

Marmara University Research and Application Center for Natural Plants and Aquatic Products Regulation

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 — The Research and Application Center for Natural Plants and Aquatic Products of Marmara University is an research and application unit established under the Marmara University Rectorate, pursuant to Article 3(g) of Law No. 2809 dated March 30, 1983.

II. OBJECTIVES

Article 2 — The objectives of the Center are:

- a) To identify the distribution of medicinal and economically valuable plants that grow naturally in Turkey,
- b) To prevent the destruction and extinction of plants collected from nature and exported abroad by various organizations and individuals,
- c) To establish greenhouses, gardens, and fields for the production of seeds or bulbs from our medicinal and economically valuable plants,
- d) To establish necessary fish farming facilities to develop marine and freshwater fisheries,
- e) To spread activities related to natural plants and aquatic products throughout the country and to educate local people on this topic.

III. FIELD OF ACTIVITY

Article 3 — To achieve its objectives, the Center undertakes the following activities:

- a) Establish, operate, and staff greenhouses, gardens, and fields for growing and producing plants in Turkey, and fish and other aquatic product farming facilities to improve the aquatic products economy of Turkey,
- b) Conduct and commission research, examination, development projects, and practical applications by following new developments,
- c) Organize courses, seminars, conferences, symposiums, and congresses at national and international levels,
- d) Collaborate with national and international organizations, producing reports, bulletins, projects, books, journals, and similar publications within the scope of this collaboration,
- e) Conduct research, examinations, and similar studies to solve problems encountered by public and private sector enterprises in the areas they need, provide scientific opinions or reports, and prepare projects and other technical research,
- f) Conduct biological and ecological research and applications in marine and inland waters,
- g) Ensure the export of products produced in greenhouses, gardens, fields, and farms abroad after domestic needs are met,
- h) Carry out other tasks assigned by the Rector and authorized boards.

IV. ORGANS

Article 4 — The organs of the Research and Application Center are the Center Director and the Center Management Board.

V. DIRECTOR

Article 5 — The Center Director is appointed by the Rector from among the academic staff of Marmara University for a term of 3 years. The Director can be reappointed upon the expiration of their term. If the Director is absent for more than 6 months, their term ends. The Director selects up to two Deputy Directors from among the university's teaching staff to assist and submits their appointments for the Rector's approval. The Deputy Directors participate in the Management Board meetings. In the Director's absence, the appointed Deputy Director presides over the Management Board meetings.

VI. DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR

Article 6 — The duties, authority, and responsibilities of the Center Director are as follows:

- a) Represent the Research and Application Center both domestically and internationally,
- b) Chair the Management Board, prepare the agenda, and call the board to meetings,
- c) Ensure the regular operation of the Center's units and take all necessary measures in this regard,
- d) Implement the decisions of the Management Board,
- e) Prepare the budget proposal for the Center, submit it for the Management Board's opinion, and then for the Rector's approval,
- f) Prepare the Center's annual activity report and the work program for the following year, submit it for the Management Board's opinion, and then for the Rector's approval,
- g) Implement the approved Center budget and work program,
- h) Contact domestic and international institutions and organizations regarding the Center's activities to carry out suitable projects and mutual aid.

The Director is primarily responsible to the Rector for the regular execution, development, and resolution of problems related to the Center's activities.

VII. CENTER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Article 7 — The Management Board consists of the Director, Deputy Directors, and 4 members. Members are appointed by the Rector from among the academic staff of Marmara University for a term of three years upon the Director's recommendation.

VIII. DUTIES OF THE CENTER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Article 8 — The Center Management Board meets at least once a month upon the Director's invitation. Meetings can be held with one more than the number of members required for a quorum. Decisions are made by a simple majority. In the event of a tie, the side on which the Director voted prevails.

The Board's duties are:

- a) To make decisions regarding the management and operation of the Center in line with the objectives stated in this Regulation,
- b) To review and finalize annual work programs, activity reports from the previous year, and budget drafts in line with the Center's objectives,
- c) To make decisions on matters related to research, publication, and teaching support,
- d) To manage the activities of the revolving fund business established within the Center in accordance with the "Regulation on the Principles to be Followed in the Establishment of Revolving Fund Businesses" published in the Official Gazette No. 18098 dated July 5, 1983, in line with Article 58 of the Higher Education Law No. 2547,
- e) To prepare the long-term scientific plans and programs of the Center, establish necessary working groups and committees, and select members for these groups and committees.

Article 9 — The heads of working groups are selected by the Management Board and are recognized as experienced professionals with higher education and publications in their fields. Each group consists of branches, stations, ships, and sufficient numbers of researchers, specialists, laboratory staff, technicians, gardeners, drivers, and support staff. Group leaders are responsible to the Center Director for the scientific and administrative matters of their groups.

Article 10 — Academic staff of Marmara University who are required for the Center's activities can be assigned to the Center upon the Director's recommendation and the Rector's approval.

IX. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 11 — The Center's revenues are obtained from the sources specified in Article 55 of Law No. 2547 dated November 4, 1981.

Article 12 — Donations from domestic and foreign official and private organizations or materials, fixed assets, and vehicles acquired through these donations become the property of the Center and are recorded as fixed assets.

Article 13 — The appointment or assignment of any personnel working in the Center is done upon the Director's recommendation and the Rector's approval.

X. CENTER EXPENSES

Article 14 — The expenses of the Center are:

- a) Management and personnel expenses,
- b) Educational and training expenses,
- c) Budget expenses,
- d) Royalties, consulting, publication, award, and promotion expenses,
- e) Expenses related to projects and operating facilities,
- f) Other expenses as decided by the Management Board.

XI. AUTHORITY

Article 15 — The authority is vested in the Rector. The Rector may delegate this authority to the Center Director. **Article 16** — Matters not covered in this Regulation shall be governed by general provisions.

XII. IMPLEMENTATION PROVISIONS

Article 17 — This Regulation enters into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 18 — The provisions of this Regulation are executed by the Rector of Marmara University.