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Contribution to the Taxonomy, Distribution and Karyology of *Martes foina* (Erxleben, 1777)  
(Mammalia: Carnivora) in Turkey

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**Abstract:** In this preliminary study, nine Stone Martens were recorded from different localities in Turkey. Their morphological characteristics were found to be consistent with previously published papers. However, the throat patches of Turkish Stone Martens show variations with respect to shape. In addition, it was determined that the morphologic and biometric characteristics of Turkish samples were consistent with those of *M. f. syriaca*. According to the karyological findings, the diploid number of chromosomes and the fundamental number were 38 and 76, respectively.

**Key Words:** *Martes foina*, distribution, karyolog.

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