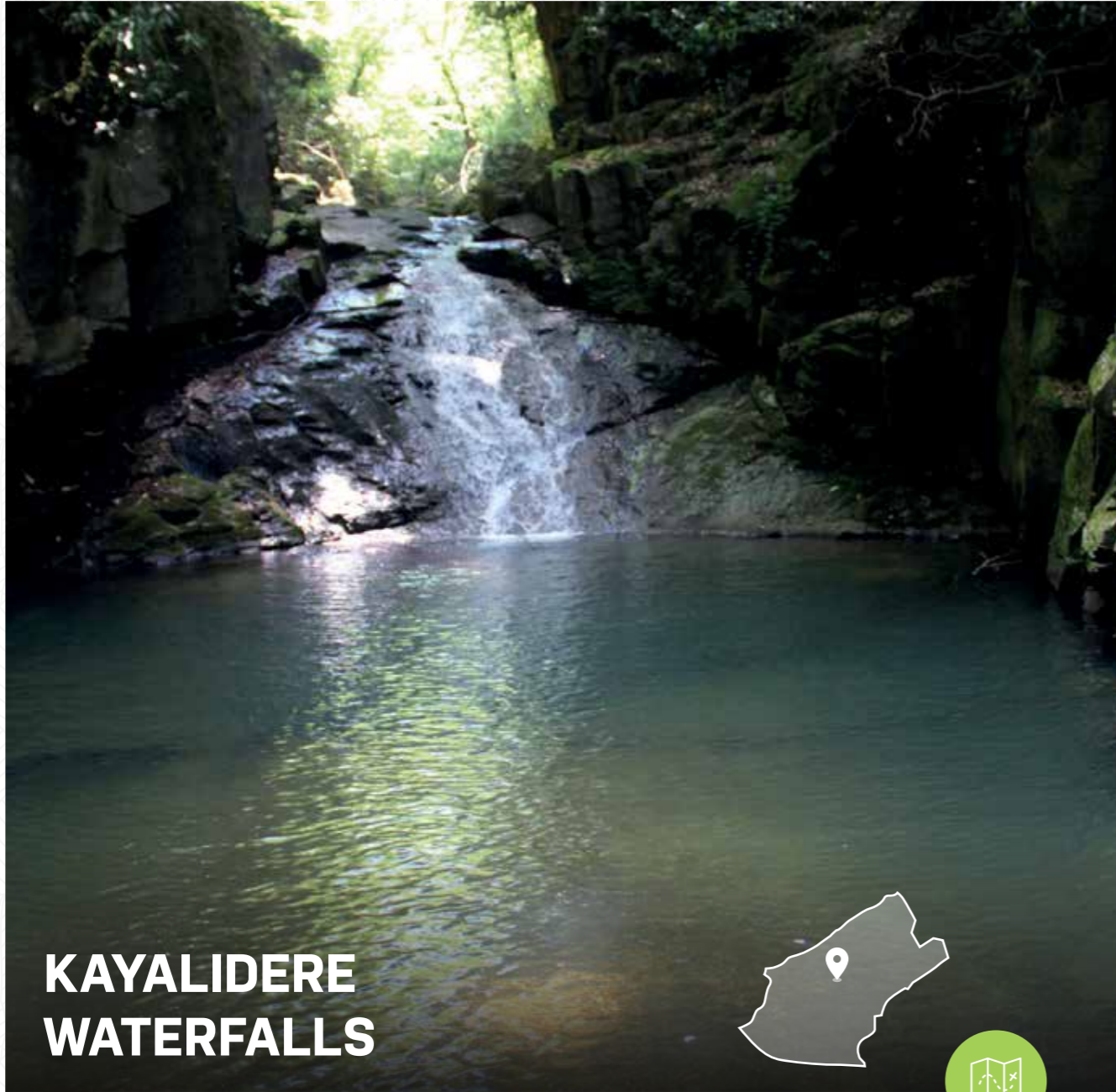
Total Length of Natural Gas Pipelines

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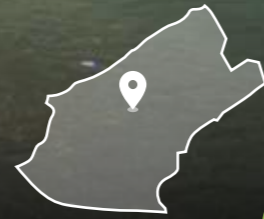
Total Number of Subscribers

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KAYALIDERE WATERFALLS



Located in Zonguldak's Ereğli district, Kayalidere Waterfalls is truly a natural wonder. The waterfall complex is made up of seven falls of varying sizes within a 3-km canyon. Even though the canyon seems suitable for hiking, some sections of it are extremely dangerous. As a result, visitors are not recommended to hike alone. Kayalidere Waterfalls mostly attract those interested in nature sports. The site significantly contributes to nature-related tourism in Zonguldak.

HOW TO GET THERE
You can reach Kayalidere Waterfalls from Kayalidere village, which is located about 35 kilometers from Zonguldak's Ereğli district.

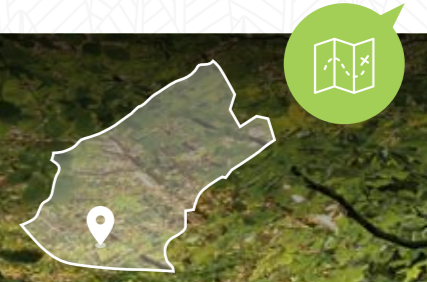
Located in the town of Gümeli in Zonguldak, Gümeli Plateaus feature hillsides that are ideal for nature sports as well as a rich array of flora and fauna. Nature lovers can see all shades of green and enjoy photo safaris amid verdant forests and hidden natural treasures. Gümeli Plateaus, one of the most fascinating natural wonders in Zonguldak, offers visitors a peaceful and pleasant day in unspoiled nature.

HOW TO GET THERE

You can reach Gümeli Plateaus from the town of Gümeli, either by car or a long walk through the dense forest.



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