

A Study on Macrofungal diversity of Bozyazı Province (Mersin), Turkey

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ABSTRACT

The material under study comprises macrofungi specimens that were collected from different localities in Bozyazı (Mersin) between 2005 and 2007. As the result of field and laboratory studies, 96 taxa belong to 11 of Ascomycota, and 85 taxa of 12 orders and 41 families of Basidiomycota were identified.

Key Words: *Macrofungi, Bozyazı (Mersin), Turkey.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Numerous studies of the macrofungal diversity for Turkey have been conducted and these studies were given as a checklist in different times [1-4]. Recently, new additions were also added to these data which were not included in the previous checklists [5-12].

According to the relevant literature, there is no research have been made on macrofungal diversity in Bozyazı region covering 700 km² in south of Turkey (Figure 1). The study area was selected by considering its apparent

potential in supporting an abundantly rich macrofungi biota growing in different habitats located in the Bozyazı.

The county is at the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, Anamur County is in its west, Aydıncık County is in its east and Ermenek County is in its north. According to climatologic data of Bozyazı meteorological station, the climate of the area is humid and semi-humid Mediterranean-type climate with annual rainfall of 965 mm. and 10 °C annual average temperature.

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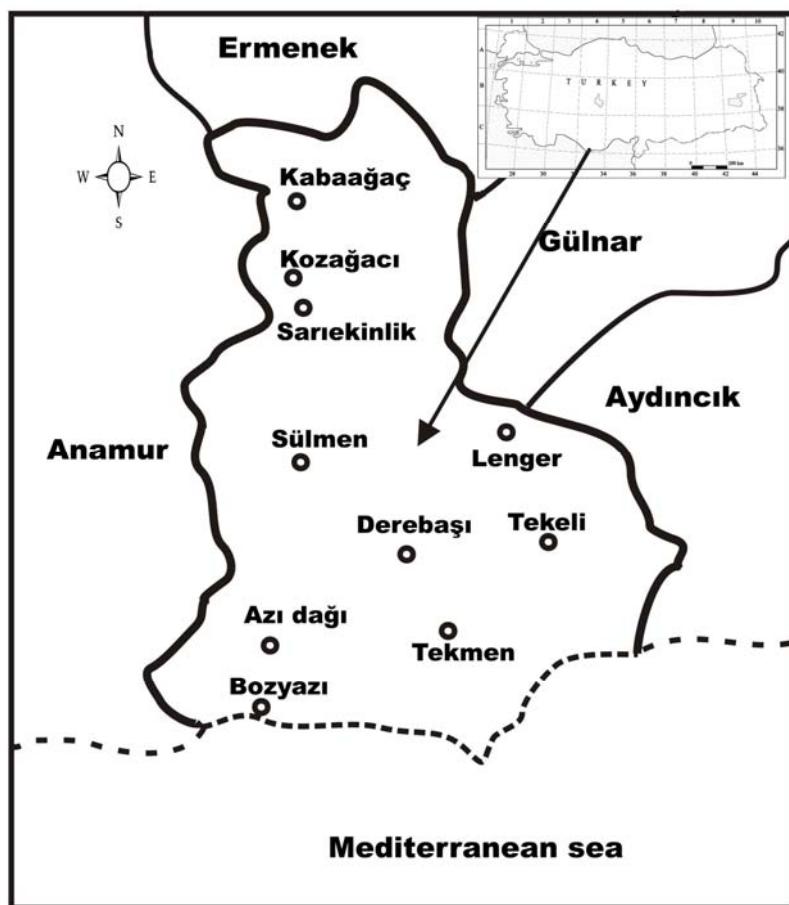


Figure 1. The map of Bozyazı (1/400000).

In the study area, the leathery leafed 2-3 m high, dense scrub of evergreen shrubs is common that of true macchie. The area extends from the coast up to the altitude of 800m. The forest vegetation consists of deciduous and coniferous forests, which are represented by *Pinus brutia* Ten at 0-900m, *Pinus nigra* J.F. Arn. subsp. *nigra* var. *caramanica* (Loudon) Rehder at 900-1900m, *Abies cilicica* (Ant. & Kotschy) Carr. subsp. *isaurica* Coode & Cullen, *Cedrus libani* A.Rich. at 1200-1800m, *Juniperus excelsa* M.Bieb. and *J. foetidissima* Willd.. The vegetation of these localities can be pure or mixed with deciduous trees, *Quercus* spp. *Phyllirea latifolia* L., *Laurus nobilis* L., *Crateagus monogyna* Jacq., *Myrtus communis* L., *Pistacia terebinthus* L., *P. lentiscus* L. and *Nerium oleander* L.. *Salix alba* L., and *Populus* L. spp. which can be also found in forests near the stream.

2. THE METHODOLOGY

Fungal specimens were searched and collected between 2005 and 2007. The field studies for the search and collection of the fungal specimens were conducted mostly in the autumn and spring seasons of 2005 – 2007 periods, considering the most suitable climatic conditions for carpophore formation.

A microscope and reagents (Melzer reagent, 5 % KOH, cotton blue, sulphovanillin etc) were used for the identification of fungi. The determination of the recorded species was accomplished during the field trips or afterwards, in the Mycological Laboratory. The species

were identified with the help of the data and information in the literature [13-23]. All specimens are kept at Selçuk University Mushroom and Application Centre (KONYA).

3. FINDINGS

Taxa, family and author citations are listed according to the sources [24-26]. Family and species names are given as alphabetical orders in the text. Localities, collection dates, fungarium registration numbers (K: Küçük; D: Doğan) of the taxa are also given.

Ascomycota Caval.-Sm.

Pezizales J. Schröt.

Caloscyphaceae Harmaja

Caloscypha fulgens (Pers.) Boud.

Sariekinlik plateau, in mixed cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 11.05.2005, K&D.90; 28.04.2007, K&D.383.

Helvellaceae Fr.

Helvella atra J. König

Azi Dağı, in mixed red pine and *Quercus* forest, 150m, 04.02.2005, K&D.38.

Morchellaceae Rchb.

Morchella deliciosa Fr.

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 16.05.2006, K&D.204; Kozağacı plateau, in

cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 06.05.2006, K&D.117.

Morchella esculenta (L.) Pers.

Sarıekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 11.05.2006, K&D.80.

Morchella esculenta (L.) Pers. var. *rigida* (Krombh.) I.R. Hall, P.K. Buchanan, Y. Wang & Cole

Sarıekinlik plateau, Ağız Boğazı district, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.150; 16.05.2006, K&D.203; Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 24.05.2006, K&D.358.

Morchella esculenta (L.) Pers. var. *umbrina* (Boud.) S. Imai

Sarıekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 16.05.2006, K&D.208.

Morchella vulgaris (Pers.) Boud.

Kabağaç plateau, in black pine forest, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.165.

Pezizaceae Dumort.

Peziza granulosa Schumach.

Beyreli district, in red pine forest, 150m, 18.01.2005, K&D.28.

Sarcosphaera coronaria (Jacq.) J. Schröt.

Sarıekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2005, K&D.132, 138, 16.05.2006, K&D.194; Sarıekinlik plateau, Ağız Boğazı district, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 11.05.2005, K&D.149; Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 06.05.2006, K&D.108; Kabağaç plateau, in Juniper forest, 1300m, 16.05.2006, K&D.175.

Pyronemataceae Corda

Geopora sumneriana (Cooke) M. Torre

Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 11.05.2005, K&D.71; Sarıekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.136, 139.

Rhizinaceae Bonord

Rhizina undulata Fr.

Sarıekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.134.

Basidiomycota Whittaker ex Moore

Agaricales Underw.

Agaricaceae Chevall

Agaricus bisporus (J.E. Lange) Imbach

Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 06.05.2006, K&D.107; 17.05.2006, K&D.216; Sarıekinlik plateau, Ağız Boğazı district in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.151, 193; Kabağaç plateau, in Juniper forest, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.176; 16.05.2006, K&D.186

Lepiota erminea (Fr.) Gillet

Azı Dağı, in red pine and *Quercus* forest, 150m, 04.02.2005. K&D.38.

Leucoagaricus leucothites (Vittad.) Wasser

Azı Dağı, in red pine and *Quercus* forest, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.14; Beyreli district, in red pine and *Quercus* forest, 50m, 16.11.2005, K&D.94; 150m, 16.11.2006, K&D.287.

Lycoperdon caudatum J. Schröt.

Derebaşı, in red pine forest, 200m, 16.11.2005, K&D.101.

Lycoperdon lividum Pers.

Kabağaç plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 16.05.2006, K&D.183.

Lycoperdon molle Pers.

Sülmen district, in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2006, K&D.308; Sarıekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 24.11.2006, K&D.347; Azı Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.13.

Macrolepiota excoriata (Schaeff.) Wasser

Azı Dağı, on grass in red pine and *Quercus* forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.262; Sülmen district, in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2006, K&D.304.

Macrolepiota mastoidea (Fr.) Singer

Sülmen district, in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2006, K&D.309; Beyreli district, in red pine and *Quercus* forest, 150m, 09.12.2006, K&D.387.

Amanitaceae R. Heim ex Pouzar

Amanita argentea Huijsman

Azı Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.252, 271; Sülmen district, in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2006, K&D.288, 294.

Amanita ovoidea (Bull.) Link

Azı Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.02; Sülmen district, in red pine and *Quercus* forest, 650m, 16.11.2006, K&D.267.

Amanita vaginata (Bull.) Lam.

Azı Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.252, 263, 265.

Hydnangiaceae Gäum. & C.W. Dodge

Laccaria laccata (Scop.) Cooke

Sülmen district, in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2006, K&D.312.

Hygrophoraceae Lotsy

Ampulloclitocybe clavipes (Pers.) Redhead, Lutzoni, Moncalvo & Vilgalys

Azı Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 16.11.2005, K&D.96; Sarıekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 24.11.2006, K&D.367.

Hygrocybe persistens (Britzelm.) Singer var. *persistens*

Azı Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.268.

Hygrophorus agathosmus (Fr.) Fr.

Azi Dağı, in mixed red pine and *Quercus* forest, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.21, 23; Kabaağaç plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 11.05.2005, K&D.58, 64, 66.

Inocybaceae Jülich

Inocybe geophylla (Pers.) P. Kumm var. *geophylla*

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.123, 126, 135; Kabaağaç plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 16.05.2006, K&D.73; Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 17.05.2006, K&D.222; 17.11.2006, K&D.217, 227, 228, 229, 231, 232; Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.278.

Inocybe perlata (Cooke) Sacc.

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.22.

Inocybe posterula (Britzelm.) Sacc.

Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 17.05.2006, K&D.215.

Inocybe rimososa (Bull.) P. Kumm var. *rimososa*

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.154, 207; Kabaağaç plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.173; Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 17.05.2006, K&D.214; Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.250.

Marasmiaceae Roze ex Kühner

Gymnopus perforans (Hoffm.) Antonín & Noordel.

Sariekinlik plateau, in needle litter of cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.133.

Omphalotus illudens (Schwein.) Bresinsky & Besl

Azi Dağı, on stump of red pine, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.241.

Mycenaceae Overeem

Mycena haematopus (Pers.) P. Kumm

Kabaağaç plateau, on rotten wood of fir tree, 1300m, 11.05.2005, K&D.35.

Xeromphalina campanella (Batsch) Maire

Azi Dağı, on rotten wood of red pine, 150m, 16.11.2006, K&D.153.

Physalacriaceae Corner

Oudemansiella melanotricha (Dörfelt) M.M. Moser

Sariekinlik plateau, under fir tree, 1200m, 24.11.2006, K&D.354.

Pleurotaceae Kühner

Hohenbuehelia petalooides (Bull.) Schulzer

Kozağacı plateau, on rotten wood of fir tree, 1250m, 01.05.2005, K&D.374.

Hohenbuehelia tremula (Schaeff.) Thorn & G.L. Barron

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 24.11.2006, K&D.339.

Pleurotus eryngii (DC.) Quél.

Sariekinlik plateau, under *Eryngium* sp. in *Juniper* forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.166.

Pleurotus ostreatus (Jacq.) P. Kumm.

Beyreli district, on poplar, 50m, 23.02.2005, K&D.56; 12.11.2006, K&D.273.

Pleurotus pulmonarius (Fr.) Quél.

Beyreli district, on *Ficus carica*, 50m, 02.04.2005, K&D.30.

Pluteaceae Kotl. & Pouzar

Volvariella gloiocephala (DC.) Boekhout & Enderle

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 10.12.2004, K&D.15; Kabaağaç plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 11.05.2005, K&D.59; Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 24.11.2006, K&D.338; Beyreli district, on grass, 50m, 29.12.2007 K&D.388, 389.

Psathyrellaceae Vilgalys, Moncalvo & Redhead

Panaeolus papilionaceus (Bull.) Quél. var. *papilionaceus*

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.270.

Psathyrella multipedata (Peck) A.H. Sm.

Kabaağaç plateau, in fir forest, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.153.

Psathyrella tephrophylla (Romagn.) M. M. Moser

Azi Dağı, on damp soil, in red pine and *Quercus* forest, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.25; 04.02.2005, K&D.40.

Schizophyllaceae Quél.

Schizophyllum commune Fr.

Beyreli district, on *Quercus* stump, 50m, 18.07.2007, K&D.386.

Strophariaceae Singer & A.H. Sm.

Agrocybe cylindracea (DC.) Maire

Kozağacı plateau, on fir trunk, 1250m, 24.11.2006, K&D.362.

Agrocybe pediades (Fr.) Fayod

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 04.02.2005, K&D.47.

Agrocybe vervacti (Fr.) Singer

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 16.11.2005, K&D.97, 102.

Galerina paludosa (Fr.) Kühner

Azi Dağı, on damp moses in red pine forest, 150m, 16.11.2006, K&D.285.

Hebeloma mesophaeum (Pers.) Quél.

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 16.11.2006, K&D.254.

Tricholomataceae R. Heim ex Pouzar

Clitocybe fragrans (With.) P. Kumm.

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 16.11.2005, K&D.98.

Lepista nuda (Bull.) Cooke

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 16.11.2006, K&D.284.

Leucopaxillus gentianaeus (Quél.) Kotl.

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.122; Kabaağac plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 11.05.2005, K&D.184; Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 17.05.2005, K&D.233.

Melanoleuca cognata (Fr.) Konr. & Maubl. var. *cognata*

Kabaağac plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 11.05.2005, K&D.30, 189; Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.114.

Melanoleuca exscissa (Fr.) Singer var. *exscissa*

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.116, 199.

Melanoleuca graminicola (Velen.) Kühner & Maire

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 11.05.2005, K&D.72.

Melanoleuca stridula (Fr.) Singer

Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 01.05.2005, K&D.43; 24.11.2006, K&D.378.

Melanoleuca nivea Métrod ex Boekhout

Kabaağac plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.160; Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 28.04.2007, K&D.82.

Phyllotopsis nidulans (Pers.) Singer

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.239.

Tricholoma albobrunneum (Pers.) P. Kumm.

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.236, 255; Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 24.11.2006, K&D.352.

Tricholoma argyraceum (Bull.) Gillet

Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 24.11.2006, K&D.373.

Tricholoma sculpturatum (Fr.) Quél.

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.249.

Tricholoma myomyces (Pers.) J.E. Lange

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.10, 11, 19.

Auriculariales J. Schröt.

Auriculariaceae Fr.

Auricularia auricula-judae (Bull.) Quél.

Beyreli district, on stump of *Ceratonia siliqua*, 50m, 10.11.2004, K&D.01.

Boletales E.-J. Gilbert

Gomphidiaceae Maire ex Jülich

Chroogomphus rutilus (Schaeff.) O.K. Mill.

Derebaşı, in red pine forest, 170m, 04.02.2005, K&D.33; Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.238, 253; 16.11.2006, K&D.279; Sülmen district, in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2006, K&D.298.

Paxillaceae Lotsy

Paxillus involutus (Batsch) Fr.

Beyreli district, on *Olea europea*, 50m, 12.11.2006, K&D.251.

Rhizopogonaceae Gäum. & C.W. Dodge

Rhizopogon luteolus Fr. & Nordholm

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 04.02.2005, K&D.32; 16.11.2005, K&D.92; 29.12.2007, K&D.391; Kabaağac plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.140; 24.11.2006, K&D.322.

Rhizopogon roseolus (Corda.) Th.Fr.

Sülmen district, in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2006, K&D.313.

Suillaceae Besl & Bresinsky

Suillus grevillei (Klotzsch) Singer

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 16.11.2005, K&D.100; Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 24.11.2006, K&D.351, 365.

Tapinellaceae C. Hahn

Tapinella atrotomentosa (Batsch) Šutara

Beyreli district, on root of *Olea europea*, 50m, 10.11.2004, K&D.12.

Cantharellales Gäum.

Clavulinaceae Donk

Membranomyces spurius (Bourd.) Jülich

Sariekinlik plateau, in rotten wood of fir tree, 1200m, 11.05.2005, K&D.85.

Dacrymycetales Lindau

Dacrymycetaceae J. Schröt

Dacrymyces variisporus Mc Nabb

Sariekinlik plateau, on rotten wood of cedar, 1200m, 11.05.2005, K&D.87.

Geastrales K. Hosaka & Castellano

Geastraceae Corda

Geastrum fimbriatum Fr.

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 16.05.2006, K&D.144, 384; Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.245.

Geastrum pectinatum Pers.

Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 11.05.2005, K&D.89; Kabaağac plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 24.11.2006, K&D.323.

Gloeophyllales* Thorn**Gloeophyllaceae* Jülich***Gloeophyllum abietinum* (Bull.) P. Karst.

Kozağacı plateau, on fallen trunk of fir, 1250m, 06.05.2005, K&D.106.

Gloeophyllum odoratum (Wulfen) İmazeki

Sariekinlik plateau, on decaying wood of cedar, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.145.

Gloeophyllum trabeum (Pers.) Murrill

Sariekinlik plateau, on decaying wood of black pine, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.121.

Gomphales* Jülich**Gomphaceae* Donk***Ramaria flava* (Schaeff.) Quél.Sariekinlik plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1200m, 01.05.2006, K&D.111; 06.05.2006, K&D.172; Kozağacı plateau, in cedar and fir forest, 1250m, 16.05.2006, K&D.185; Kabañaç plateau, in *Juniper* forest, 1300m, 17.05.2006, K&D.213.***Hymenochaetales* Oberw.*****Hymenochaetaceae* Imazeki & Toki***Phellinus pomaceus* (Pers.) MaireAzi Dağı, on stump of *Prunus* sp., 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.248.*Porodaedalea pini* (Brot.) Murrill

Azi Dağı, on stump of red pine tree, 150m, 29.12.2007, K&D.393.

Schizophoraceae* JülichHyphodontia arguta* (Fr.) J. Erikss.

Kozağacı plateau, on wood debris of fir, 1250m, 06.05.2005, K&D.113, 119.

Hyphodontia juniperi (Bourdot & Galzin) J. Erikss. & HjortstamKabañaç plateau, on bark of *Juniper excelsa*, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.164.***Phallales* E. Fisch.*****Phallaceae* Corda***Phallus impudicus* L. var. *impudicus*Azi Dağı, in mixed red pine and *Quercus* forest, 150m, 12.11.2006, K&D.275.***Polyporales* Gäum.*****Fomitopsidaceae* Jülich***Antrodia juniperina* (Murrill) Niemela & RyvardenKabañaç plateau, on living trunk of *Juniperus excelsa*, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.161.***Ganodermataceae* Donk*****Ganoderma applanatum* (Pers.) Pat.**Beyreli district, on stump of *Quercus* sp., 50m, 22.05.2007, K&D.385.***Meruliaceae* Rea***Hyphoderma occidentale* (D.P. Rogers) Boidin & Gilles

Sariekinlik plateau, on wood debris of fir, 1200m, 11.05.2005, K&D.84.

Abortiporus biennis (Bull.) Singer

Beyreli district, on wood remnant of red pine, 150m, 15.02.2005 K&D.55.

Polyporaceae* Fr. ex CordaCoriolopsis gallica* (Fr.) RyvardenBeyreli district, on stump of *Armeniaca vulgaris*, 50m, 03.01.2005, K&D.27; on stump of poplar, 50m, 04.01.2006, K&D.53; Azi Dağı, on stump of *Quercus*, 150m, 05.05.2005, K&D.38; Kozağacı plateau, on stump of poplar, 50m, 24.11.2006, K&D.360.*Pyrofomes demidoffii* (Lév.) Kotl. & PouzarKabañaç plateau, on living trunk of *Juniperus excelsa*, 1300m, 06.05.2006, K&D.305.*Trametes versicolor* (L.) LloydAzi Dağı, on stump of *Quercus*, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.18.*Trichaptum abietinum* (Dicks.) Ryvarden

Sariekinlik plateau, on stump an bark of fir, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.148; 16.05.2006, K&D.206.

Xenasmataceae* Oberw.Xenasmatella vaga* (Fr.) Stalpers

Sariekinlik plateau, on rotten wood of fir, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.142.

Russulales Kreisel ex P.M. Kirk, P.F. Cannon & J.C. David***Russulaceae* Lotsy***Lactarius deliciosus* (L.) Gray

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 10.11.2004, K&D.03; 12.11.2007, K&D.235; Sülmen district, in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2007, K&D.300.

Lactarius deterrimus Gröger

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 16.11.2005, K&D.103.

Lactarius sanguifluus (Paulet) Fr.

Azi Dağı, in red pine forest, 150m, 04.02.2004, K&D.35; Sülmen district in red pine forest, 650m, 16.11.2007, K&D.288.

Stereaceae* PilátStereum rameale* (Schwein.) BurtSariekinlik plateau, on stump of *Quercus*, 1200m, 06.05.2006, K&D.140.

4. DISCUSSION

The total numbers of registered macrofungi in the research area are 96. These taxa belong to Ascomycota 11, and Basidiomycota 85 with 12 order and 41 families.

The common families are *Tricholomataceae* with 13 taxa, *Agaricaceae* with 7 taxa, *Strophariaceae* with 6 taxa, *Morchellaceae* and *Pleurotaceae* with 5 taxa each. The numbers of the other Families are less than 5 species.

The study area supports an abundantly rich macrofungi biota growing in different habitats, such as red pine, fir,

cedar, oak and juniper forests. In these substrates, especially cedar and fir stands are very suitable for the growth of macrofungi [27, 28].

The most common habitats for macrofungi taxa are cedar and fir forest with 45 samples, red pine forest with 43 samples, juniper forest with 17, red pine and oak forest with 14 samples; other different substrates with 12 samples were fir forest with 11 and oak forest with 5 samples (Fig 2).

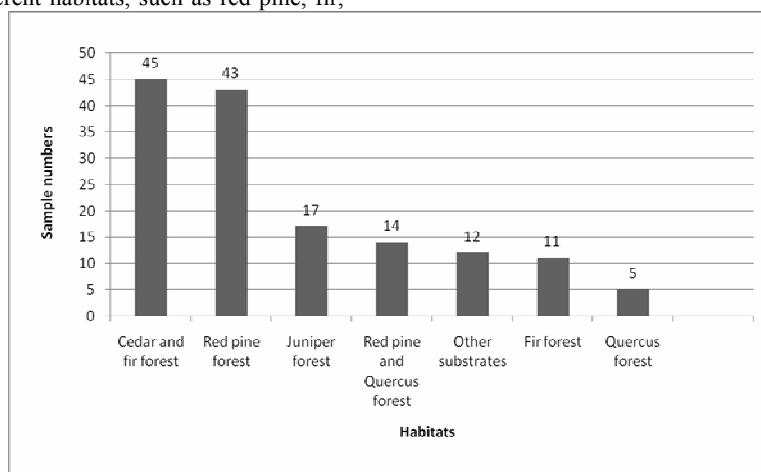


Figure 2. The distribution of the habitats.

There are 67 terricolous taxa and the numbers of lignicolous taxa are 29. In numbers, the proportion of the lignicolous macromycetes species to the substrates is as follows: Fir 6, oak 5, juniper 3, poplar 3, black pine 2, red pine 2, cedar 2, *Olea europaea* 2, *Armeniaca vulgaris* 1, *Prunus* sp. 1, *Ceratonia siliqua* 1 and *Ficus carica* 1. Some of them live as parasites on living trees, which cause organic product loss and structural damage in the host trees.

The important parasite taxa are *Omphalatus illudens*, *Pleurotus ostreatus*, *P. pulmonarius*, *Schizophyllum commune*, *Paxillus involutus*, *Phellinus pini*, *P. pomaceus*, *Antrodia juniperina*, *Pyrofomes demidoffii*, *Coriolopsis gallica*, *Trametes versicolor* and *Stereum rameale*.

Two taxa, *Antrodia juniperina* and *Pyrofomes demidoffii* are special and dangerous parasite on *Juniper spp.* and causes considerable damage on juniper associations. Like this, *Phellinus pini* is also very harmful on pine trees.

The investigations reported on the closest regions to the research area are: Karaman [28], Alanya [29], Hadim-Taşkent [30] and Mediterranean region of Turkey [31, 32]. Comparison of the macrofungi of Bozyazı with the relevant literature shows similarities with the findings of studies conducted in these neighbouring regions as expected, considering the similarities in plant flora, vegetation and climate.

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