

ORAL, Nilufer (Turkey)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Istanbul Bilgi University Law School – Law School Faculty Member

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Nilufer Oral has extensive experience in the areas of marine environmental protection, shipping and climate change. She has served as co-chair of the Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law since 2005. She has been actively involved in the work of the IUCN Mediterranean Centre and Global Oceans Programme for improved governance of the Mediterranean Sea beyond national jurisdiction. She has also worked in close collaboration with the Black Sea Commission for the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution and with the Mediterranean Action Programme. Professor Oral has also been involved with the work of IUCN on the protection of the high seas. In Turkey, she has worked closely with the Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council on projects related to protection of the marine environment. In addition, Professor Oral is the legal advisor and a negotiator for Turkey at the UNFCCC meetings for climate change. She has also worked as an international legal expert on a UNDP-UNEP project for developing Turkey's legislation on adaptation to climate change.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Nifufur Oral is actively involved in many environmental international and regional organizations. She is the first member from Turkey of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law and has actively promoted the work of the Commission in Turkey and regionally. She has hosted several IUCN meetings in Turkey since her membership in 2004. In addition, she serves as a member of the International Oceans Institute (IOI) headquartered in Malta which actively promotes through capacity building activities, protection of the coastal and marine environment in regions around the world including the Black Sea and Caspian region.

Professor Oral has demonstrated a strong commitment to conservation issues and is respected for her active engagement by her colleagues nationally and internationally.

Professor Oral is fluent in Turkish, English and French.