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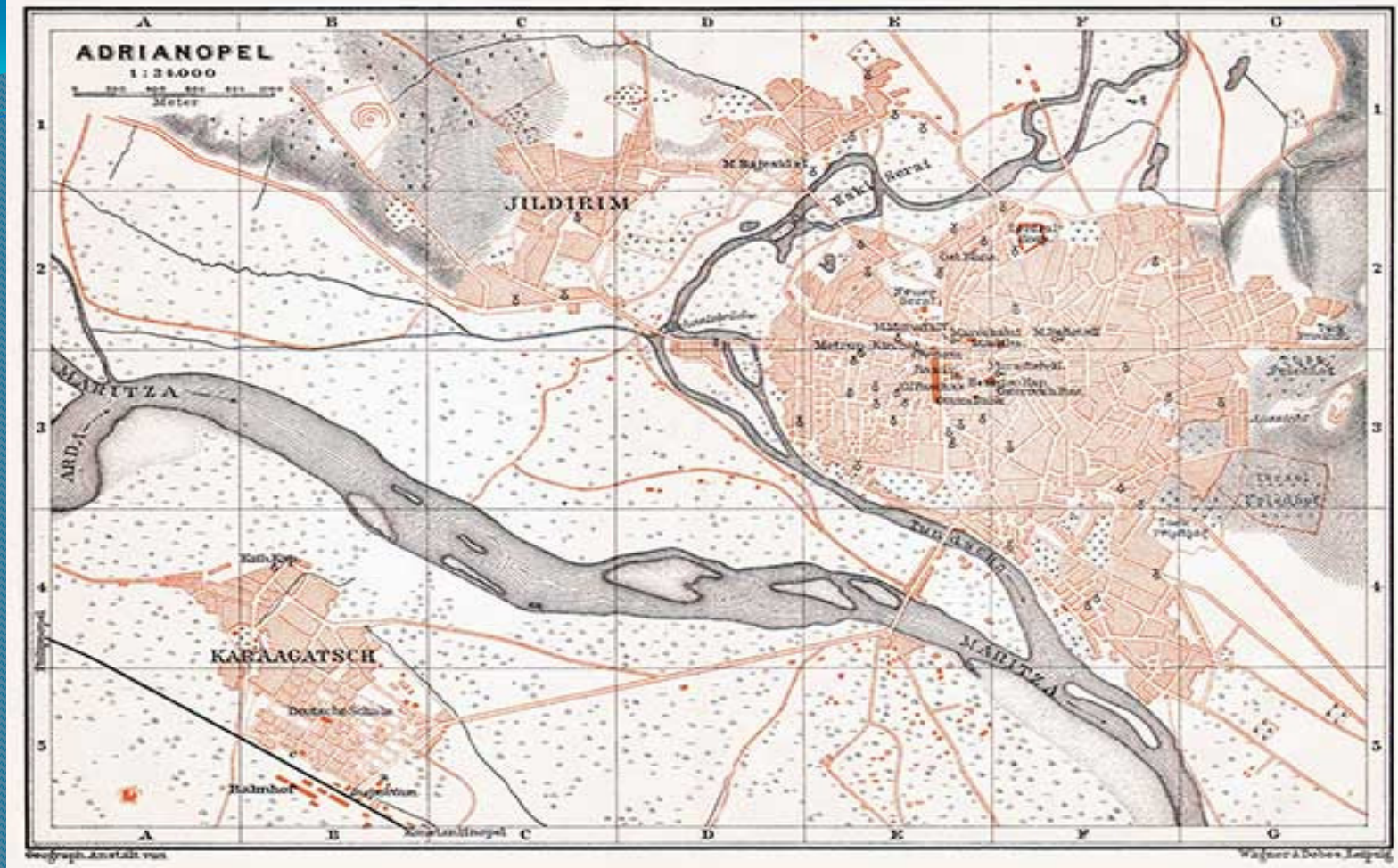
Edirne City-Turkey

Edirne is very close to borders of Turkey, Bulgaria and Greece. Besides the cultural and historical characteristics, it has a very important side of the cross point among these countries. Odris which used to be the strongest society in the region, established among the three rivers Tunja, Maritsa and Ardas, is known as the oldest community in this area.

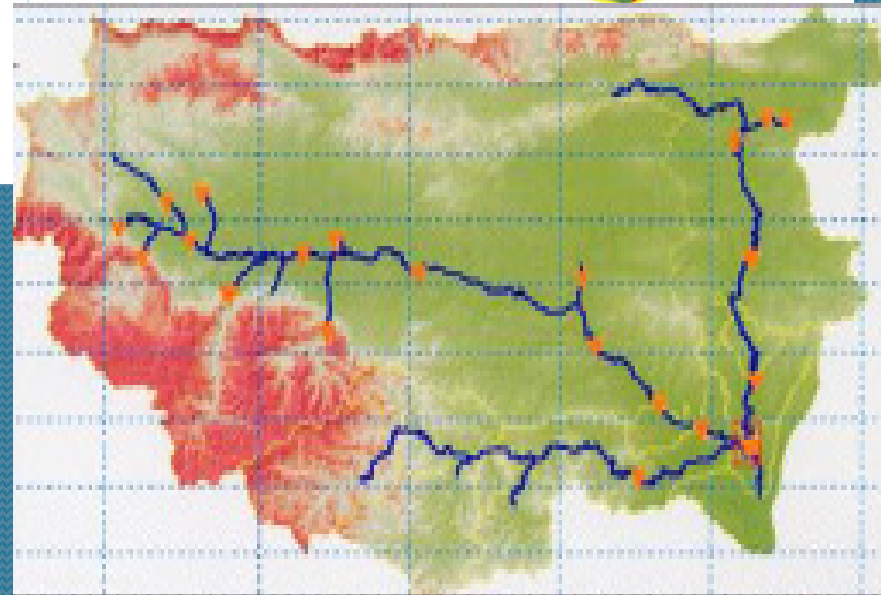
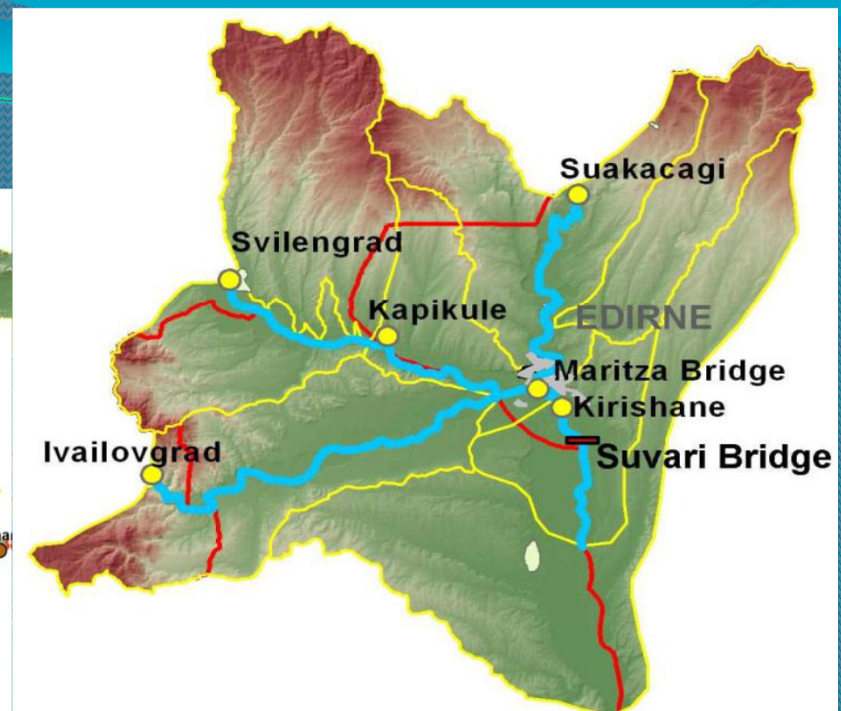
Ergene River is the fourth river on the 40 km south east away from the city center. There is Star(Istranca) Mountains on the North and Egean and Marmara Sea are in south of Blacksea.







It has very important position as the junction point of three rivers; Maritsa, Tunja and Ardas. Edirne is one of the remarkable cities in the world that is among three rivers.



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MERİÇ RIVER

Meriç River is named in Bulgarian as Марица, *Maritsa*, in Greek as Εβρος, *Evros* and in Turkish as Meriç River.

Maritsa which is one of the biggest rivers in Balkans come out from North of Rila Mountain. It flows through Plowdiv Plain in Bulgaria, Edirne in Turkey and goes to Egean Sea finally. Maritsa is 480 km long and the main branches are Ergene, Ardas, and Tunja rivers. Maritsa River is the tenth biggest river in Turkey.

MERIÇ RIVER

- SOURCE: RILA MOUNTAIN- BULGARIA
- :Beginning: Egean Sea, east of Dedeagaç- Alexandrapoli- Greece, 14,5km
- Lenght: 492 km
- Source height 2.378 m
- Area square:53.000 km²
- Meriç River which begins from Bulgaria is totaly 492 km and 305 km flows in Bulgariaand 187 km is between Turkey –Greek borders.

RILA MOUNTAINS WHERE MERIC BEGINS



- The River firstly mixed in North of Edirne with Ardas River. After that, it combines in south of Edirne city center with Tunja River and flow as Meriç River. After a long way as drawing the border of Turkey, flows near Balabancık village İpsala and mix Ergene River in the west. The river separetes into two branches in south of Ipsala district. The first one goes to Greece and dissenbogues to Saroz Gulf. The other makes some swamp and comes out some lakes as Gala Lake and flows to Eagean Sea on the border of Turkey.

Meriç river is not able to be used for transportation. Fishing is also doing in the control of border police. Carp , Catfish and Eel are the main kinds of fish.

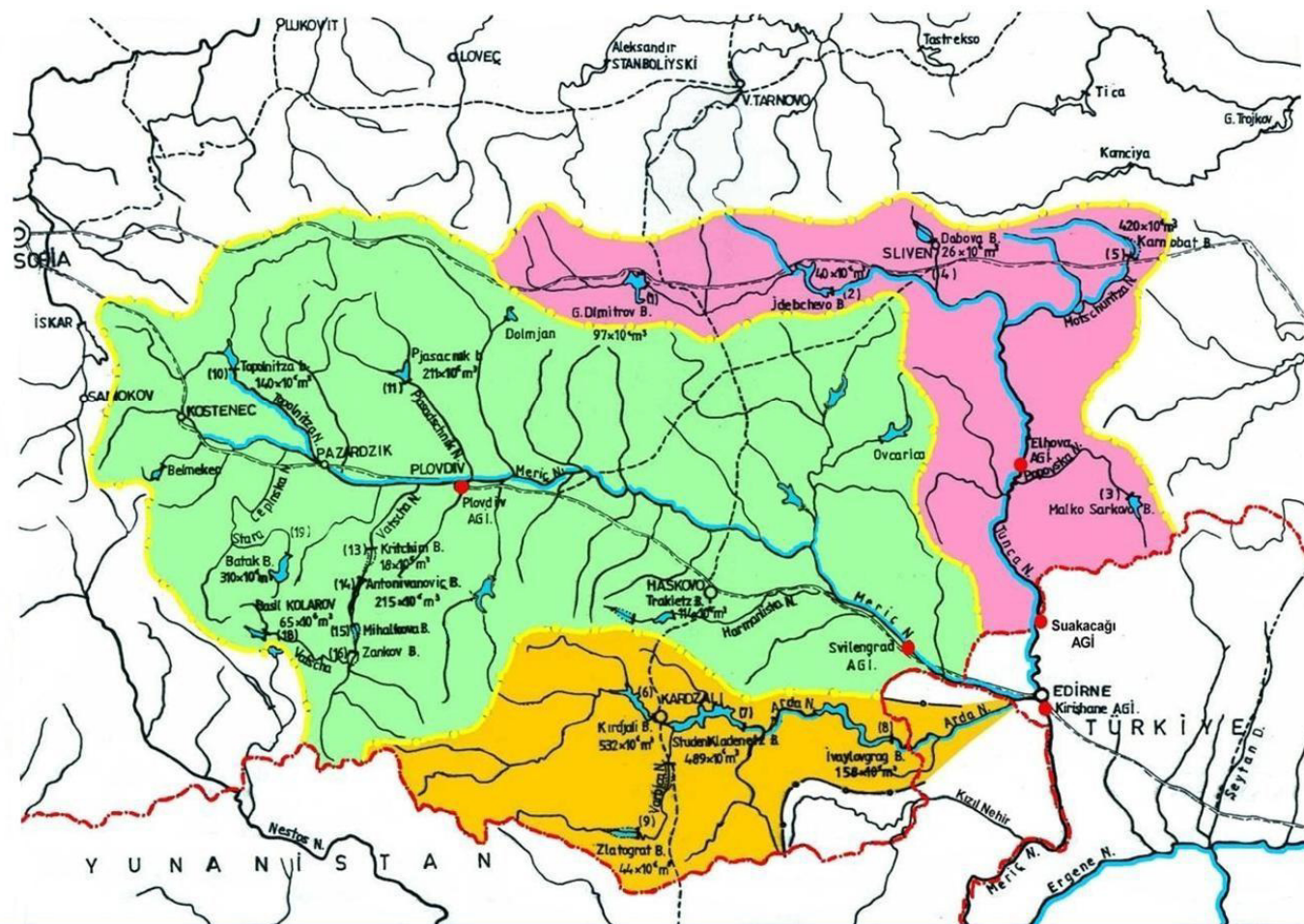
POLLUTION

THE river is polluted by domestic and industrial rubbish in Haskovo and Plowdiv- Bulgaria side and in Edirne as sewage. The agricultural pestisid which are used for fruitfull Meriç Area is also harmfull for river life.

The another problem is the illegal migration in Turkey and Greek Border.

Because of this may migrant people lost their lives while they are trying to pass Meriç river to go to Europe.

MERİÇ-ARDA-TUNCA NEHİRLERİ



Meriç River: Problems

- The biggest problem for Meriç River is the big flow through the city center for along time makes trouble for the Edirne people. The river makes big flows especially in Winter , Fall and Spring season.
- After the extreme falling rain and the melting snow and the extra water from the water reserve from Bulgaria are the main reason for the big flows.











EDİRNE KARAAĞAÇ MAHALLESİ



MART 2006 MERİÇ NEHRİ TAŞKINI (Debi: 1791 m³/s)



EDİRNE FEN LİSESİ-PAZARKULE GÜMRÜK YOLU





Tunca River

- Tunca River which is known as The Tùndzha in Bulgarian; Тунджа, as Tunca in Turkish and , Tunja in Greek: Τόνζος, is the main branch of Meriç River) is in Bulgaria and Turkey border and flows from Edirne to Turkey.
- The source of the river is from the middle of Stara Planina, North of Kalofer and then flows to east and straight to Yambol till Meriç. The length of Tunca in Bulgaria is 350km. It consists from 50 branches which are Mochuritsa, Popovska and Sinapovska the most popular.
- There are Kalofer, Yambol and Elhovo cities on the side of Tunca river.



➔ **Source:** :Karadağ, Bulgaria Stara Planina Mountains (Hristo Botev peak)

➔ **Beginning:** Meriç River

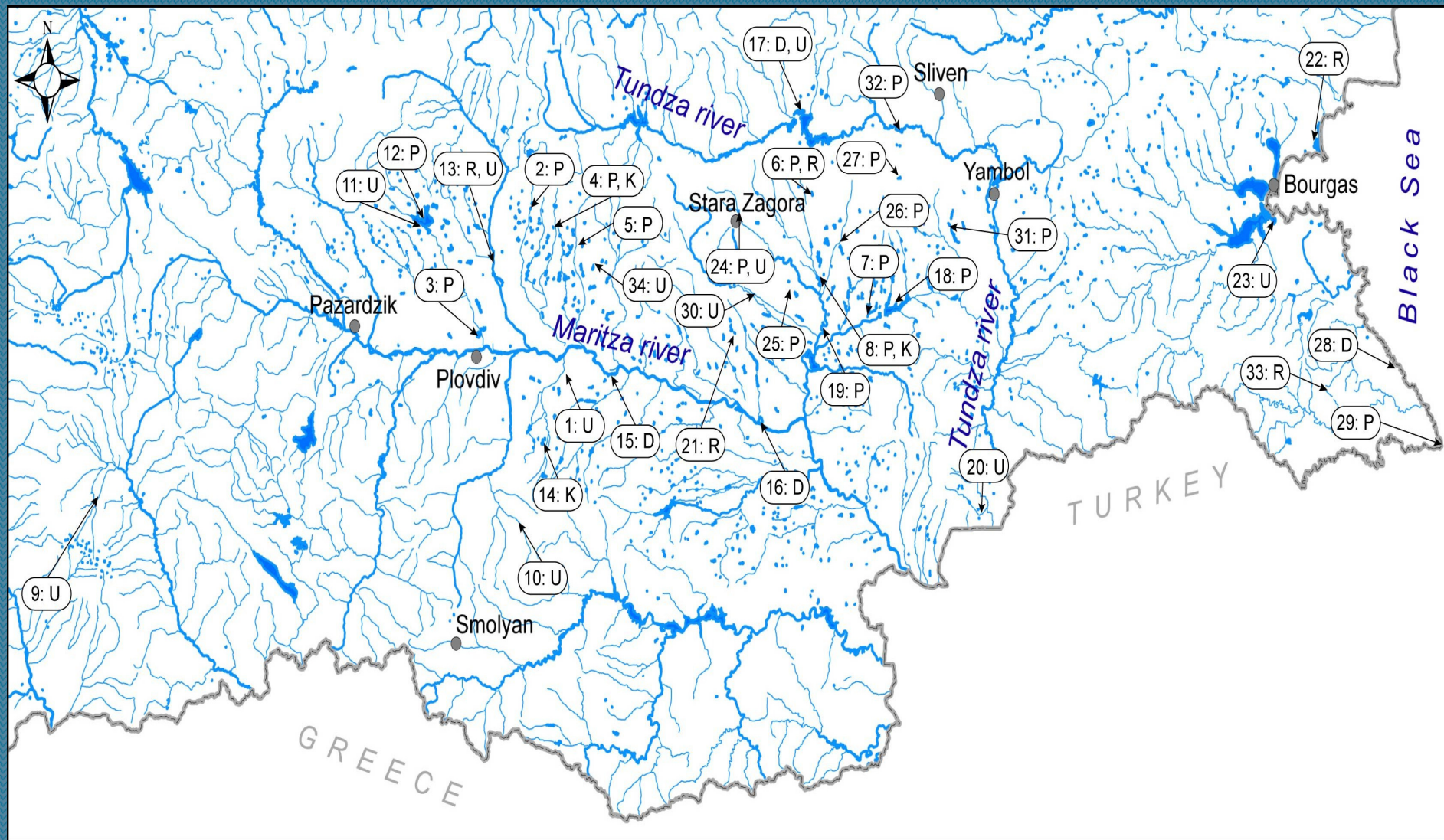
➔ **Basin Countries** Bulgaria- Turkey

➔ **Length :** 350 km (Bulgaria)

➔ **Source Height:** 940 m

Area: 7.884 km² (Bulgaria)





Eğribük Natural Area (Tunca River)



The river's 12 km length forms the border of Turkey and Bulgaria.

Tunca river combines with Meriç River as about 40 km along in Turkey border in Edirne city center.

Tunca river is polluted especially because of domestic waste and storage area and sewerage.



The river is not able to be used for transportation. There has been some sport and touristic activities as symbolic. There are some good places and lakes for birdwatching .





The meeting point of Tunca River and Meriç River in Edirne city center







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ARDA RIVER

Arda River appears in south Bulgaria in Rodopi Mountains and it combines with Meriç River in Greece and Turkey border. It is about 300 km long.

Arda River is known as

(Bulgarian: Арда, *Arda*, Turkish: *Arda*,
Greek: Άρδας, *Árdas*) which means «gold».

Arda River



- ➔ Source: around Paşmaklı, Rodopi Mountains, Bulgaria.
Beginning : Meriç, River in Greek; west of Edirne
- ➔ Basin Countries: Bulgaria and Grece
- ➔ Length: 290 km (241 km in Bulgaria)
(49 km in Grece) 300 m (only right beach) in Turkey side.

The meeting point of Arda River and Meriç River;
Edirne city center is 10km



Passing from natural places and mountains makes Arda River cleaner and healthier than the other rivers. It is suitable for fishing. There are 2 barrages in Bulgarian side.

Arda festival has been organizing for 20 years by Arda River side in Greece (Kastanias) which is very close to Turkey. This festival is very popular not just in Greece but also in Turkey.

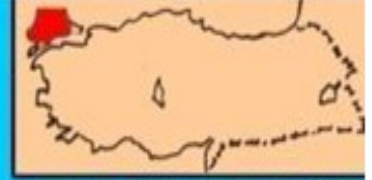


Arda River-Bulgaria

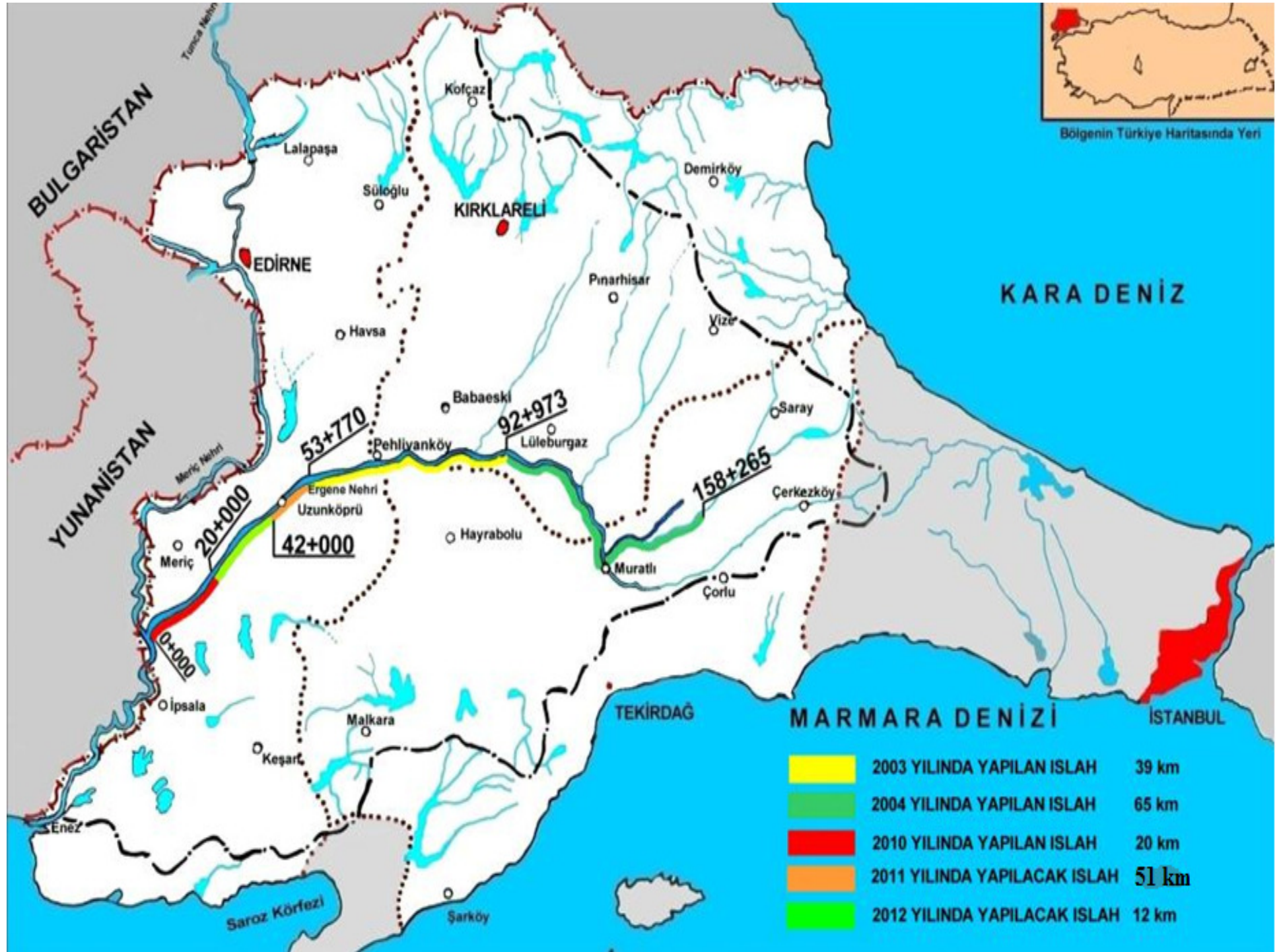


ERGENE RIVER

Ergene River is one of the most important rivers in Edirne and Trakia Region and it is the vital pivot of the region. But unfortunately It is faced with very big disaster; industrial pollution.



Bölgenin Türkiye Haritasında Yeri



Disaster !!!



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