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PRESS RELEASE

TUDAV Appreciated Fantastic News;

World's Largest Marine Park Created in Ross Sea in Antarctica!

Delegates from EU and different 24 countries agreed on protecting “1.1 million km2 of water in Ross Sea” at the annual meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) in Hobart, Australia. By the decision of CCAMLR, World's largest marine park was announced in Antarctica and commercial fishery has been banned for 35 years in the region.

The Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TÜDAV), which is one of the leading NGO's in Turkey conducted scientific studies to protect the marine biodiversity and has published several books for the Black and Mediterranean Seas state that this decision is fantastic news for entire people whose this planet and it is apploud.

It is already several environmental organizations expressed their appreciation for the decision, by stating that the agreement, which will come into force in December 2017, could set an example for the protection of other areas in the international waters.

“Largest marine park on the world”

This is the biggest protected area on the land or the sea. Particularly in the high seas that are largely unprotected, this is the first large scale." said Lewis Pugh, United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) "Patron of the Oceans". In his words, he stated that the Ross Sea is the largest area of land and water in the world.

The region is host of the most of the world's penguins and whales, and Ross Sea is the important in terms of deep underwater food production for living creatures in different waters. Due to these reasons, so much effort has been made for years to protect the natural life in the region.