

The establishment of the Natura 2000 Network in Cyprus and the contribution of LIFE-funded projects

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Natura 2000 Network in Cyprus

36 areas are included and 4 are proposed areas for inclusion in the Natura 2000 network:

- include habitats and species from the Annexes of 92/43/EEC
- residential areas were excluded
- appropriate conservation measures to be established through Management Plans



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ΠΕΡΙΟΧΕΣ ΠΡΟΣΤΑΣΙΑΣ ΔΙΚΤΥΟΥ "ΦΥΣΗ 2000"



ΚΛΙΜΑΚΑ 1 : 250.000

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ΥΠΟΜΝΗΜΑ

-  Περιοχή Προστασίας Οικισμών (SC) - Χερσαίο μέρος
-  Περιοχή Προστασίας Οικισμών (SC) - Θαλάσσιο μέρος
-  Περιοχή Προστασίας Πτηνών (SPA)
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-  Κενός Αστικός Περιοχή
-  Κωδικός Περιοχής Προστασίας Οικισμών
-  Κωδικός Περιοχής Προστασίας Πτηνών
-  Αυτοκινητόδρομος

ΠΑΡΑΓΩΓΗ ΧΑΡΤΗ

ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΠΑΡΗΓΩΓΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΦΥΣΙΚΩΝ ΠΟΡΩΝ & ΤΗΛΕΠΙΚΟΛΟΝΗΣ
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΓΕΩΡΓΙΑΣ, ΦΥΣΙΚΩΝ ΠΟΡΩΝ & ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΟΣ
ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑ, ΜΑΡΤΙΟΣ 2010



The LIFE Programme in Cyprus





Special areas of conservation in Cyprus

LIFE98/TCY/CY/172



- **Beneficiary:** Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment
- **Duration:** 01/04/1999 - 30/09/2002
- **Total budget:** 318,250.00 €
 - EU contribution: 158,650.00 €
- **Aim:**
 - To provide the information needed for the creation of a network of a protected areas and conservation zones in Cyprus within the framework of Natura 2000 and to thus lead to the implementation of Directive 92/43/EEC
 - Surveying the habitats and species of Cyprus that are included or will be proposed for inclusion in Annexes I and II, respectively, of Directive 92/43/EEC and the species included in Annexes I, II, and III of Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds
 - Drawing up a national list of sites proposed to be designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and to be included in the Natura 2000 network
 - Completion of Standard Data Forms (SDFs) and mapping the habitats of the above-mentioned sites





Conservation Management in Natura 2000 Sites of Cyprus (COMANACY LIFE04NAT/CY/000013)

- Beneficiary: Department of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture Natural Resources and Environment (MANRE)
- Partners:
 - Forestry Department (MANRE)
 - Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (MANRE)
 - Game Fund (Ministry of Interior)
 - National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
 - Greek Biotope-Wetland Center
 - Atlantis Consulting Cyprus Ltd
 - OIKOS –Nature Management Ltd
- Duration: 42 months, 1/11/2004 - 30/4/2008
- Aim: To implement urgent actions in order to secure a favorable conservation status for priority habitat types and species in five pSCIs (which are also SPAs) in Cyprus and acquisition of a sound management planning tool for the pSCIs and SPAs of Cyprus.
- Targeted sites: Kavo Gkreco (CY3000005), Koilada Diarizou (CY4000003), Vouni Panagias (CY4000004), National Forest Park (NFP) of Troodos (CY5000004) and Alykes Larnakas (CY6000002)





Establishment of a plant micro-reserve network in Cyprus for the conservation of priority species and habitats LIFE08 NAT/CY/000453



- Budget: 1.550.297 €
 - EC contribution: 1.070.265 € (69,17 %)
- Beneficiary: Department of Environment (MANRE)
- Partners:
 - Forestry Department (MANRE)
 - Frederick University
 - National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
 - Federation of Environmental & Ecological Organizations of Cyprus
 - United Nations Development Program
- Duration: 01/01/2010 - 30/06/2013
- Aim: To improve the conservation status of **four** priority plant species and **two** priority habitat types of Cyprus that are found in NATURA 2000 sites, through the establishment, monitoring and management of a network of five Plant Micro-Reserves (PMRs).



Improving the conservation status of fauna species in Cyprus From microhabitat restoration to landscape connectivity (ICOSTACY LIFE09NAT/CY/000247)



Budget : 1,241,007€
EC Contribution: 50%

DURATION:
01/10/2010 - 31/03/2014

PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTORS:

Coordinating Beneficiary:

- Department of Environment (MANRE)

Associated Beneficiaries:

- Forestry Department (MANRE)
- Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (MANRE)
- Natural History Museum of Crete
- OIKOS-Nature Management Ltd



Aim: Best practice conservation actions aiming to improve the conservation status of 20 selected fauna species and their habitats in Cyprus.

Targeted species (20): Reptiles (3) Invertebrates (2) Mammals (15)

Targeted habitats: 13 SCI Natura 2000 sites and 1 pSCI in Limni Paralimniou

- Cyprus is known for its considerable diversity of species and habitats and for the presence of endemic, rare and endangered fauna and flora.
- However, it has suffered from environmental degradation, particularly due to the development of tourism and encroachments on land for agricultural uses.
- As a result, the need to step up environmental protection measures has been made a national priority.
- The LIFE Program has given the local government the thrust that was needed to commence the efforts to recognize the important habitats and species of Cyprus, establish the Natura 2000 Network and even contributed to the preparation of Management Plans for the Sites.



Thank you

