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I LOVE İZMİR AND ITS PEOPLE.
I AM SURE THE BELOVED CITIZENS OF
BEAUTIFUL İZMİR RECIPROCATE MY LOVE.

MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATÜRK

11 OCTOBER 1922





İzmir, which is developing, growing and becoming more of a global city each day, holds a proud achievement since 30th November 2008. The future of leading cities will be evaluated by how much they value and respect nature and the environment. In this competitive World, only the cities that protect their seas, soil, air - the environment they live in - will



survive. At this point in civilization, it is inevitable that a wildlife zoo can no longer be a prison, but a natural habitat park where freedom is the center. İzmir Metropolitan Municipality adapted this understanding and built the İzmir Wildlife Park, which is not just a structure, but a seed sown in the ground of the city for the future. It is in fact a school that teaches our kids about the environment, and a project that allures them with the love of nature. İzmir Wildlife Park is the product of this concept, a natural habitat where animals are free and visitors enjoy interacting with them.

*Aziz Kocaoğlu
Mayor of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality*









Izmir, a pioneering city, with a visionary perspective and entrepreneurial spirit, has once again led the way.
Izmir has a new symbol now...

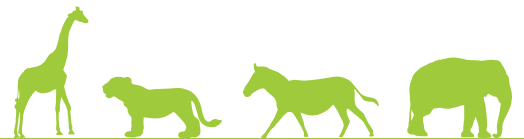


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Nature's
different
dimensions are
united in
harmony, respect
and happiness
on an area of
425.000 m².



This is a place like heaven
where people and animals
find peace, love and freedom.

Funded entirely
by İzmir
Metropolitan
Municipality's
own resources...



İzmir Wildlife Park, funded entirely by İzmir Metropolitan Municipality's own resources is not only an area set up for animals... It is an influential place for people's lives.









Thousands of students learn to respect nature, feed animals and feel the love of nature in their hearts. Can such children do anything to harm nature and humanity?

An opportunity to start new friendships in the cafeteria by drinking Turkish tea.
An opportunity to make new creations on your laptop. Lots of photographers visit the park to take pictures of nature.
Thousands of local and foreign tourists are interested in this beautiful place and they can't leave İzmir without visiting this beautiful park.





By exploring the park, people's level of consciousness and awareness increases. A rescued animal or the first elephant born in Turkey brings joy to people... Our lives improve when we love other living things. There is a new living space that affects people's perception of life.

İzmir
has got the Wildlife Park...

Changing the destiny of



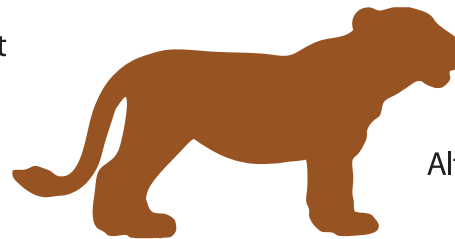
İzmir Metropolitan Municipality did not just build a park but managed to get attention and change perspective on animal rights in Turkey.

In 1937, Prime Minister İsmet İnönü and Mayor Behçet Uz came together for the opening ceremony of the first zoo in İzmir. To provide some animals for the zoo, a formal letter was sent to cities and towns around İzmir

explaining that “whoever captures a wild animal for the zoo will get paid” and the first animals for the zoo were provided from Anatolia. Later on, some other animals were provided to the zoo from abroad.

İzmir Zoo, located inside the İzmir International Fair, created a big sensation.

By 1938, in its first year, a total of 301,101 people visited the zoo. Although the zoo



animal rights in Turkey



kept on growing with the addition of new animals, it became insufficient and incapable in time.

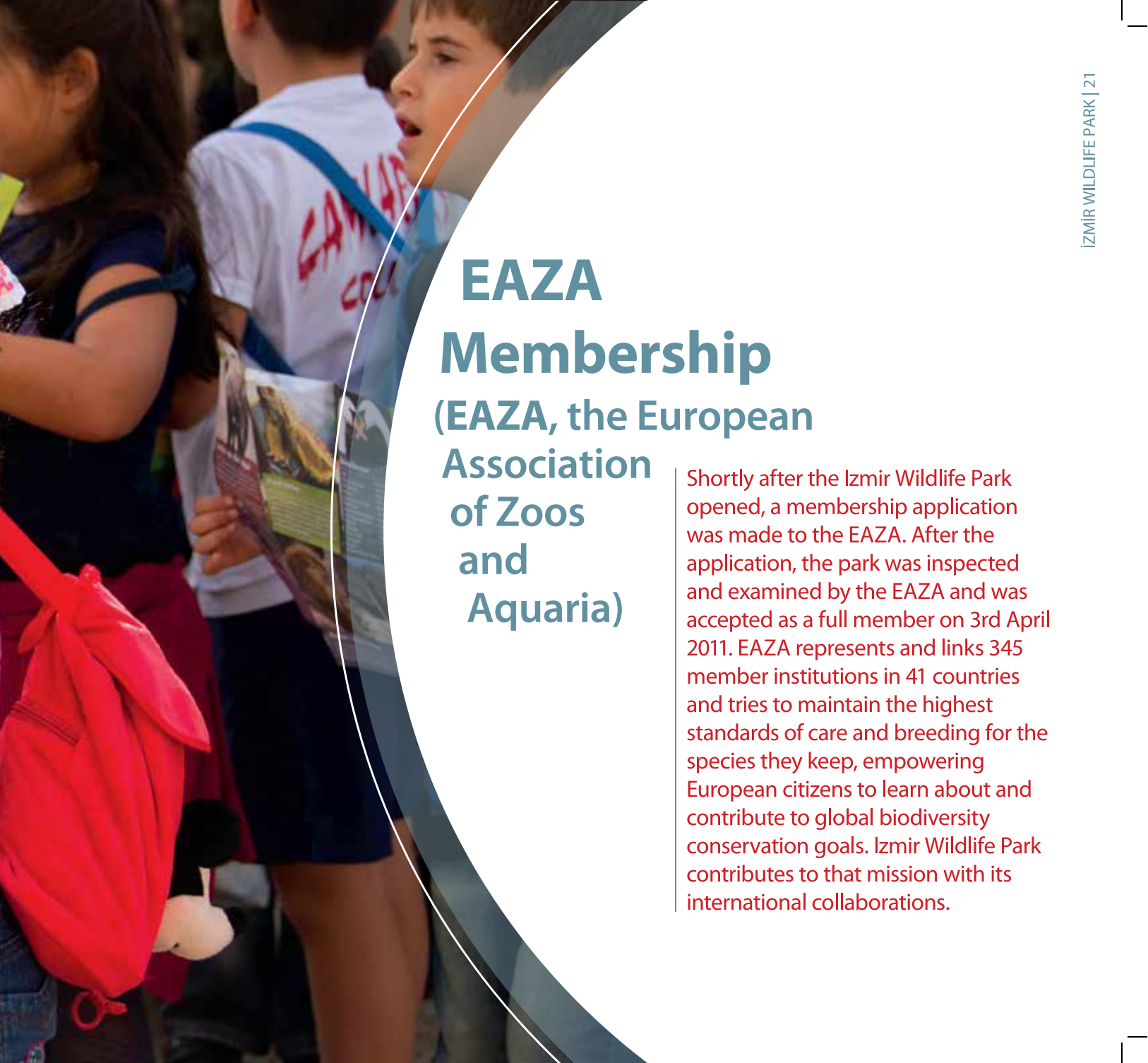
In 2006, the İzmir Wildlife Park Project started. In 2008, the project was finished, funded entirely by İzmir Metropolitan Municipality's own resources. Ever since, the residents of the park have been living a free, respectful and happy life. News from

the park has been followed by many people with great anticipation.

Once again, this news made Turkey realize that the happiness of animals could also aid people's happiness.





A background photograph of children at a zoo. In the foreground, a girl with long dark hair is seen from the side, wearing a dark blue top. Behind her, a boy in a white t-shirt with 'CANADA' printed on the back is looking towards the right. Another boy is partially visible behind him. A red bag is hanging from the girl's shoulder. The image is partially obscured by a large white circular graphic on the right side.

EAZA

Membership

(EAZA, the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria)

Shortly after the Izmir Wildlife Park opened, a membership application was made to the EAZA. After the application, the park was inspected and examined by the EAZA and was accepted as a full member on 3rd April 2011. EAZA represents and links 345 member institutions in 41 countries and tries to maintain the highest standards of care and breeding for the species they keep, empowering European citizens to learn about and contribute to global biodiversity conservation goals. Izmir Wildlife Park contributes to that mission with its international collaborations.

Over 1200 free and happy animals from 120 species...

İzmir Wildlife Park, opened on 30th November 2008, covers an area of 425 thousand square metres with more than 1200 different animals of more than 120 species.

- **Ponds**
(Swans, Ducks, Water Fowls)
- **Meerkats and Cape Ground Squirrels**
- **Guinea Pigs**
- **Pelicans**
(Great White Pelican and Dalmatian Pelican)
- **Peacocks and Pheasants**
- **African Savanna**
(Giraffes, Zebras, Hippopotamus, Ostriches)
- **Children's Zoo**
(Ponies, Pygmy Goats, Cameroon Sheep, Rabbits, Chicken, Turkeys, Turtles)
- **Gazelles**
- **Fallow Deer**



Grizzly Bear



- Wild Goats
- Red Deer
- Camels
- Aviary
(Aquatic Birds, Ducks, Storks)
- Birds of Prey
(Eagles, Hawks, Vultures, Owls)
- Haflinger Horses
- Parrots
- Wolves
- Bears
- Hyaenas
- Monkey Island
(Mona Monkeys, Velvet Monkeys,
Black Macaques)
- Asian Elephants
- Tropical Center
(Snakes, Lizards, Crocodiles,
Tortoises, Koi Fish, Macaws, Lemurs)
- Pumas
- Lions
- Tigers
- Lynxes





Tiger



Lion



Lynx



Puma (Mountain Lion)



Red Deer



Dromedary Camel



Cape Ground Squirrel



Pony

Intercontinental Journeys



of the Wildlife Park





Asian Elephants and the first elephant born in Turkey

'Begüm' and 'Winner', the descendants of endangered Asian elephants as well as 'İzmir', the first elephant born in Turkey, have been living in the Asian Elephants Shelter.

15.000 m² open area and 550 m² closed area is provided for the elephants in the Wildlife Park. Asian Elephants live freely in the park and enjoy being the center of attention.









An Unforgettable Story of 40 Years of Friendship

The citizens of İzmir showed true love and loyalty to their 40 year old elephant friend. This elephant is 'Pak Bahadur', that came to the zoo in 1967. 'Pak Bahadur' died in 2007 and was buried in the İzmir Wildlife Park with the special care and sensitivity of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality. The mausoleum made for 'Pak Bahadur' can be seen across from the Asian Elephants Shelter.





Say “hello” to Rain Forests

Tropical Center

This center inside the İzmir Wildlife Park makes the visitors feel like they are in a different country and season. Covering 2345 m², the center was equipped with special heaters and humidifiers at 26°C and 70% humidity level.





Nile Crocodile







In the Tropical Center, there are reptiles, crocodiles, ring-tailed lemurs, tortoises, parrots, koi fish and tropical plants.







The Exciting Wildlife

African Savanna

Savannas are grassland ecosystems with shrubs and tree communities. They are located between the tropical rainforests and deserts on both sides of the equator as large zones.



The savanna makes visitors feel like they are in Africa. In the African Savanna; Giraffes, Zebras, Hippopotamus, Ostriches live freely as they live in their natural habitat. 18.000 m² was reserved for the African Savanna in the park.







Hippopotamus





Free as Birds... Aviary

Aviary is an entirely isolated and enclosed area which covers 3.000 m². Here all visitors can observe various species of birds without any barriers. In this special area, duck species, peacocks, pheasant species and storks can freely walk around.









Around 600 m² of land is covered with nets where 33 parrots from different species live. In 2011, a waterfall was made to increase the welfare of these animals.

Watching the Parrots and Birds of Prey Shelter provides a unique experience for the visitors.





Where love for nature and animals is born: Children's Zoo

Izmir Wildlife Park is succeeding in its national and international mission of "creating love for nature". Since opening, it has been giving special attention to children.







The park is illuminated with hundreds of thousands of children's happiness. The children can see, touch and feed the ponies, pygmy goats, cameroon sheep, rabbits, chickens, turkeys and turtles. These moments of interaction between children and animals help the next generation to respect and protect nature and its wild life.



Also a center for nature education...

In order to make a big difference in the future of Turkey and the World.

Another mission of the İzmir Wildlife Park is to increase levels of awareness, respect, love and conservation for animals and the environment. Therefore, the most important part of the park is the Education Center.

A training unit that consists of biologists, trainers, zoologists and vets give special training to the staff and visitors of all ages.

Moreover, special activities are arranged for the visitors and wild animals with regular behaviour courses being given to the animals. (Activities and trainings can be followed on our website).





In the training room, skeletons, skin, fur, horns, carapax and eggs of animals that passed away are exhibited.

This exhibition created by the clinical team is preliminary preparation for the Zoology and Skeleton Museum Project.

A new attraction center for tourism: Around 4.000.000 visitors in four years

The increasing number of visitors over the past years shows that the Izmir Wildlife Park holds a very important place in Izmir's tourism. Tours from nearby cities are also arranged and tourists consider the park as a "must see".





It is also a leisure site for citizens of Izmir to enjoy during holidays. For example, in 2012 during a National holiday, 45.000 people visited the park in four days. Two cafeterias managed by the Grand Plaza Inc. serve the customers in the park. Also “Bahadır Souvenir Shop” inside the park sells merchandise related to animals. Four different playgrounds for children are enjoyed by the kids who are fed up with city life.



Health and hope for animals in the wild...

Wildlife Park Clinic

The Wildlife Park Clinic does not just help injured or sick animals in the park but also animals in nature. Animals taken into the park through the approval of the Forestry and Water Department are treated, rehabilitated and then returned to the wild. Animals that cannot survive in the wild are kept and looked after in shelters.







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