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

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

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Subject: Reply to the Bern Convention Secretariat letter of 27.9.2017, in relation to the Recommendation No 174 (2014) –Complaint No 2010/5 for the Kyparissia Bay (Natura GR 2550005 site).

Related documents: 1. Your letter of 27-9-2017 (our ref. 21522/1986/2.10.2017)

With regard to the aforementioned issue and in response to the actions implemented by Greece, in compliance with the judgment of the European Court of Justice, we inform you of the following:

1. For the region of the Kyparissiakos Gulf, a relevant Ministerial Decision (25794/24.05.2016) was issued, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 9 of article 6 of Law 3937/11. According to the Ministerial Decision, building activities between the Agiannaki and Elala agglomerations, and in general in highly protection nature zones, are prohibited.
2. In addition, the Ministerial Decision includes the following provisions:
 - Exclusion of human activities along the seaside and management of the beach, particularly during the summer season (use of seashore and beach, umbrellas and canteens)
 - Prohibition of light in highly protection nature zones and additional term stating that the existing lights visible from the beaches must be removed or replaced, with appropriate lighting.
 - Special terms for fishing activities
 - Prevention of access to coastal sand dunes
 - Restrictions / strict terms for spatial planning
 - Prohibition of free camping
 - Removal and demolition procedures for all illegal activities
 - Review of the impacts of legally existing projects and activities through the environmental licensing process.
3. General and specific guidelines for the implementation of the above actions have been forwarded to all relevant local authorities, in order to take the necessary actions according to their responsibilities and implement the necessary measures to ensure that the possible nuisances of the species have been reduced or eliminated by the beginning of the breeding season of *Caretta caretta* (1 May 2017).
4. The Police Department of Kyparissia has submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Energy timetables of inspections and actions that have been properly and consistently implemented from 2012 till this date. The Police Department is further providing the assurance that it will continue to act with the same intensive and consistent manner, in accordance with the current legislation and the ECJ's judgment.
5. The Municipality of Kyparissia proceeded with the change of the municipal lighting, along the beach of Kalo nero area and removed the lamps from the lighting fixtures, between the Agiannaki and Elala agglomerations, in cooperation with the NGO Archelon.

Furthermore, we would like to inform you, that the Presidential Decree for the protection of, both the marine and terrestrial areas of Kyparissia Bay has been approved by the Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy and has been sent to the Council of State for ex ante legal audit.

Yours sincerely

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Subject: Response to the 14.2.2017 of the Bern Convention Secretariat Mail in relation to the Recommendation No 174 (2014) –Complaint No 2010/5 in Kyparissia Bay (Natura GR 2550005 site).

Related documents:

1. Your Doc no Φ.6734/ΑΣ 189/14.2.2017 with attached the Bene Convention Letter of 14.2.2017.
2. Our doc no 28550/1016 to the EU & International Affairs Department
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In response to your related (1) document of 14.2.2017 we would like to inform you that the Presidential Decree for the protection of, both the marine and terrestrial areas of Kyparissia Bay, has been approved by the Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy and has been sent to the Council of State for ex-ante legal audit.

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