

Table 1: Present-day climate data at Lake Van (see Fig. 1 for the location). Data were provided by the Turkish State Meteorological Service (observation period: 1975-2008).

Station	Coordinates			Mean temperature (°C)			Mean precipitation (mm)		
	Latitude (°N)	Longitude (°E)	Altitude (m asl)	Jan	July	Year	Jan	July	Year
Bitlis	38°24'	42°06'	1551	-2.0	22.0	9.4	161	5	1232
Tatvan	38°30'	42°17'	1690	-3.2	21.9	8.7	95	7	816
Erciş	39°20'	43°22'	1750	-6.0	21.8	7.7	31	7	421
Van	38°27'	43°19'	1661	-4.0	22.2	9.0	35	4	385