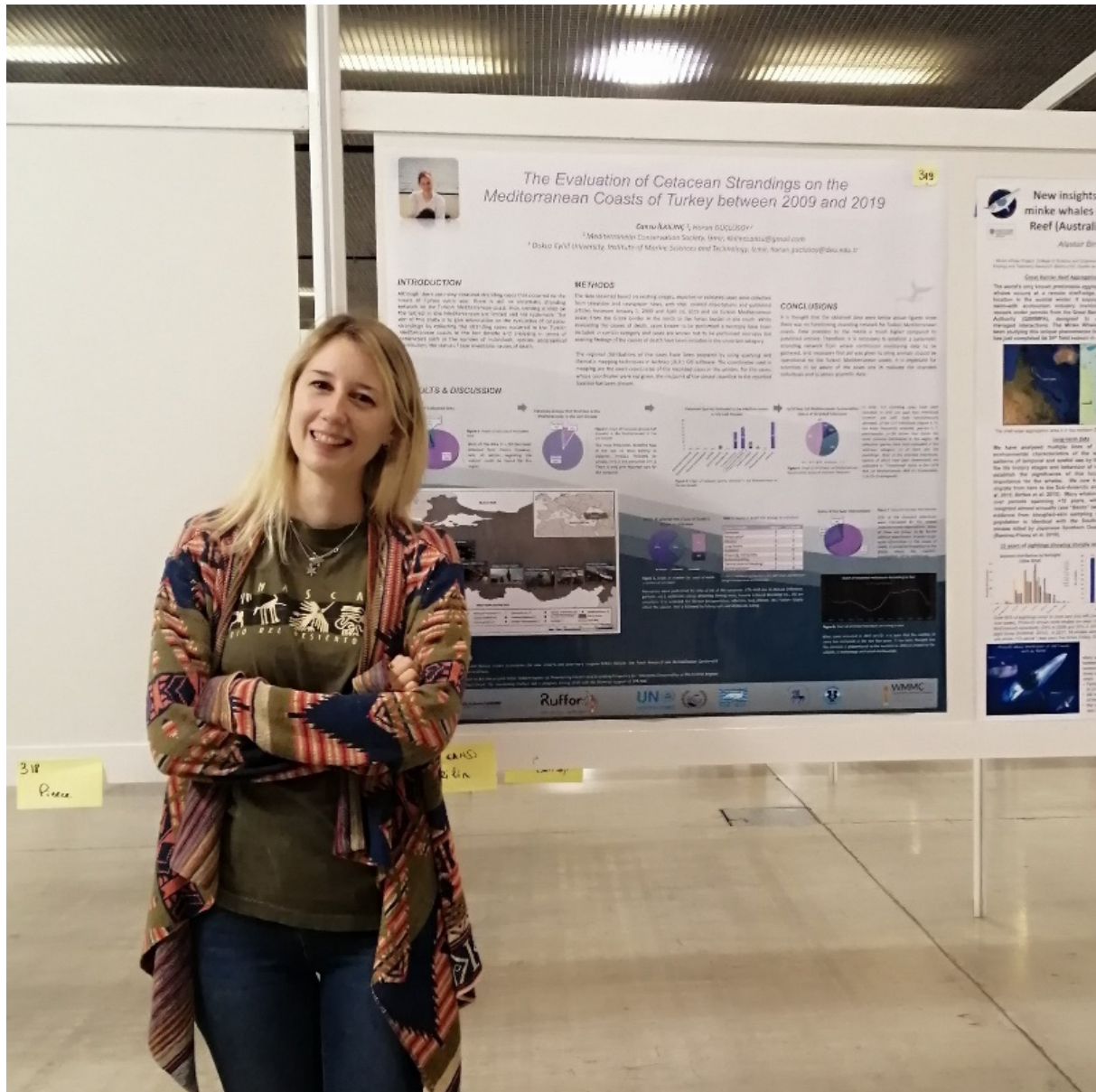


Project Update: February 2020

1. Poster Presentation

In WMMC'19 World Marine Mammal Conference Barcelona 2019, a poster presentation including the data of this project was made under the title 'The Evaluation of Cetacean Stranding on the Mediterranean Coasts of Turkey between 2009 and 2019'.



2. Coastline Survey

The inflatable boat, which is planned to be used during the project surveys, transferred to another project, for this reason, we rented boats for in the last two surveys. No cetaceans were observed that stranded during the coastal scanning.



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3. Information about the Project

As Mordoğan, Karaburun, Siğacık, Güzelçamlı are the regions where stranding cases are frequent, the fisheries cooperatives in these areas have been given a notification number and the application has been introduced. Informational posters were posted explaining the steps to be taken when faced with a stranding event. The team t-shirts prepared for promotional purposes were distributed. Brochures were given to distribute to fishermen and related people. Informative brochures were distributed to the surrounding people.



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4. Interviews

Past stranding data was collected to be recorded in the database. As Mordoğan, Karaburun, Sığacık, Güzelçamlı are the region where stranding cases frequently occur, interviews were held with fishermen and fisheries cooperative heads here. As a result of the interviews, it was revealed that there is no specific institution dealing with the subject in the region. When such a case was encountered, it was learned that the municipal teams generally buried the animal without performing an examination. They reported that they would contact us to contribute to science when faced with a stranding. Information on past stranding data in interviews and the need for such a study in the region are available in the promotional video.

You can access the video from the links below:

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vdzp3gzPO0>



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5. Training

46 science high school students were trained on 'Marine Mammals and Stranding Case'. Educational materials were distributed including brochures, posters, bags, stickers, and 'Marine Mammals of the Aegean Sea and Stranding' booklets. At the end of the training, intervention training was provided with an inflatable dolphin, a towel, and an umbrella, providing the participation of the students.



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