

Project Update February 2025

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Project Title: Enhancing Local Environmental Stewardship Through Environmental DNA-Based Techniques in the Golden Horn Estuary

Update: We have started working on a daily and weekly basis in the field. We contacted a local rowing club, presented our project, and agreed to stay in touch. They also facilitated our connection with the Turkish Rowing Federation. Subsequently, we reached out to officials from the Turkish Rowing Federation, and we will present our work to them soon. We have also made collaboration calls to several institutions operating on an Istanbul-wide scale. In both the near and long term, we will be reaching out to local and larger-scale potential stakeholders on themes like rowing, scientific collaboration, nature conservation, community engagement, and raising awareness. We will organize our eDNA sampling on a seasonal basis and continue our daily and weekly activities during these intervals.