



## The Importance of Indigenous Edible Plant Species to Rural Tourism Development (Sample of Seferihisar)

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### Abstract

Rural tourism phenomenon can be expressed as a tourism type which is progressing within tourism sector quickestly and also has a potential to be progressed more and more in the near future. Its one of main reason can be explained as that is the chaos which brought by both intense urbanization and rapid technological development has tumbled individuals physiologically that's why the demand has been occurred by individuals which tend toward to rural tourism in holidays. One of the main fact that shows up in rural tourism within modern-day and near future and in the direction of the assumption that the relevant destination contains cuisine culture; it can be clearly explained that the indigenous edible plant species are constructive fact on rural tourism.

In this study, a questionnaire has been conducted 846 domestic tourists in an attempt to determine the contributes of indigenous edible plant species in Seferihisar which got a title as slow city called "Cita-Slow" to the rural tourism development. As a result of the findings, it has been determined that Indigenous edible plant species has provided a great contribution to the Rural Tourism Development. As a result of the study; it has been also determined that the destinations which will to improve as part of Rural Tourism, they need to attach importance to Indigenous edible plant species.

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