



GREECE: THREATS TO MARINE TURTLES IN THINES KIPARISSIAS (2010/5)

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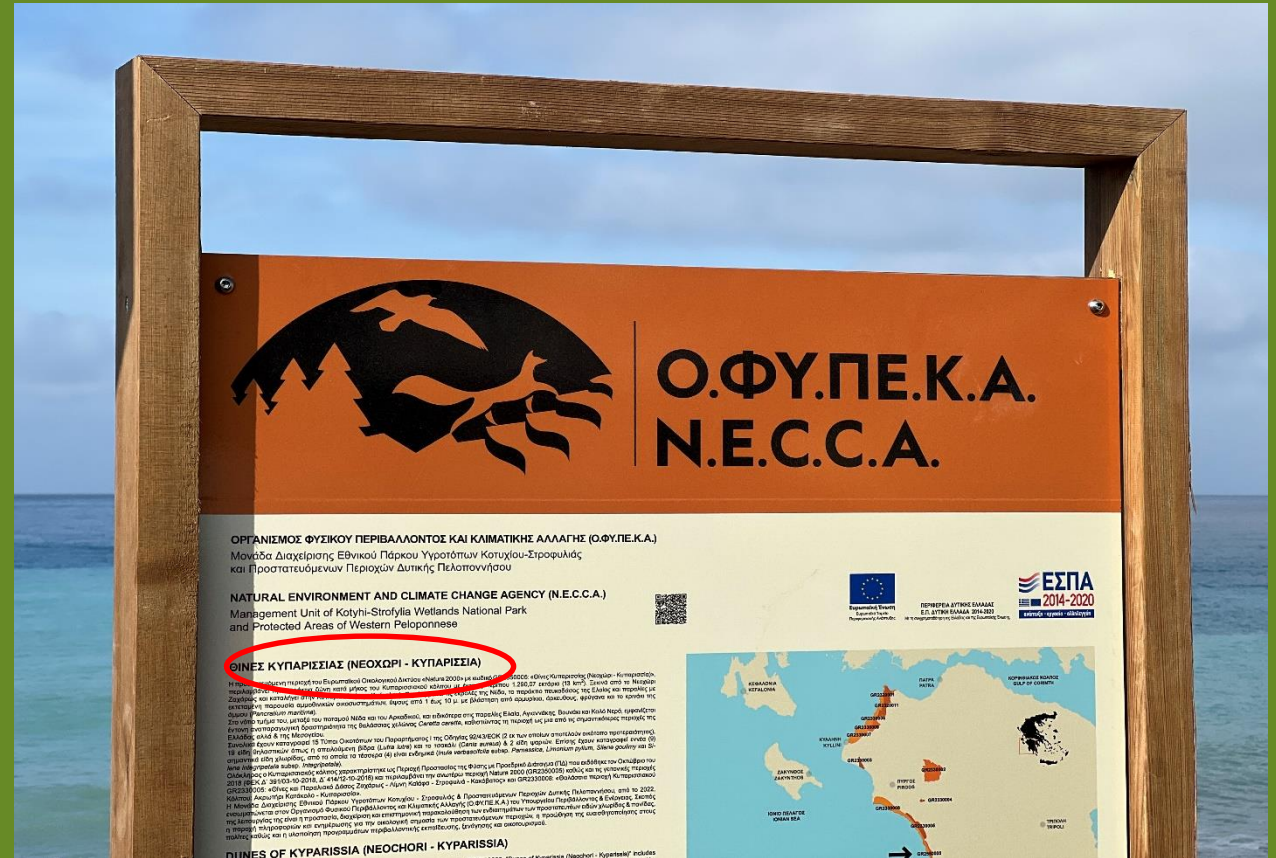


What has been done by NECCA/OFYPEKA* so far?

1. The study over the regulation and limitation of anthropogenic activities on the beaches within the protected area of Kyparissia Bay based on their carrying capacity, has finished
2. The proposed measures will be in the next programming period
3. The local Management Unit is currently hiring people in order to reinforce the patrols and the surveillance in the area and has placed a significant number of informative signs on the beaches
4. It has also requested the removal of a canteen from the local municipal authorities; the canteen and its furniture were eventually removed earlier this year from 'Vounaki' site

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An update Report on the area

- During a meeting with the **EU Commission** in Athens in **April 2024**, the **national authorities*** agreed on ordering an appropriate assessment of potential implications of constructions and roads on the Natura-2000 GR '2550005' Site based on the related provisions in the EU Habitats Directive. The assessment was funded by NECCA/OFYPEKA and was outsourced to the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the University of Athens
 - The afore-mentioned appropriate assessment was completed in November 2024
 - The key findings depicted that infrastructure projects had very limited or insignificant effect on the species and natural habitats within the Natura-2000 site under investigation
 - The loss of sand dunes was very little due to the opening of the five roads on a local scale

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A **Joint Ministerial Decision** (no. YPEN/GDPP/35330/646, Government Gazette no. 2364/B/19.4.2024) was issued in April 2024 aiming to set several terms and restrictions in highly protected beaches and coasts (“**pristine beaches**”) across the country including also the Natura-2000 Site and particularly the nesting core area of the sea turtles

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- The raw data on the sea turtle nest number in the area suggest that the number of reproductive adults exceeds the conservation targets set in the national legislation in 2023
- Further details will be provided in 2025 from the deliverables of the Monitoring & Assessment Project on the conservation status of species and habitats in Greece, which is co-financed by the EU and is expected to be completed in 2025
- NECCA/OFYPEKA informed the local Police Division, the Municipality of Tryfilia and the local port authority about a music festival in the area in August 2023, the latter to the local police station, requesting the change of venue (and by all means away from the seafront), after a complaint by an NGO



NECCA/OFYPEKA has requested that measures be taken by the competent authorities to reduce light pollution during the hatching period in the protected area. A light and noise pollution study will be soon implemented including appropriate measures.

It has also asked the local forestry authority to remove invasive alien species (i.e., *Carpobrotus* spp. & *Agave* spp.) that were detected in the area and has also rejected a request from the Municipality of Trifylia to endorse the construction of a canteen within 'GR2550005'



The national authorities believe that the Management Plan for Kyparissia Bay will be ready this year and combined with all implemented measures taken by NECCA/OFYPEKA will ensure the best implementation of Recommendation No. 174 (2014)

Our Ministry is also stepping up its efforts to adopt the expected Management Plan for the area and is committed to making use of the adopted guidance tool on the conservation of sea turtles nesting sites which was approved by the Standing Committee

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Thank you very much for your
attention!

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