



DETERMINATION OF THE CARBON FOOTPRINT FROM COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT FOR ADANA AIRPORT

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ABSTRACT

Climate change is described by the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon as "the biggest common problem we have ever faced as humanity". The heat holding capacity of greenhouse gases causes global warming, which causes climate change. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has revealed the main cause of global climate change as an increase in greenhouse gas emissions as a result of human activities. The transportation sector is one of the important sources of greenhouse gases, which has a negative impact on global climate change. In order to measure the damage caused by human activities on nature in terms of carbon emission, carbon footprint measuring greenhouse gases in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent is used. This study was carried out to determine the carbon footprint originating from aircraft for Adana Airport in 2019. The emission calculations used to determine the carbon footprint are estimated by the Tier 2 approach proposed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Keywords: Carbon footprint, Air transportation, Greenhouse, LTO, Climate change

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ADANA HAVALİMANI İÇİN TİCARİ UÇAKLARDAN KAYNAKLANAN KARBON AYAK İZİNİN BELİRLENMESİ

ÖZET

İklim değişikliği Birleşmiş Milletler Genel Sekreteri Ban Ki- Moon tarafından “ insanlık olarak şimdiye kadar karşılaştığımız en büyük ortak sorun” olarak tanımlanmaktadır. Sera gazlarının ısı tutma kapasitesi küresel ısınmaya neden olmakta bu da iklim değişikliğine sebebiyet vermektedir. Hükümetler arası İklim Değişikliği Paneli (IPCC), küresel iklim değişikliğinin ana nedenini sera gazı emisyonlarında, insan faaliyetleri sonucunda gözlenen artış olarak ortaya koymuştur. Ulaştırma sektörü küresel iklim değişikliğinde olumsuz etkiye sahip olan sera gazlarının önemli kaynaklarından. İnsan faaliyetlerin doğa üzerinde bıraktığı hasarı karbon salınımı cinsinden ölçebilmek için, sera gazlarını, karbondioksit (CO₂) eşdeğeri cinsinden ölçen karbon ayak izi kullanılmaktadır. Bu çalışma 2019 yılı Adana Havalimanı için uçaklardan kaynaklanan karbon ayak izinin belirlenmesi amacıyla yapılmıştır.



Karbon ayak izinin belirlenmesi amacıyla kullanılan emisyon hesaplamaları Hükümetler arası İklim değişikliği paneli tarafından önerilmiş olan Tier 2 yaklaşımı ile tahmin edilmiştir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Karbon ayak izi, Hava taşımacılığı, Sera Gazı, LTO, İklim değişikliği

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1. Introduction and Theoretical Framework

Climate change is not only a seasonal change but also a global problem that has negative effects on the environment and human health in the long term. With the studies, it has been revealed that the changes in temperature and precipitation will increase in a few decades. Two different ways are followed against the negative effects of these changes. One is to reduce global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and the other is to take measures to adapt to these changes. The amount of greenhouse gases available in the world is enough to cause climate change by increasing global warming even if greenhouse gas emissions are reduced. This shows that measures should be taken to adapt to the changes. (Çevre ve Şehircilik Bakanlığı, 2012)

Scientific studies anticipates effects such as the rains becoming unexpected and the occurrence of drought and heat waves, as a result of increase in temprature in Turkey. Depending on the temperature rise of 2C climate change on Earth will lead to an increase in the overall temperature of the Mediterranean basin and the average temperature in Turkey is estimated to increase by 2.5 ° -3.7 ° C. (T.C. Tarım ve Orman Bakanlığı Meteoroloji Genel Müdürlüğü, 2019)

The fact that the negative effects are so predictable and observable with scientific studies reveals the importance of studies adapting to climate change. In the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, it is emphasized that it is important to see this situation as a strategic approach not only for international institutions and organizations but also for regional structures and countries. It is stated that the importance of adapting to global climate change should be adopted in different sectors and management levels. In addition, the panel revealed that global climate change causes greenhouse gases to accumulate in the atmosphere and cause global warming.

Greenhouse gases are the gases that have the most heat retention properties in the Earth's atmosphere. Greenhouse gases covered by the Kyoto Protocol; Carbon dioxide (CO₂), Methane (CH₄), Nitrogen oxides (N₂O), Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and Sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆). These gases, some of which are emitted naturally and some of them as a result of human activities, prevent the heat loss of the world by keeping the sun rays reflecting from the earth in the atmosphere. This is called the greenhouse effect. When calculating the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere in terms of climate change, ppm (one particle per million) is taken as the carbon dioxide equivalent. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) published the greenhouse gas density in 2018 as 407.8 ppm in the report published in 2019 with the release of greenhouse gases. The report also highlighted that the concentration of heat-retaining greenhouse gases in the atmosphere has reached a record level, and stated "This long-standing trend shows that the new geenrations will face with more serious impacts of the climate change such as temprature increases, weather conditionchanges, water stress, rise in the sea levels and degradation in marine and land ecosystems". (World Meteorological Organization (WMO), 2020)



In order to measure the damage caused by human activities on nature in terms of carbon emission, a carbon footprint measuring greenhouse gases in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) is used. Carbon footprint is a measure of the amount of CO₂ that occurs during the product life cycle from the supply, production, use and disposal of the product (Wiedman & Jan, 2008). It is divided into primary footprint and secondary footprint. The primary footprint is a measure of direct CO₂ emissions resulting from the burning of fossil fuels, and the secondary footprint is a measure of indirect CO₂ emissions that occur during the product life cycle during the supply, production, distribution, use and disposal of the product (Sağlık Bakanlığı, 2015).

Turkey is the country with the greatest increase in the carbon emissions, since the 1990s. Carbon Footprint, as the Sign feet total on a global scale is the largest component of Turkey's Ecological Footprint is also the most important part (WWF-Türkiye, 2012). 26% of carbon footprint formation is from electricity generation, 22% from manufacturing industry and construction, 16% from buried emissions of imported products, 12% from Housing and Services, 4% from International Transport emissions, 2% It is due to Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and 2% of non-Electricity Energy production. (WWF-Türkiye, 2012)

The transportation sector is responsible %25.6 (26.8 million Tep) of final energy consumption in Turkey in 2016. The biggest part of the transportation sector greenhouse gas emission comes from 92.4% of road transportation and 5.2% of domestic air transportation. International aviation-based greenhouse gas emissions were calculated as 10.72 Mt CO₂ equivalent in 2016. (Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Çevre ve Şehircilik Bakanlığı, 2018)

The study was carried out to determine the carbon footprint originating from aircraft for Adana Airport in 2019. This study is expected to contribute to the efforts of decision-makers, authorities and stakeholders to mitigate the negative consequences of climate change and adapt to impacts, due to the reduction of carbon emissions from air transport..

The similar studies national and international literature has been scanned. In the studies of Altuntaş and Karakoç, the environmental impacts of domestic flights between 2006 and 2009 carried out in Eskişehir, Uşak, Adıyaman, Çanakkale and Ağrı were examined. (Altuntaş & Karakoç, 2011). Özgünoğlu and Uygur calculated carbon emissions from aircraft at the airport by examining LTO numbers with Tier 2 method in their study for Kahramanmaraş Airport. In the study, they determined that Airbus320 (A320) was the most landing and taking off flight to Kahramanmaraş Airport in 2016. (Özgünoğlu & Uygur, 2017). Kesgin examined the emission amounts from the aircraft for Ataturk, Antalya and Esenboga airports (Kesgin, 2006) Kumaş and colleagues conducted a similar study for Muğla Dalaman Airport.. (Kumaş, İnan, Akyüz, & Güngör, Muğla Dalaman Havalimanı Uçaklardan Kaynaklanan Karbon Ayak İzinin Belirlenmesi, 2019). And the study conducted by Perl et al. In 2001, they calculated the cost of emissions from aircraft at Lyon-Satolas airport with different scenarios. (Perl, Patterson, & Perez, 1997)

2. Methodology

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was signed in 1992 with the participation of around 150 countries. The Convention defines climate change as the biggest threat on a global scale. It is within the scope of the contract to work on reducing the damage caused by human activities on nature. In this framework, it calls on the parties to



periodically develop, renew and publish their national inventories, and to use comparative methodologies in greenhouse gas emission inventories. (IPCC, 1997).

In this context, IPCC Greenhouse Gas Inventory calculations published; energy, industrial processes, use of solvents and other products, agriculture, use of the geography of the earth and forests, wastes are the main topics. Energy within these main headings is calculated from including directly or indirectly greenhouse gas emissions. These are CO₂, CH₄, N₂O, NO_x, CO and NMVOC and SO₂ emissions. Emissions in energy systems are divided into two, emissions from fuel combustion and fugitive emissions. Unlike other emission calculations, CO₂ emission calculations generated by direct fuel burning in the transportation sector can be calculated more clearly. IPCC created Tier methods to take into account variables such as fuel characteristics, fuel consumption, emission factors, combustion conditions and technology. It is possible to make calculations at different levels according to the complexity in the methodology used. While the Tier 1 method is a method that performs simpler basic calculations, Tier 2 and Tier 3 calculations are more complex and require more data. In this study, contrary to the general calculations, the Tier2 method, which can obtain more consistent results in country and region-specific investigations, was preferred.

The Tier 2 method is used only for jet engines using jet fuel. In Tier 2 method, aircraft operations are divided into 2 stages as LTO and cruise stages. In order to apply Tier 2 method, it is necessary to know the LTO number and aircraft types. Annual commercial aircraft LTO numbers (Table 3) for Istanbul Airport are taken from State Airports Authorities. In addition, emission factors and fuel consumption values (Table 1) of commercial aircraft were taken from ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization). These values are multiplied according to the equation no 1 and emission amounts are calculated.

$$\text{LTO Emission} = \text{LTO number} * \text{LTO emission factor (1)}$$

3. Research and Findings

The method we use gives approximately the amount of emission that takes place between the ground and 1000m level (Tier 2) and given to the atmosphere. Fuel and emission amounts used in LTO phase are calculated with the help of LTO statistics given for each aircraft type. Table 1 contains LTO emission factors for different aircraft types.

Table 1: LTO Emission Factor By Aircraft

	Aircraft Types	CO₂	HC	NO_x	CO	SO₂	Fuel Consumption (kg/LTO/Aircraft)
Wide-Body Commercial Aircrafts	A320	2440	0.57	9.01	6.19	0.77	770
	A321	3020	1.42	16.72	7.55	0.96	960
	A330	7050	1.28	35.57	16.20	2.23	2230
	B738	2780	0.72	12.30	7.07	0.88	880



Referances: (International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), 2011)

Emissions from airline traffic depend on the type of fuel used, the height at which the exhaust gas is released, the type and efficiency of the engine, and the length of the flight. Emissions are caused by jet kerosene and aircraft gasoline used as fuel in aircraft. The amount of energy use and the amount of emissions thus generated depends on the operating conditions of the aircraft and the time it spends at each level (LTO or cruise condition). In order to apply this approach, both domestic and international commercial LTO numbers and aircraft type should be known. The number of commercial aircraft LTO in Adana Airport could not be reached on the basis of aircraft type. In this study, table 2 used by Kumaş et al was used. Table 2 refers to the proportional distribution of aircraft brand and models in Turkey.(Kumaş, İnan, Akyüz, & Güngör, Muğla Dalaman Havalimanı Uçaklardan Kaynaklanan Karbon Ayak İzinin Belirlenmesi, 2019)

Table 2: The amount of the aircraft brand and types in Turkey

Aircraft Types	Amount	% Ratio
AIRBUS - A320	61	11,65
AIRBUS - A321	67	12,78
AIRBUS - A330	91	17,33
BOEING - B737-800 (B738)	303	58,24

Referances: (Kumaş, İnan, Akyüz, & Güngör, Muğla Dalaman Havalimanı Uçaklardan Kaynaklanan Karbon Ayak İzinin Belirlenmesi, 2019)

Moreover, the Adana Airport to the landing-takeoff aircraft types, brands and models of aircraft in Turkey were examined to check if it matches with proportionally distribution. During February, Adana Airport daily commercial aircraft LTO numbers were tracked on the basis of aircraft type, the data obtained were compared with the findings in Table 2 and it was determined that they were compatible. This review is in Appendix 1.

Table 3 : 2019 Adana Airport Monthly Commercial Aircraft LTO Number

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	Domestic Flights	International Flights	Total Flights
January	2438	381	2819
February	2157	320	2477
March	2479	496	2975



April	2256	507	2763
May	2204	477	2681
June	2190	527	2717
July	2016	621	2637
August	2074	630	2704
September	2054	535	2589
October	2144	483	2627
November	2173	422	2595
December	2208	412	2620
Total	26.393	5.811	32.204

Referances: (Devlet Hava Meydanları İşletmesi, 2019)

Distribution of aircraft models used in Turkey are given in Table 2. Table 3 shows the monthly LTO numbers at Adana Airport. By multiplying Table 2 and Table 3, monthly LTO numbers were determined according to the proportional distribution of aircraft models.

Table 4: Monthly LTO Numbers According To The Proportional Distribution Of Aircraft Models

Monthly LTO Numbers According To The Proportional Distribution Of Aircraft Models					
	Total LTO Number	A320 (%12,78)	A321 (%17,33)	A330 (%11,65)	B737 (%58,24)
January	2819	360	488	328	1641
February	2477	316	429	288	1442
March	2975	380	515	346	1732
April	2763	353	478	321	1609
May	2681	342	464	312	1561
June	2717	347	470	316	1582
July	2637	337	456	307	1535



August	2704	345	468	315	1574
September	2589	330	448	301	1507
October	2627	335	455	306	1529
November	2595	331	449	302	1511
December	2620	334	454	305	1525
TOTAL	26.393	3373	4573	3074	15371

The data obtained is multiplied by LTO emission factors (Table 1) for different aircraft types obtained from ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization, 2011), and the emission amount is calculated according to the equation no 2. In this way, monthly emission amount of each aircraft was obtained on the basis of aircraft type. The result of the calculations is given in Table 5.

Table 5: Adana Airport 2019 Monthly Commercial Aircraft LTO Number Emission Values According To Aircraft Types

Year 2019	Aircraft Types	Carbon Emission By Aircraft Types (Kg/LTO/Aircraft)	LTO Number by Aircraft types	Total Amount of CO2 Emissions(Kg/LTO/Uçak)
January	A320	2.440	360	878.400
	A321	3.020	488	1.473.760
	A330	7.050	328	2.312.400
	B738	2.780	1641	4.561.980
February	A320	2.440	316	771.040
	A321	3.020	429	1.295.580
	A330	7.050	288	2.030.400
	B738	2.780	1442	4.008.760
March	A320	2.440	380	927.200
	A321	3.020	515	1.555.300
	A330	7.050	346	2.439.300
	B738	2.780	1732	4.814.960
April	A320	2.440	353	861.320
	A321	3.020	478	1.443.560
	A330	7.050	321	2.263.050
	B738	2.780	1609	4.473.020
May	A320	2.440	342	834.480
	A321	3.020	464	1.401.280
	A330	7.050	312	2.199.600



	B738	2.780	1561	4.339.580
June	A320	2.440	347	846.680
	A321	3.020	470	1.419.400
	A330	7.050	316	2.227.800
	B738	2.780	1582	4.397.960
July	A320	2.440	337	822.280
	A321	3.020	456	1.377.120
	A330	7.050	307	2.164.350
	B738	2.780	1535	4.267.300
August	A320	2.440	345	841.800
	A321	3.020	468	1.413.360
	A330	7.050	315	2.220.750
	B738	2.780	1574	4.375.720
September	A320	2.440	330	805.200
	A321	3.020	448	1.352.960
	A330	7.050	301	2.122.050
	B738	2.780	1507	4.189.460
October	A320	2.440	335	817.400
	A321	3.020	455	1.374.100
	A330	7.050	306	2.157.300
	B738	2.780	1529	4.250.620
November	A320	2.440	331	807.640
	A321	3.020	449	1.355.980
	A330	7.050	302	2.129.100
	B738	2.780	1511	4.200.580
December	A320	2.440	334	814.960
	A321	3.020	454	1.371.080
	A330	7.050	305	2.150.250
	B738	2.780	1525	4.239.500
Total	A320	2.440	3373	8.230.120
	A321	3.020	4573	13.810.460
	A330	7.050	3074	21.671.700
	B738	2.780	15.371	42.731.380
				86.443.660

4. Conclusion, Recommendations and Constraints

Climate change is one of the biggest problems of today. Climate change affects not only the environment but also human health. Greenhouse gases are the gases that have the most heat retention properties in the Earth's atmosphere. These gases, some of which are emitted naturally and some of them as a result of human activities, prevent the heat loss of the world by keeping



the sun rays reflected from the earth in the atmosphere. According to the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization data, the biggest part of the greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector stemmed from road transport and air transport, with 92.4% and 5.2% respectively. Calculation of carbon emission rates, accordingly increased awareness will facilitate adaptation to climate change and our fight against climate change. The works to be carried out by each stakeholder on this subject at an international and local scale will strengthen this struggle.

This emission amount calculated from civilian airline transportation includes the traffic of scheduled or charter aircrafts realizing cargo and passenger transportation. Military and private uses are not included. Also, the Tier 2 method proposed in the 1996 IPCC Guideline is valid only on jet aircraft using jet fuel. Aircraft gasoline is used in small aircraft and corresponds to 1% of all fuel used in aviation. Therefore, emission factors have not been calculated for this low amount, which has such a low rate in global consumption and from private aviation. These are some of the limitations of the study.

The total amount of CO₂ emissions from commercial aircraft at Adana Airport for 2019 was measured as 86,443,660 kg. This amount of CO₂ emitted into the atmosphere is equal to the amount of greenhouse gas emissions emitted during a 345,204,926.91 km road by an average commercial vehicle when converted by "greenhouse gas emission equivalent calculation" systems. It is also equal to the carbon emission originating from the electrical energy consumed by 9,975 houses in a year. Considering all these, more rigorous and detailed studies should be conducted on carbon emissions to improve the air quality of the sphere where we live and for a cleaner air quality. These studies should be carried out together with the leading companies of the aviation industry.

As stated in the constraints, the study covers the traffic of scheduled or charter aircraft in passenger and cargo transportation in civilian commercial use. Coverage can be expanded by including in scheduled and charter aircraft data, and can be done in regional studies by examining other airports in the region.

Appendix 1. Daily LTO number based on aircraft model at Adana Airport

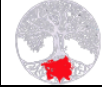
	A319		A320		A321		A330		B737-800	
	Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure
2.02.2020	1	2	3	3	4	5	1	0	35	34
3.02.2020	0	0	9	9	7	8	0	0	29	27
4.02.2020	0	0	5	5	7	8	0	0	23	28
5.02.2020	0	0	6	7	6	6	1	1	23	21
6.02.2020	0	0	7	6	9	7	1	1	27	29
7.02.2020	0	0	9	9	7	10	1	1	25	24
8.02.2020	1	1	3	4	4	5	1	1	15	14
9.02.2020	1	1	6	6	5	6	1	1	28	27
10.02.2020	0	0	8	7	6	6	0	0	28	28
11.02.2020	0	0	3	4	8	9	0	0	26	26
12.02.2020	0	0	6	6	5	5	0	0	25	25

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13.02.2020	0	0	6	6	9	10	0	0	27	27
14.02.2020	0	0	7	7	5	4	1	1	29	30
15.02.2020	1	1	7	6	6	7	1	1	30	30
16.02.2020	1	1	6	7	4	4	2	2	29	28
17.02.2020	0	0	8	8	7	5	1	1	30	29
18.02.2020	0	0	6	6	9	10	0	0	24	25
19.02.2020	0	0	3	4	1	1	2	2	31	30
20.02.2020	0	0	8	8	8	7	0	0	27	28
21.02.2020	1	1	8	8	3	4	1	1	33	32
22.02.2020	2	2	8	8	4	4	0	1	30	30
Total	8	9	132	134	124	131	14	14	574	572

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