

# Our Contributions to Waste Collection and Recycling

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## OUR WASTE OIL AND BATTERY COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Waste oil discharged into the sewage system mixes into soil and water and cause a high level of pollution. 1 liter of waste oil makes 1 million liters of clean water unusable. We deliver the waste oil that we collect from our customers through our stores and Migros Sanal Market (our e-commerce channel) to a licensed company authorized by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. Biodiesel production is conducted by this oil. In 2019, we **delivered 30 tons of waste vegetable oil** collected through waste oil collection units located in 80 percent of our stores **to licensed companies.**

**30 tons of waste vegetable oil and 4.5 tons of waste batteries were collected in 2019.**

By the collected waste vegetable oil, we also contributed to the cleaning of the seas through the TURMEPA Marine Clean Association. As part of the **Waste Vegetable Oil Collection Project** being conducted under our leadership, **contributions to keep Selimiye Bay located at Hisarönü Gulf clean are made** by donations made for the boat DENİZTEMİZ 3. Through the service it offers, DENİZTEMİZ 3 collected 49,751



## 400,000 liters of sea water was kept clean in cooperation with TURMEPA .

liters of wastewater equivalent to the wastewater generated by 275 people from 158 boats in 2019. In other words, mixing of black and gray water equivalent to approximately 2,700 carboys into the sea was prevented. **In this way, it was ensured that 400,000 liters of sea water was kept clean.**

We are also providing mediation for eco-friendly disposal of batteries and electronic equipment, which are among the hazardous waste. In 2019, we delivered **4.5 tons of waste batteries** collected from our customers in battery boxes in our stores to the Foundation of Manufacturers and Importers of Portable Batteries (TAP) authorized by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. When



the waste batteries, which are brought to our stores as part of the project **"Give the Batteries to Migros and the Milk to Kids"** that was launched in 2019, are delivered to TAP, **1 liter of UHT whole-fat milk of Migros brand is donated to the Koruncuk Foundation** (Turkish Foundation for Children in Need of Protection) **in return for each waste battery of 1 kg.** As part of the project, which will continue also in 2020, **4,115 liters of milk was donated in 2019.** Since 2017, **we have been collecting**

waste vegetable oil and waste batteries from the houses of our customers by Migros Sanal Market and deliver them to recycling points. Within the scope of this service that has been implemented for the first time in Turkey, **91 kg batteries and 219 kg waste vegetable oil have been recycled in 2019**. In 2019, we delivered **92 tons of electrical and electronic equipment**, which we collected from our customers, to licensed institutions authorized by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization and **had them recycled**.

*The amount of waste we collected by year is available in the section of Annexes.*



### OUR PRACTICES SUPPORTING RECYCLING

Through our project "Bring Us Back to Life" that we carried out in our Head Office and regional directorates in previous years, we ensured that packaging waste, paper, glass waste and organic waste were recycled at the source. This year, we will realize the **Green Office program** implemented for savings and improvements in the offices **in cooperation with WWF-Turkey**. In this context, we aim to raise awareness of our employees about energy savings, carbon emissions, renewable resources, conscious use of natural resources and changing lifestyle. In 2019 we consider systematically evaluate the resources we consume then we will put into practice the measurement and monitoring systems determining the relevant saving criteria in the next year.

We are in close contact with the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization and actively participate in the working groups for establishment of the deposit system to be implemented for beverage packaging as of 2021 as part of the Zero Waste Project. In consequence of the meetings held by formation of working groups for deposit study with many

stakeholders such as WWF - Turkey, BCG, manufacturers and consumers, 'Waste Management Report' was drawn up for beverage packaging in Turkey.

### We accomplished to have 17,264 tons of wood, paper - cardboard, metal, plastics and glass recycled in total in 2019.

Protection of Green Sea Turtles in Akyatan Region of Adana and Dolphin Species in Dilek Peninsula of Kusadasi, being the projects of WWF - Turkey, were supported by the revenue derived from the sales of the cereal products of Nestlé as part

of our campaign. Through this project, 359 nests were designated in Akyatan Region of Adana, and 10,000 baby green turtles were helped to the sea. In the marine area of Dilek Peninsula National Park, the activities to determine the number of dolphins and to protect them, and to establish a nature observation system and increase the capacity of local authorities were carried out. In addition, approximately 3.22 tons of packaging was collected for recycling through the recycling project in accordance with the information received from ÇEVKO.

### We prevented chopping of 89,806 trees by means of such wooden, paper and cardboard products that have been recycled.



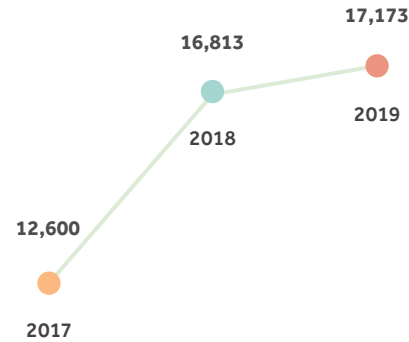
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We collect non-hazardous metal, wooden, paper- cardboard, plastic, glass waste, at their source, arising from our operational activities, and recycle them by the best methods through licensed companies. We design the packaging of our private label products so as to be suitable for recycling, and we also enable recycling of the packaging waste of these products **in cooperation with ÇEVKO**. Within the scope of the targets set forth under the Regulation on Control of Packaging Waste, our company has an improvement goal that is updated every year. **In 2019, we collected 6,200 tons of packaging waste, and recycled 54 percent of packaging waste of our private label products** by achieving the target we set. Through these activities, we accomplished to have 17,173 tons of wooden, paper-cardboard, metal, plastics and glass recycled in total in 2019. We prevented **chopping of 89,806 trees** by means of such wooden, paper and cardboard products that have been recycled.

In 2019, employees of Macrocenter, who aimed to leave a livable beach and environment, started to clean the Aegean coasts by the end of the summer. A shared value was created, and awareness was

raised through the support of the local people to Macrocenter employees, who were collecting the garbage in Cennet Koyu Beach and Gündoğan Beach in Bodrum and Altın Yunus Beach in Çeşme.

**Amount of packaging waste recycled by years (ton)**



*[You can find the amount of waste vegetable oil, waste batteries, and electronic waste recycled by years from the Annexes.](#)*

**Non-Hazardous Waste Distribution Recycled in 2019 (ton)**

