

FURKAN DURUCAN, PhD

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Furkan Durucan was born on 16 July 1985 in Ankara, Türkiye. He completed his primary and secondary education in Ankara and his high school education in Antalya. In 2008, he graduated from **Egirdir Faculty of Fisheries** with a **Bachelor's degree in Fisheries Engineering**. He obtained his **Master's degree (2011)**, focusing on **marine macroalgae**, and completed his **PhD (2017)** at the same faculty, specializing in **marine mites (Acari)**.

During his doctoral studies, he gained extensive **international research experience in marine sciences and marine benthic ecology** through the **Erasmus student exchange program**, spending **7 months in Italy** and **5 months in Portugal** with full scholarships. Additionally, he attended several **advanced, fully funded courses** in marine sciences in **France, Greece, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and Spain**.

In **2022**, he was awarded a **TÜBİTAK Postdoctoral Research Fellowship** and worked for **8 months** at the **Senckenberg Wilhelmshaven Institute (Germany)**. During this period, he conducted research on the identification of **marine mites from deep-sea habitats** using both **classical morphological methods and advanced imaging techniques**, particularly **confocal laser scanning microscopy (CLSM)**. In **2023**, he served as a **YÖK Postdoctoral Researcher** at **Egirdir Faculty of Fisheries** for **7 months**, contributing to a **TÜBİTAK-funded project** focused on **net modifications in eels**.

He has authored **26 articles in SCI-indexed journals (7 as first author)**. In addition, he has **34 publications** in journals indexed in other national and international databases, with **first authorship in 25** of these works. He has presented **14 oral and poster contributions** at scientific symposia and conferences (**9 national, 5 international**). He has served as an **editor for two international scientific journals** and as a **reviewer for more than 20 journals**, completing **30+ peer-review assignments**. His **h-index is 14**, and his publications have received a total of **1,047 citations**.

Furkan Durucan also has professional experience in **scientific diving**. In **2008**, he participated in the **TÜBİTAK 1st Underwater Camp (Mersin)**, receiving **fully funded theoretical and practical training in scientific underwater photography and diving techniques**. In **2015**, he completed a **fully funded scientific diving and CPR certification course** at the **University of Gothenburg (Sweden)**. He holds a **CMAS Two-Star Diver certification** and has completed **50+ logged SCUBA dives** in **Türkiye, Italy, and Sweden**. His **English proficiency score is 72.50 (YÖKDİL, April 2023)**.

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