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EVALUATION OF HUMAN BASED FOREST FIRES FROM SOCIO-ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS IN GALLIPOLI NATIONAL PARK

Abstract:

The Gallipoli Peninsula Historical National Park is located on the European side of the Dardanelles Strait, which separates Asia and Europe. In this study, Gallipoli National Park Forest fires from 1983 to 2018 are listed. As a part of method human based forest fires and human neglect based forest fires were evaluated. It was determined that the fires in Gallipoli forests were generally caused by the visitors during the tourism activities in summer times or as a result of the agricultural activities of the local people.

Damages caused by forest fires to Gallipoli Historical National Park and their causes were evaluated from socio-economic perspective. In this context, the importance of the area in terms of tourism sector and and the life quality of local people were examined.

In this study, the conditions affecting the forest fire hazard, especially the vegetation status of the area, were evaluated. Suggestions were made to improve environmental awareness for the tourists visiting the area and local people.

Keywords:

Human Impact, Forest Fire, Sustainable Forest Management, Socioeconomic Perspective, Gallipoli