Nature training projects offer great opportunities to eliminate the inadequacies on nature-environment issues and gain environment friendly individuals in society. Isparta Nature Conservation Areas Nature Training (IDE) projects, the first of which was started in 2007 and the fifth was completed in 2012 are among the significant projects in this sense. In these projects, nature training was given to 312 teachers, prospective teachers and public personnel in 17 weeks of activity periods each of which lasted 7 days; as for the target group of the projects, geography teachers made up 16% of total participants. The participants were given applied training on geographical issues such as location, climate, flora, fauna, ecosystems, conserved areas etc. within the scope of the project.

In this document, issues such as the questioning of adequacy of formal training in terms of nature-environment training, determining the current and potential contributions of nature training projects on geography training were researched by means of the information obtained from geography teachers who had participated in the project. Research data was gained from surveys and interviews made at the beginning and end of the training project. These data were entered into the database formed in MS Excel program and the analyzed using SPSS 18.00 packet program. Findings were statistically expressed in terms of frequency-percentage. The presence-absence of correlation was tested using chi-square test. IDE from the viewpoint of the participant texts recorded by the participants and preserved as they were, were also made use of during these assessments.

According to research findings, (1) nature-environment trainings given at schools are inadequate. (2) Nature training projects that could be viewed within the scope of non-formal training are beneficial in compensating for this inadequacy. (3) In terms of knowledge levels and attitudes toward the nature, positive developments in were seen in all geography teachers who had participated in the trainings.