

## Additional material

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### 5.2.4 Key conservation measures

**A set of measures and delimitation of zones** are enforced since September 1996 by the Ministries of Agriculture, Environment and Development The Joint Ministerial Decision delimitates three zones and a brief description of the zones and measures is as follows :

Zone A includes part of the river bed, permanent or seasonal marshes, lagoons, riparian forests and shallow coastal areas

In zone A, permitted activities (under specific terms) are: traditional fishing and aquaculture; restricted sailing; maintenance of existing fishing infrastructure; restricted construction of new infrastructure for the previous purposes; maintenance of existing agricultural activities, poplar plantations, salt works, expansion of builded area is prohibited; scientific research; works for conservation and upgrading of the environment and mild tourism (restricted visits for nature observation and swimming).

Zone B includes a buffer zone to the river and shallow coastal areas,

In this zone, permitted activities under terms are: maintenance of existing agricultural activities and existing settlements (expansion is prohibited), maintenance and expansion of existing infrastructure; scientific research; conservation works; mild tourism (restricted visits for nature observation, and swimming); grazing in restricted areas; small stables; aquaculture and fishing.

Zones A and B comprise the Ramsar site

A buffer zonte to the site in its wider / catchment area has been delineated and includes mainly agricultural land and grazing fields

In this zone permitted activities under terms are: hunting, scientific research, agriculture, grazing and aquaculture; maintenance and expansion of existing infrastructure; establishment of light infrastructure for energy production; preservation of existing archaeological places; housing, building of storage rooms, water tanks, green houses, infrastructure for agricultural activities, sport places, public buildings, parking places, recreation, hotels; animal breeding stations and slaughter houses are allowed

Zones A and B have been also proposed for inclusion in the NATURA 2000 network under the code GR1150010 Parts of this zones are already an SPA under the code GR1150001. The site is a game refuge and an area of hunting prohibition is established at a distance of 2 km alongside the river bed.

**A Preliminary Management Scheme** has been established in 1997 on the site by two Programme Agreements, one for each Prefecture, signed by the Ministers of Environment and Agriculture, the Regional Environmental Services and Local Authorities. It comprises two Joint Committees for the steering of the implementation, it has a flexible administration and the required secretariat/ co-ordination support provided is by a Local Development Institution. The Programme Agreement has an Annex with the planned works and activities, their time-table (1997-1999) and budget. Priority actions include the operation of an Information Centre, works for the ecological development of the area (placement of signs, construction of warden houses, observation towers etc.), training of the personnel, warding of the site and reforestation of the Kotza Orman forest.

Preliminary Management Schemes have a three-fold aim: 1) to respond quicker to the matters that arise concerning the everyday management problems of the sites and 2) to

carry out projects concerning infrastructure, monitoring and management, and 3) to coordinate relevant authorities in working out the further priorities for the management of the sites

Since 1990, measures were taken against soil erosion in the catchment, mainly by reforestation of surrounding hills and mountains.

The site is included in the Montreux Record since 1990. Under the Management Guidance Procedure a mission that visited Greece in 1989 described the main problems of the area.