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Open case-file 2010/05

**Threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias
(Greece)**

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

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Ministry of Environment & Energy
General Directorate of Environmental Policy
Directorate of Natural Environment Management & Biodiversity
Department of Biodiversity

Athens, 29 July 2022

To the Secretary of the Bern Convention

Dear Ms Sticker,

Subject: File Complaint No. 2010/5: Case-file open on “Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias”

Greece would like to provide the following information concerning the open Case File No. 2010/5 to the attention of the Bureau of the Bern Convention in view of the September 2022 Bureau meeting. Greece would like to inform the Bureau that the country is still working on this case having Recommendation No. 174 (2014) as a guiding tool. According to nesting data provided by the NGO ‘Archelon’, there is a positive trend in nesting activity in Kyparissiakos Bay over the last decade, from 828 nests recorded in 2012 to 3239 nests recorded in 2021 in the core of the biotope (Arkadikos-Neda area).

As regards point 3¹ of the Recommendation, Greece reiterates its statement presented in the October 2021 report that COIEL/SYGAPAZ² blocked the roadways in June 2021 and has proposed an environmental study to be paid and implemented by the offender on the restoration of sand dunes, the inversion of erosion as well as the restoration of the area after the destruction of the roadways. COIEL/SYGAPAZ revisited the area in 2022 and reported that nothing has changed. The Ministry reserves the right to contact the Bureau as soon as any updates regarding this case are available.

We remain at your disposal for any clarification you may need.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Evangelos Badieritakis

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¹ “Restores the original sand dune and forest habitat in the above-mentioned area by demolishing any illegal road built perpendicularly to the shoreline, as well as other existing illegal artificial infrastructure; puts immediately effective measures in place to prevent cars and caravans from reaching the proximity of the nesting beaches and produce nuisance to sea turtle nesting and hatching”.

² Coordination Office for the Implementation of Environmental Liability of the Ministry of Environment & Energy