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# Introduction

Offering a narrow spread in the study area; the unit, which consists of cream-colored fossiliferous limestone, sandstone, and mudstone, took its name from Orhaniye Village (Figures 1, 2). Gökten et al. (1988) first defined and named this unit under the name Orhaniye Formation. In this study, the unit was studied under the name of Orhaniye Formation.

The Orhaniye Formation outcrops in the study area, along the line of Orhaniye Village and Güvenç Village, in the south and north of Lezgi Village, and Karyağdı Hill, Akpınar Hill and Dikbayır Hill (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Location (GoogleMaps) and geological map of the study area (modified from Özkan and Ayaz, 2004)

ERATHEM	SYSTEM	SERIES	STAGE	FORMATION	THICKNESS	LITHOLOGY	EXPLANATION	
SENOZOIC	Ownernar?	Holocene		Allevien	Meter >5		Gravel to clay	
	Paleogene Neogene	Pilocene	Menilt		100	${}}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}{}}{}$	Conglomerate, sandstone and clayey limestone	
		Pper E <sub>ocene-Miocene</sub>		Parmaklıktepe	400		Beige chert nodular limestone, green-red sandstone, claystone and beige marl	
		Lutetian		Orhaniye	250		Beige fossiliferous limestone, cream sandstone and marl	
		Paleocene-Lower Eocene		Uzunçarşıdere	500		Yellow-red-gray conglomerate, green-red -gray sandstone, mudstone, yellow-beige limestone, marl and volcanic lava spread	
MESOZOIC	Cretaceous	Upper Cretaceous	Maastrichtian	Dikmendede	750	° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° °	Intercalation of gray conglomerate, green-greenish gray sandstone, shale and siltstone	

*Figure 2. Stratigraphic column section of the study area (modified from Özkan and Ayaz, 2004)* 

A measured stratigraphic section was taken towards northwest from Dedeçamı Tepe, which is the best exposed part of the Orhaniye Formation (Figure 3). Orhaniye Formation includes sedimentary facies in which deposition takes place in shallow marine, lacustrine and braided fluvial environments (Figure 3). While the Orhaniye Formation exhibits a sterile condition in terms of sedimentary structure, it is rich in micro and macro fossils.

# Sedimentary Characteristics of Orhaniye Formation

The Orhaniye Formation starts with green and/or cream-colored sandstone and mudstone with no fossils at the base and containing fossils upwards. After this section, which is 8-10 m thick, the unit continues with cream-beige colored limestones with abundant fossils (Figure 3).

AGE	Formation	Thickness (m)	LITHOLOGY	EXPLANATIONS	Deposition environment	
-Miocene Upper Eocene	Parmaklıktepe			Limestone, clayey limestone, sandstone, claystone and conglomerate	Braided stream -lacustrine	
Lutetian	Orhaniye	150-		Cream mudstöne Cream sandstone Cream dayey limestone Cream mudstone Cream sandstone Cream limestone Cream mudstone Cream sandstone		
		125-		'eam clayey limestone 'eam sandstone 'eam clayey limestone	SHALLOW MARINE - LACUSTRINE - BRAIDED STREAM	
		100-		Beige-cream sandstone		
		75-		Beige-cream clayey limestone -		
		50-		Fossiliferous (Nummulites, Alveolina, bivalv, coral, echinoderm) cream limestone		
		25-		Green sundstone		
Lower Eocene Paleocene-	Uzunçarşıdere	0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Green mudstone CONFORMITY Conglomerate, sandstone, mudstone, clayey limestone, marl	Braided stream -lacustrine	

Figure 3. Orhaniye Formation type section (modified from Özkan and Ayaz, 2004)

These limestones contain abundant fossils such as *Nummulites* (Figure 4), coral, echinoderm (Figure 5), miliolid (Figure 6), *Alveolina* (Figure 7), *Textularia* (Figure 8), ostracod (Figure 9), and bivalve. In addition, fenestra structures (Figure 10) are also observed in the micritic matrix at some levels.



*Figure 4. Nummulites sp. (black arrow) observed in the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation (southwest of Çal Hill) Scale (pencil length: 14 cm)* 



*Figure 5. Echinodermata fossils (black arrows) were observed in the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation (Akkaya Ridge). Scale (pencil length: 14 cm)* 



*Figure 6. Miliolid (Mi), fossil (F), and calcitic vein (CV) observed in the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation (PPL)* 



*Figure 7. Alveolina sp., biomold (Bi), fossils (F), and micritic matrix (M) observed in (AI) the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation (PPL)* 



*Figure 8. Nummulites sp. (N), Textularia sp. (T), and micritic matrix (M) were observed in the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation (PPL)* 



*Figure 9. Ostrocod (Os), fossil (F) and micritic matrix (M) observed in the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation (PPL)* 

The Orhaniye Formation passes into beige-cream colored clayey limestones and beige-cream colored sandstones towards the top (Figure 3). The unit presents intercalation of cream colored clayey limestone, sandstone mudstone and ends with mudstone (Figure 3).



*Figure 10. Fossil (F), fenestra (Fn), and micritic matrix (M) were observed in the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation. (XPL)* 

In the samples taken from the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation, 20-35% fossil, 2-8% pellet, 2-3% intraclast, 25-65% micritic matrix and 5-50% sparry calcite cement were determined (Figure 6-10). The fossils mostly consist of benthic foraminifers (Figure 6-8), and represent a shallow marine and lagoonal environment. The chambers of the fossils may be filled with micritic matrix or filled with sparry calcite cement (Figures 6-10). Substitution of amorphous iron cement is also observed in some fossils (Figures 6-8).

In some samples of the Orhaniye Formation limestones, it was observed that the micritic matrix was transformed into micro-sparite due to the neomorphism developed in the diagenetic process. Again, in some samples, the sparry calcite cement precipitation took place during the diagenetic process.

In the petrographic examination of the limestones of the Orhaniye Formation, the rock nomenclature was determined to be wackestone and packstone according to the Dunham (1962) classification.

Orhaniye Formation is overlain by the Paleocene-Early Eocene aged Uzunçarşıdere Formation with a conformable contact (Figure 11) at its lower boundary, while it passes with a conformable contact with the Late Eocene-Miocene aged Parmaklitepe Formation at its upper boundary (Figures 2 and 3). The thickness of the Orhaniye Formation is 165 m compared to the measured stratigraphic section (type section) (Figure 3). In addition, Ocakoğlu (1998) stated the thickness of the Orhaniye Formation as 165 m in his study in the study area.



*Figure 11. Boundary relationship of Uzunçarşıderee (Pgu), and Orhaniye (Pgo) formations (looking northeast from the northeast hillside of Kuşkonan Tepe)* 

Gökten et al. (1988) gave the Orhaniye Formation a Middle Eocene (Lutetian) age according to the benthic forminiferous fossils they collected from the unit in their study in and around the study area. Microfauna: Nummulites laevigatus, Nummulites uranensis, Nummulites lehneri, Nummulites gizehensis, Nummulites millecaput, Nummulites ataricus, Nummulites perforatus, Nummulites brangniarti, Alveolina frumentiformis, Alveolina elliptica nuttalli, Alveolina cf. tenuis, Sphaerogypsina globulus, Eorupertia magna (from Gökten et al., 1988). Macrofauna: Echinolampas heberti, Schizoster cf. vidali, Brissopsis cf. vilplanae, Euspatangus subovatur, Euspatangus gibretensis, Ostrea aff. uncifera, Ostrea (Alectryonia) aff. ctotbeyi, Campanile giganteum, Velatesschimideli chemnita, Arca (Barbatia) insignis (from Gökten et al., 1988).

Fossils such as *Nummulites* sp., *Alveolina* sp., *Textularia* sp., Miliolidae, Ostracoda, Echinodermata, Bivalvia and coral were compiled from the Orhaniye Formation by Özkan and Ayaz (2004) and assigned a Lutetian age to the unit. In this study, the unit was given a Lutetian age.

While the lithological and paleontological features of the Orhaniye Formation show the deposition in a shallow marine environment, they emphasize the deposition in the lacustrine environment and finally in the fluvial environment.

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