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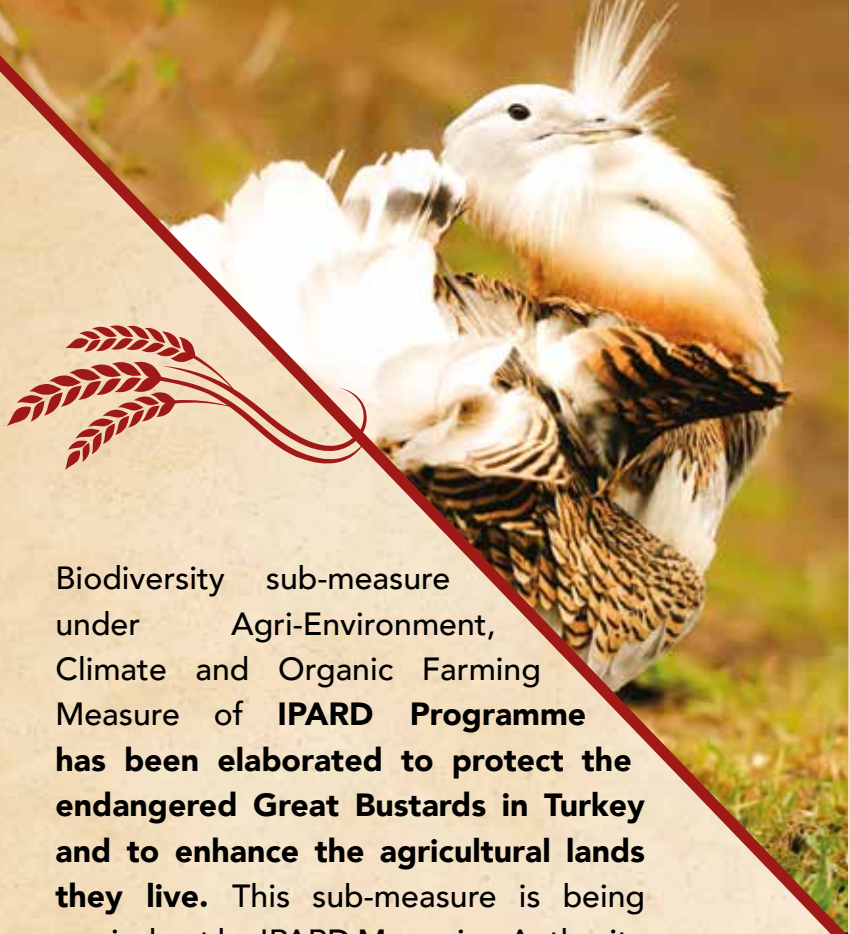
**PROTECTION of**  
**ENDANGERED**  
***GREAT BUSTARDS***  
**LIVING in TURKEY**

*Biodiversity sub-measure under Agri-Environment, Climate and Organic Farming Measure of IPARD Programme*



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Biodiversity sub-measure under Agri-Environment, Climate and Organic Farming Measure of **IPARD Programme** has been elaborated to protect the endangered Great Bustards in Turkey and to enhance the agricultural lands they live. This sub-measure is being carried out by IPARD Managing Authority of Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in cooperation with Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution (ARDSI). **The finance of the sub-measure is provided by European Union and Turkish Republic together.**

In today's Europe, farmers play a crucial role in the protection of the populations of this **very attractive and specific steppe bird**. You can also protect this valuable bird in your own land.

## Importance of Great Bustard in Agriculture

The **Great Bustard** (*Otis tarda*), one of the heaviest flying birds in the world (females are 6-10, males are nearly 15 kg), is very important for sustainable agriculture. It **cleans our agricultural lands and clears our crops of pests**. Providing the continuity of Great Bustard's existence and to develop its population is essential for the future's sustainable agricultural practices.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PROTECT THE GREAT BUSTARDS IN AGRICULTURAL LANDS

-  Leave a small part of your crop **unharvested** in the land,
-  Every year leave some of your lands on long-term **fallow rotation**,
-  Grow **cereals and leguminous crops**,
-  **Do not burn stubble**,
-  **Do not harvest at night**,
-  **No chemical fertilizers, herbicides and fungicides** on cereals and legumes between 1 March and 1 July,
-  **No using of insecticides during the 5-years commitment** for any crops,
-  **No new drainage**,
-  **No new fences**.