

LETTER TO THE EDITOR**Comment on “An Exploratory Study on the Perception of Air, Water, Soil, Visual and General Pollution in Ekoloji 98: 52-60.”**

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Dear Editor

As outlined by Murat et al, we are encouraged to see that people mostly agree with “in general there is an environmental pollution issue”. In their article, the data were collected in at least two cities from every region of Turkey. Environmental issue has attracted attentions as one of the most important issues of the last century. This problem is a phenomenon that threatens to sustainable life. Effective solution of this issue depends on conscious and awareness of people about environmental matters. Their article determined the level of awareness and attitudes to environmental issues in Turkey. Their data were collected from 7 regions and 25 cities via personal interview (2138).

Water, air, soil, visual and general pollutions are the criteria on which awareness and attitudes were evaluated in their study, which is also the standard practice in their research. We should determine how much the individuals are sensitive regarding water, air, soil and noise pollutions, and explore the factors that affect the awareness of the environmental pollution, and determine how individuals’ sensitivity is reflected in their behavior. Meanwhile, we should determine how we can improve the environmental awareness and how we transform the environmental awareness into movement.

What are we doing for environmental pollutions?

By investigating how much of the individual awareness is reflected in their behaviors. We explored the reflection of individuals in two categories: personal and social activities. Among all activities, the highest participation was observed in waste/garbage collection or monitoring activities (33%). All education groups believe there are water, air, and soil pollution issues. We consider that using schools should be one of the most effective methods to teach awareness and consciousness about environmental issues.

However, the authors point regarding conservative parameters is well made and highlights the need for practices. A planned review is currently ongoing. We welcome this additional data on the use of perception of environmental pollution and the positive experience of other services and look forward to future research. The solution of environmental pollution is not very far away.