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APPLICATION FORM



Presentation

The Council of Europe Landscape Convention is the first international treaty to be exclusively concerned with all aspects of landscape: natural, rural, urban and peri-urban. It represents an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives. By taking into account the value of landscapes, with their natural and human components, the Council of Europe acknowledges that the landscape is an important part of the quality of life for people everywhere: in degraded areas as well as in areas of high quality, in areas recognised as being of outstanding beauty as well as everyday areas.

Article 11 of the Convention establishes the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. The Resolution [CM/Res\(2008\)3](#) on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 February 2008 at the 1018th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, draws attention to the fact that Article 11 of the Convention institutes the Award and that it is in keeping with the work carried out by the Council of Europe concerning human rights, democracy and sustainable development.

Opened to the Parties to the Convention, the Award is intended to raise civil society's awareness of the value of landscapes, of their role and of changes to them. Its objective is to reward exemplary practical initiatives aimed at successful landscape quality objectives on the territories of the Parties to the Convention. The Award is conferred every two years and the files presenting applications must reach the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe.

At its meeting held in Strasbourg on 28-29 April 2008, the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP) decided that applications should be submitted to the Council of Europe Secretariat through the Permanent Representations of the Parties to the Convention.

Each State Party to the Convention is thus invited to send by post to the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe (Council of Europe Landscape Convention), before 31 January 2023, via its Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe, a completed application form in paper format, together with a digital copy on a USB key of the form and additional material.

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- participation to the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe is only open to local and regional authorities and their groupings and non-governmental organisations, as stated in the Resolution CM/Res (2008)3, Appendix, Article 2;*
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II. PRESENTATION OF THE PROJET

3. Name of the Project

THE BROADER NIDA PLATEAU IN PSILORITIS
MTS: A PERPETUAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN
HUMANS AND NATURE

4. Location of the Project

Anogia Municipality, Region of Crete, GREECE

5. Summary of the Project (10-12 lines)

The broader area of Nida plateau located at Psiloritis mts, in Crete, is an iconic landscape, a great landmark, at about 1500m high, formed by small and large karstic depressions (sinkholes, dolines, poljes and caves). It is the most emblematic geosite of Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark. Nida is a place visited by the Greek gods, the Minoans and the Dorians, where always lived shepherds and their sheep, partisans and then archaeologists, botanists, now by nature lovers and climbers, where the *pensée sauvage* created a perpetual dialogue between humans and nature.

Since 2015 and under the holistic Management Plan of the geopark, the Broader Nida plateau in parallel with the traditional activities, is developed as an exemplary geo-touristic and cultural destination. All efforts of the municipalities' network tend to coordinate the participants into enhancing the mythical and archaeological importance of the site, combining tradition and innovation, protection of the cultural landscape and sustainable development. Promotion of the local history, shepherds' life was achieved through leaflets, publications, and the geopark webpage. More recently story maps, 360° panoramas, VR and AR tours have been developed, whereas the Idaion Andron archaeological site has been appropriately arranged for visitors.

6. Photo representing the Project (high definition – JPEG 350 dpi) and name of the author of the photo please



The Nida Plateau. Foto Credits A. Trichas.

7. **Website of the Project** (*if exists*)

www.psiloritisgeopark.gr

III. CONTENT OF THE PROJECT

8. **Start of the Project** month year
The project must have been completed at least three years previously

9. **Partners**

REGION OF CRETE,
ANOZIA MUNICIPALITY,
UNIVERSITY OF CRETE-NATURAL HISTORY
MUSEUM OF CRETE,
AKOMM PSILORITIS SA,
ANOZIA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER,
ANDROIDUS PROJECT TANK

10. **Financing bodies**

EU (LEADER +, INTERREG, HORIZON), REGION OF CRETE, MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY OF GREECE

11. **Central aims of the Project**

The area

The project is applied at an extent of about 20 Km² in the broader area of Nida plateau in Psiloritis Mts, which is included as a whole, within the Anogia Municipality, in Crete, Greece. The project is part of the implementation of the Management Plan of Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark that initiated in 2015 with its nomination by UNESCO (<https://youtu.be/shx4wKFz6D8>). The geopark is a bottom-up approach developed in 2001 by the local municipalities and the Region of Crete. The local communities participate at its management structure through representatives in particular economic sectors, institutions and cooperations, as well as through the group of its partners where more than 40 local enterprises, institutions and associations are included.

The main aim of the geopark is the conservation of natural and cultural heritage, as well as the sustainable development for the life of the inhabitants and their settlements through the establishment of eco- and geo-touristic activities. Research, education and local promotion are also important aspects of the Management Plan. These perspectives have to respect the main form of farming the sheep and goat keeping. In the area of the broader Nida plateau exist about 50 family livestock farms with a total capacity of about 20000 animals. The most important target thought is to transform this territory into a place habitable for its own residents, a place to be proud of and happy to live in.

The “broader Nida plateau”, was highlighted as an area of important geological, environmental and cultural value in this plan and was labelled as an “emblematic geosite” of

the geopark. It is a mountainous landscape of extraordinary aesthetic value, including the Nida plateau (geologically, a polje) and the nearby area of Petradolakia where a system of dozens of small dolines and sinkholes exist. Low and high mountain tops place the boundary of this depression, which actually coincides exactly with the description of this territory found on a traditional song dated back to centuries, called the “Song of Nida”. Several geological sites of interest are included in the area: the plateaus and the dolines, the main sinkhole of Nida, the red-platy marble, a fossilised sponge assemblage in the marbles and several smaller caves. In respect to environmental values, a steno-endemic plant genus called *Horstrissea dolinicola*, appears to live only in two small dolines. Several aromatic and endemic plants are also present, together with the endangered *Gypaetus barbatus* (the bearded vulture).

Beyond the archaeological site of *Idaion Andron* cave, other important prehistoric sites and constructions are related to Nida: the minoan *Zominthos* palatial complex to the north and the Kamares cave on the south slopes of Psiloritis. The total area of Broader Nida Plateau is included in Nature 2000 Network (GR4330005)), while its northern part is a Wild Life Reserve. The area is being transected from east to the west by the European trekking route E4 which crosses the plateau leading to the highest peak of the island, the Timios Stavros in Psiloritis.

The history and culture

The relation of humans with the place is dated back to several millennia. The King Minos of the Minoans, according to Plato, had to visit *Idaion Andron* cave every nine years to receive the commandments of the Gods. According to the Mythology it is the place where the newborn Zeus was hidden and grew up. *Idaion Andron* was probably the most important religious site of Eastern Mediterranean, operating temporary as an oracle, from the Mesolithic till the Roman times, explaining the reason of the so valuable and unique archaeological findings excavated there, by Greek and Italian archaeologists. Halfway between Nida and Anogia, the *Zominthos* building complex is under excavation since 1982. It is located at the highest point where building activity of the Minoans have been located in Crete.

In addition, the typical dry-stone buildings of the shepherds, circular *tholos*, called “mitàta” can be found in great numbers, totally adapted to the landscape and the environment. These are part of the UNESCO Intangible Heritage lists and several of them characterised as National Monuments by the Ministry of Culture. These are strongly connected with the particular nomadic way of the shepherd’s life in past times, recently inscribed at the National Intangible Heritage list.

Local summer fests are organised at the small family-owned chapels (three in this area) in which shepherds, their families and friends are invited to celebrate the name day of the Saint. Even land-art activities are occurring in this area, the most profound of them being a rock sculpture made by a German artist Ms Karina Reck and shepherds, the “Peace Rebel” dedicated to the friendship between the WW2 enemies.

In the wider area of Nida in 1986 is founded the Skinakas Observatory as research infrastructure of the University of Crete and the Foundation of Research and Technology - Hellas (FORTH), operated by the Institute of Astrophysics - FORTH. It is located at an altitude of 1750m on the homonymous peak.

Objective

The project on the emblematic Nida geosite was aiming at **conserving, interpreting, promoting and enhancing the values** of the natural, cultural and the human landscape in this area and **the integration of services for a sustainable and responsible tourism** of superb quality. To achieve this, we invested in the collection of all relative information and

resources in the form of a geodatabase, the analysis of the values, threats and needs in this case, the setting of specific targets and the identification of potential resources and partners to implement several projects in a certain time span of a decade. The values identified were related with the breath-taking landscape of Nida polje, the rare and unique plants that exist in the area, the Idaion Andron cave with its millennia of history and treasures, the shepherd's life with their activities, houses and dairy products, and the living traditions and ethics related to this territory.

In addition, the municipalities network prioritises the need to **interpret and promote** these values with all modern and traditional means, to **manage** properly the mountainous landscape and the pasture land, and to develop the necessary **infrastructure** for the visitors. The necessary resources, human, and economic were foreseen at the geopark's stakeholders and partners, the local community, and the regional, national and especially, European founding opportunities.

The Region of Crete has promoted the establishment of its Landscape Observatory in collaboration with the Technical University of Crete. <https://www.ruralcrete.gr/> The wider Nida plateau area is considered an autonomous '*Landscape Unit*' as it is presented here. Its 'Landscape Book' is under construction.

12. Outcome

Tangible outcomes of this project which has been achieved during the period of 2015 till January 2020, are:

- Awareness raising activities on sustainability have been developed in collaboration with 'Anogia Environmental Education Center' and the Museum of Natural History (University of Crete). They were addressed to local society and groups of pupils from the regions of Heraklion and Rethimno.
- As a geopark, one of the first projects we implemented was the establishment of **interpretation panels** in most important geological sites, like the Nida polje, the Petradolakia sinkhole, the sponge's fossils, the Idaion Andron cave, and the Saint Fanourios spring and fault. Geological interpretation was also provided through the geopark's new webpage, a geopark field guide book and other publications that were developed. Most of these were implemented in 2015 and 2016 and were supported by regional and own geopark funds.
- Under an Interreg MED project addressed to the "**Emblematic mountains**" the main partner of geopark, the local Development Company named "AKOMM Psiloritis SA" developed in 2019 a **circular trail** in the Nida plateau accessing the main geological, natural and cultural sites, like the Idaion Andron cave, the main sinkhole, several mitata, and the chapel of Afentis Christos and land art. The trail was supported with info panels, proper signage, a leaflet, and is connected with the main E4 trail.
- Another Interreg Greece-Cyprus project titled "**GEOIN**" aiming to promote geotourism in the insular geoparks, resulted in 2019 in the development of digital outcomes such as an **interactive geopark map** and **360° panoramas**, either from earth or drone shots, and a virtual tour at Psiloritis geopark, promoting the area of Nida with 5 panoramas, and promotion of its main geosites.
- In 2016 the Municipality of Anogia, with the support of the Ministry of Environment, the Region of Crete and the Forest Service, received European funds to renovate and improve **visitor facilities at the Idaion Andron Cave**, by works of site arrangements in order to promote and open it to the public. The last four years the site is open to the visitors every summer (as in winter it is fully covered by snow) and the Ministry of Culture maintains the positions of two staff for its operation. In addition, a **scientific**

congress was organised in 2012 by the Anogia Municipality and the Archaeological service on the excavations at Idaion Andro, which resulted in a photo's Book and three scientific volumes with the proceedings.

- Furthermore, in the nearby Anogia village a **Digital Interpretation Center** of Idaion Andron cave and the nearby archaeological site of Zominthos was developed in 2013 by the Municipality with funds from the Region of Crete.
- Several **cultural** as well as **sport events**, organised by the Municipality, the geopark, the AKOMM and local stakeholders, find host at this area, like the celebration of the August full moon at Idaion Andron entrance, and the organization for several years of the annual mountain race called the "Psiloritis Race", with its starting point at Nida plateau.
- Regarding the **management of the landscape**, for many years the Geopark and the Anogia Municipality have foreseen the risk of soil degradation and erosion, especially in the dolines, and have developed an environmentally friendly **visitor's behavior**, that it is promoted through geopark's publications and on the interpretation panels, whereas the Municipality announces every spring **traffic regulation** in the dolines following the snow melting.
- In addition, in order to conserve and protect the so rare and endangered *Horstrissea dolinicola* (<https://top50.iucn-mpsg.org/species/41>), the Municipality of Anogia, the Forest Service of Rethimnon and the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania, developed a project for the study, management and conservation of the fragile ecotopes, which resulted in the protection of the dolines by the Decentralised Administration of Crete as "**Protected Natural Formations**" (Greek Government Gazette, D'250/18.05.2020), the rearrangement of nearby shepherd's activities, and the monitoring and study of these ecotopes for several years. An interpretation panel and several awareness raising activities were also developed.

For the local communities, the emblematic "Broader Nida Plateau" is an **ongoing project**. Thus, new projects and activities are designed and being implemented through the years which try to further promote the territory and **use modern technologies** for interpretation and promotion of the area, especially to **younger generations**, people with **mobile disabilities** and distant users.

- The Psiloritis geopark has developed with the support of Interreg (**GEOIN 2018-2020**) and Horizon (**RURITAGE 2020**) projects, **360° drone shotted panoramas** covering the broader Nida Plateau from 12 focus points (<https://tours.nhmc.uoc.gr/geo/psiloritis/en/>), a **story telling map** for the whole geopark, which refers to this site too (<https://tours.nhmc.uoc.gr/geoparks/map/idi/en/index.html>), a new **story map for Nida Plateau** interpretation (<https://storymaps.nhmc.uoc.gr/en/nida-plateau-2/>) and a **Virtual tour** in the area (<https://tours.nhmc.uoc.gr/geoparks/nida/>), which has been adapted for **VR devices**, accessed either through the web or the Geopark's info center at Anogia.
- With the support of the Ministry of Environment and Energy and the Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA) the geopark is planning to create a modern and well adapted to the landscape, new **view point** at the entrance of Nida Plateau.
- Anogia Municipality, Androidus project and several other local stakeholders contacted a study and applied successfully for the inscription in 2021 of pastoral life of shepherds at the **National Intangible Heritage List** (<https://ayla.culture.gr/i-voskiki-kai-o-kosmos-tou-voskou-ston-psiloreiti-2021/?fbclid=IwAR364wVg7XCHIoO->

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- Several projects focused or related with cultural activities in the broader Nida Plateau are being performed by local stakeholders like the Androidus Project Tank (<http://www.androidus.gr/>), a pool of creativity, innovation and cultural management. **Shepherds and the Pastoral Life of Psiloritis** is a cultural proposal launched by Androidus and the FORTH institution, aiming at exploring an important part of human history of the highest mountain of Crete as “written” in the monuments, toponyms, historical springs and the natural environment, that has been recently registered into the National Register of Intangible Cultural Heritage. The research project **IDAology** is dealing with the exploration, recording, and promotion of pastoral life in the Psiloritis Geopark as a main element of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of the area, producing among others an AR book for children. Also, the **Metartum Project** uses the dry-stone Shepard’s establishments as art workshops/ laboratories for Modern Artists.

IV. RESPECT OF THE CRITERIA OF THE ATTRIBUTION OF THE AWARD

13. Sustainable territorial development

Is the project part of a sustainable development policy?

Does it contribute to the enhancement of environmental, social, economic, cultural or aesthetic values of the landscape? How?

Has it successfully countered or posed a remedy to any pre-existing environmental damage or urban blight? How?

Sustainable development policy

The enhancement, promotion and management of the “Broader Nida Plateau”, as it has been presented earlier, is an integral part of the **Management Plan** of Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark, that aims to the conservation of natural and cultural heritage, and its transformation as a regeneration tool and locomotive for sustainable local development, through the establishment of eco- and geo-touristic activities. The Plan encompasses most of the SDGs as well as the provisions of local, regional and national sustainable and spatial planning. The ultimate goal of the Plan is to transform geopark territory into a place habitable for its own residents, a place to be proud of and happy to live in.

The development of the “Broader Nida Plateau” is in full agreement with the targets of **Anogia Municipality Land Use Plans**, to develop the area as a place for ecotourist and livestock raising activities. The **Regional Plan of the Region of Crete** (Greek Government Gazette 260/08.11.2017) sets several zones in order to apply in national and regional level the requirements of the “Landscape Convention”. Under the characterisation of the **"carrying capacity of natural and cultural capital"** zones it includes the E4 trail (crossing the entire area of Nida) as of international importance, whereas the whole Psiloritis mts (including the broader Nida plateau) as of National Importance. This Framework foresees for the broader Nida Plateau (Article 11) that “... a priority for the protection, preservation and promotion of the unified natural and cultural heritage is the creation and implementation of a program of targeted spatial actions by the operating institutions, regional and municipal, which highlights the inseparable relationship of the natural and the cultural identity of each place, as well as its timeless historical depth. All actions must have a synthetic character and be linked to productive reconstruction efforts of the mountainous massifs and the populous traditional

settlements”. **Consequently, the Management Plan of Psiloritis geopark in the Nida area is in full alignment with the Regional and National Spatial planning for the implementation to “Landscape Convention” and the achievement of the SDGs.**

Enhancement of values of the landscape

All the above projects and outcomes were scheduled to promote in a holistic manner the geo- and bio-diversity of the area. Combining in the enhancement products (trails, booklets, panels, digital outcomes etc.) local tales (like the Erotokritos poem), traditional songs (like the Nida song), the shepherd’s life (National Intangible Heritage), and the dry-stone constructions (UNESCO Intangible Heritage) we achieve the development of **coordinated actions** capable of reflecting the “genius loci” of this unique landscape. In addition, educational and training activities implemented by the geopark and the Anogia Environmental Education Center, through guided tours and two special programs on the “life of Shepherds” and the “Karstic landscapes of Psiloritis”, communicate further in younger ages the values and the tradition of the area, keeping them alive. The geopark tries to transform these into a geotouristic destination that promotes and supports in addition, the local diary and culture products, and thus local economy.

Remedies to any pre-existing environmental damage

- Under this common project the Municipality of Anogia and the Forest Service achieved the protection of the rare and endangered species of Horstrissea and the nomination of its ecotopes as “Protected Natural Formations” (Greek Government Gazette 250/18.5.2020).
- Through Regional Funds the Municipality implements also two projects, in order to regenerate and heal two ruined modern buildings: **1.** the restoration of the abandoned resort at the Nida plateau into a modern Info Center for the Interpretation of the Plateau and the Idaion Andron cave, **2.** the restoration of the old ski center to form an environmental research and education shelter.
- Furthermore, coordinated actions of the ‘Idaion Network’ indirectly promotes the individual efforts for restoration of old Mitata (*tholoi*) by the owners during these last years, giving life and continuity to the traditional activities.

14. Exemplary value

Can the project be considered of exemplary value? Why?

Which are the good practices that it implemented?

Exemplary Value

The project for the enhancement and management of the broader Nida Plateau under the Management Plan of Psiloritis UNESCO geopark and the IDAION NETWORK of Psiloritis' Municipalities gave the opportunity for a holistic promotion, interpretation and management of this cultural landscape in the Psiloritis mts, and to combine it with a charming geo-and eco-touristic destination for all target groups. It combines all aspects of natural and the Man-made landscape, including the written and oral narrations, the prehistoric myths and the ancient history and culture, as well as traditional activities, identifying and promoting the intrinsic interrelations and connections between them, using traditional and modern means and resources.

The wealthy and intact by tourism and human pressures natural environment, the long-lasting history and culture that ranges from paleolithic to modern times, and the superb quality of agricultural and livestock products are considered the strong merits of the territory. Between ancient times and our days, people continue to walk on Psiloritis in order to search transcendentalism, to graze sheep, to find refuge in war time, to research as botanist or an archaeologist, to be entertained. In this way the natural site has been transformed into cultural landscape. This landscape gains attention as all human interventions are related with the 'genius loci' and they enhance it.

The activities in the plateau engage present and traditional habits related with shepherd life and production – the main economic activity, in the area –in the development of sustainable and responsible tourism products. These activities aim at local regeneration, raise of local people's pride for their heritage and improvement of the well-being of local societies in nearby villages. Accomplishment of these goals is also way to achieve also conservation of natural and culture heritage for future generations.

Good practices

- Combination of traditional (conventional) approaches for nature and culture interpretation with modern technologies and means (Story telling maps, VR and AR products for pcs and mobile devices).
- Promotion and maintenance of traditional shepherd's life through its integration in all outcomes and further support for its nomination as a National Intangible heritage.
- The intervention of all relative authorities, organizations, NGOs, associations and local communities under the UNESCO Global Geopark Initiative to establish the Nida area as an eco- and geo-touristic destination related to the European path E4 in its Cretan route.
- The Psiloritis Municipalities, the 'Anogia Environmental Education Center' in collaboration with the Psiloritis Geopark, the Idaion Andron Info Center and the Zominthos site by their combined activities raise the specific mountainous landscape as the palimpsest of universal values.

15. Public participation

Does the project actively encourage the public's participation in the decision-making process? How?

Is the project in line with the wider policies implemented by national, regional or local authorities?

Public Participation

- Psiloritis Geopark is a bottom-up initiative that was established in 2001 by the local Municipalities, the stakeholders of AKOMM Psiloritis Local Development Company and the natural History Museum of Crete. As a geopark Local communities are essential part of the geopark and according to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Operational Guidelines, they participate through their representatives at the Advisory Board of the geopark which develops its policy and the targets to achieve. This project was developed under the geopark's Management Plan and is implemented with the close collaboration of the shepherd's community of the area and the people of Anogia Municipality.
- Several workshops have been and are performed by the geopark and its stakeholders to support shepherds on modern marketing and promotional activities, the local people on the dry-stone constructions and the preservation of dry-stone wall and mitata technique, as well as the women for maintaining traditional weave products based on wool.
- The actions about Nida are in line with Geopark Management plan that has been developed in 2015 and is going to be updated during 2023. The Land Use plan for the Municipality of Anogia, respects the Regional Spatial Planning Framework, for the implementation of the Landscape National Policy (mapping Landscape Units).

16. Awareness-raising

Is the project effectively increasing public awareness of the importance of landscape in terms of human development, consolidation of identity, or individual and collective well-being? How?

The ongoing project since 2015, and particularly the outcomes of period between 2015-2020 of the Broader Nida plateau increased effectively public awareness and understanding of the landscape values through the combination of local sustainable development activities, conservation of natural and cultural heritage, maintaining local identity and finally local regeneration. These values are conveyed to both locals and visitors. These are achieved by:

- The development of **panels** and **info-boards** established at important sites of interest in the field, thematic digital and printed publications, **digital tools and means** like story maps, virtual tours, VR and AR products that aim to interpret the interventions between nature, culture, land art, human activities and products, as well as the shepherd's life.
- Several kinds of **publications** and **promotional material of the geopark** like thematic geotouristic and geological maps, trail and other thematic leaflets, booklets and field guides.
- Promotion of the **superb quality dairy products** through the participation in tourism and other thematic **fairs** (Tour Nature, ITB etc.), special **webpages** (business listing for the geopark's stakeholders (<https://storymaps.nhmc.uoc.gr/en/affiliated-businesses/>))
- Development and implementation of **special educational programs** and activities that are mainly addressed to pupils, but also to adults and teachers.
- Highlighting and promoting through the **participation** of the geopark at the UNESCO Global and European **Geoparks Networks** as an emblematic geosite.
- The promotion of the geopark in total, and the Nida individually through a big project supported by the Region of Crete, the UNESCO sites of the island and University of Crete, titled "**Branding and Promotion of UNESCO Sites in Crete**" which has a budget of about a Million €.

V. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Together with the printed version of the Application form, additional material in digital format should be included in one USB key, and returned by post to:

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- Text (22 pages max.): Additional Document Nida.pdf (Annex I)
- Photos (10 max.): check pages
 - Horstrissea Afrathianakis M.jpg
 - Idaion Andron entrance Fassoulas C.jpg
 - Local Fest St Fanourios Avramakis M.jpg
 - Mitato Varsamos Fassoulas C.jpg
 - Nida in winter Ntagiantas A.jpg
 - Nida Panorama Trichas A.jpg
 - Nida Plateau in Spring Fassoulas C
 - Nida shepherds Fassoulas C.jpg
 - Petradolakia and Nida Plateau from Skinakas Fassoulas C.jpg
 - The main sinkhole Fassoulas C.jpg
- Posters (2 max.): Nida Poster 2023_1.jpg and Nida Poster 2023_2.jpg
- Video (15 min max.): The broader Nida Plateau.mp4

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