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## CHANGES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERCEPTION, ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE END OF NATURE TRAINING PROJECTS

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### Abstract

The most effective precautions to prevent environmental problems comprise the society's willingness to save the environment, more than the politics set by the authorities. In this context, nature training projects offer great facilities for individuals by supplying the deficiencies for nature and environment in formal training programs and in means of gaining environment-friendly individuals to the society. “*The Nature Training Projects at Natural Protected Areas in Isparta*” which has been considered by these means, has realized between the years 2007 and 2010 with eleven periods, each period lasting for a week. At the end of the projects applied, a total of 247 teachers and teacher candidates from various branches have been given the “*Nature Training Certificate*”. These projects have contributed in great means to the awareness and knowledge concerning nature as well as positive environmental perceptions, attitudes and behavior on teachers and teacher candidates. In this context, the main aim of the study was presented experiences and advantages gained via the scope of these projects.

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