

Additional material

Social and cultural values

Unique hunting practice dating from the Ancient Macedonians (written data from Herodotus dating from the 5th century b.c.) even now is used by the local community in fact by the management organization for fishing. This technique include many special tools, inventions, equipment and excellent knowledge of bird, fish and plant species, their ecology and phenology. It is fully encompassed in the traditional lifestyle of Dojran Town inhabitants of whom 20 % are employed in the fishery. The most interesting are “mandras” (enclosed hunting grounds) which give special spirit to the lake but also “nasekas” and “funtas” together with unique boats and cottage hides (koliba) for chasing birds and special fish traps (pilekatniks) which are necessary for the hunting process. The process lasts throughout the year and includes the winter and spring fishing season. This is the only known place in the world were this fishing method is used (Micevski,1997, 1998)