



Mo.Na: Monuments in Nature: A Creative Co-Existence



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Mo.Na – A project for monuments in Nature Santorini, Nessebar, Paphos, Butrint

Mo.Na project, funded by the INTERREG Balkan – Mediterranean programme, is now going through its final 4 months and is planned to finalise its activities.

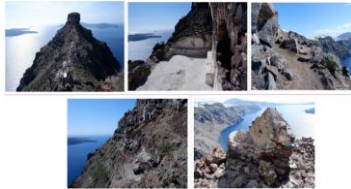
The use of online platforms has helped the partnership to overcome the impact of COVID -19 on many of **Mo.Na**’s activities and has paved the way towards the end of the project.

The constant exchange of the ‘know-how’ and learning from each other will lead to meeting the main objective of **Mo.Na** project which is to protect and preserve natural and cultural heritage assets.

The overall Mo.Na “Monuments in Nature: A Creative Co Existence” aim is to recognize-analyse and evaluate the protection and promotion of natural resources and cultural heritage across the Balkan-Mediterranean territory, choosing as a main subject the integrated planning and the common management strategies in environments of high interest and preservations value (NATURA 2000, Ramsar Areas, etc.) in interdependence with regions with a high cultural importance (UNESCO protected areas).



Initiatives concerning the environmental-cultural management of the Santorini's Caldera



Since January, the Ephorate of Antiquities of the Cyclades has been conducting fieldwork at the Castle of Skaros with the technical assistance of the Municipality of Thera as part of the **Mo.Na** Project.

To begin with, the routes have been cleaned, as well as deforestation and widening work, in order to make them safer and easier for tourists to cross.

Meanwhile, trial trenching has been carried out, and excavation activities at the church of Panagia Xeportiani, near the [Castle's](#) gate, have uncovered the monument to its full size and importance, restoring it to its prominent position in the Skaros

"Digital tour" of Skaros

We had the pleasure and honor of recording Dimitris Athanasoulis in a "digital tour" of Skaros, one of the most important medieval sites in the Aegean, as part of the **Mo.Na** project, in cooperation with the Ephorate of Antiquities of Cyclades.

For more information [click here](#).

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR:

"Initiatives for natural and cultural management and protection - The Kykkos Forest as an exemplary model"



On Friday April 9th, the Cyprus International Webinar took place via Zoom platform, and it was organised by the Society of Cypriot Studies with the cooperation of the Cyprus Department of Forests.

The webinar was divided in three (3) sessions:

- Cultural Management
- Common Protection Initiatives and Synergies
- Synergies

It was a very successful meeting as more than 30 people attended it. The Webinar was uploaded in YouTube and is available [here](#). For more information [click here](#).

National Institute of Cultural Heritage Brochures



This [brochure](#) was printed in 1,500 copies and aims to promote the main objects of the Butrint's Archaeological Museum collection. Numerous visitors will get even better acquainted with the cultural values of Butrint, with the assistance of **Mo.Na**.

The "Monumental Gate in Butrint" [brochure](#) aims to offer a unique itinerary of the ancient city of Butrint, through the recognition of the monumental entrance gates to the city.

1,200 copies were printed and shall be distributed.



"Street network reconstruction - Ribarska Street and Mena Street", Nessebar - Bulgaria



The Municipality of Nessebar has completed the reconstruction of Mena and Ribarska Streets in the Old Town of [Nessebar](#).

As part of the large-scale renovation was made stone street pavement of 1490 sq. m., granite curbs with a total length of 454 m. were laid, and were made sidewalk pavements with a total area of 1073 sq. m.

Nessebar International Webinar



On 23rd April 2021, a [Webinar](#) was held through the Zoom platform with initiative of the Municipality of Nessebar. The Webinar was entitled “The sustainable use and creative co-existence

between natural and cultural heritage: the experience of Nessebar”.

Many participants attended the meeting, out of whom, there were representatives from Ministries, Museums, Tourist Associations, professionals with extensive experience in the field of archeology and spatial planning, environmentalists, etc.

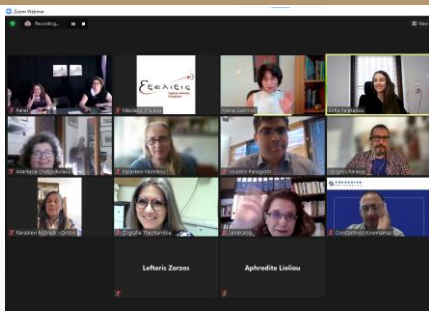
The webinar had two sections:

- i. Monuments in nature – rediscovering the past and preserving the knowledge and achievements of humanity over the centuries.
- ii. The sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage of Nessebar.

The webinar was a huge success, with everyone agreeing to continue discussing and collaborating on challenges connected to collaborative management of natural and cultural resources.

The recordings of the webinar are available [here](#).

Santorini International Webinar



Webinar via Zoom Platform.

The webinar consisted of three (3) sessions:

- Carrying capacity
- Risks and pressures
- Coastal zone

Really interesting presentations were delivered by professionals with extensive experience in the relevant field. The recordings were uploaded on [YouTube](#) platform.

The meeting attended 78 people, 70 of them attended the webinar through Zoom platform, while 8 representatives of the partners participated in person due to COVID-19 preventative measures.

Municipality of Thira on the 28th of May 2021 organised the “A creative dialogue for managing the visitor’s capacity and evaluation of the carrying capacity of sites which consist major tourism destinations. The case of Santorini” international

Restoration of a nature trail in the Paphos Forest



The Department of Forests recently finished restoring an [old nature trail](#) that runs through the Roudia Valley in the Paphos Forest. The nature trail is eleven kilometers long and begins near the town of Milikouri (near the monastery of Panagia tou Kykkou) and finishes near the town of Panayia at the place "Doxa si o Theos."



The trail follows an old pathway that connected Panayia village and Kykko monastery in the past, and restoration work included clearing the road of plant, stones, and soil that had collected over time, and recreating traditional dry stones to reduce soil erosion from tiny streams.

To avoid causing environmental damage, no mechanical means (other than a chainsaw) were employed during the restoration process. All work was done manually between February and March 15, 2020, when the project was completed, respecting nature and the valuable unique flora and wildlife.



Forum in Istanbul:

“Ecumenical Initiative for the Protection of Environment and Culture”



The [Forum](#) entitled “Ecumenical Initiative for the Protection of Environment and Culture”; co-organized by EKBMM & the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul and Chalki island was completed on 4-5 September 2021.

His All-Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Mr. Bartholomew delivered a keynote speech and declared the opening of the Forum on September 4th, at the Sismanogleio Palace of the Greek Consulate General in Istanbul. The activities of the Forum continued with a large number of participants on Sunday 5th September at the Holy Theological School of Halki. There, 25 conferrers, Greeks, Turks, Bulgarians, Cypriots & Albanians, specialists and educators presented programs and educational initiatives aiming to raise awareness of the youth as well as of the general public on topics related to the protection of environment and culture.

Hybrid International Conference

On 7-9 July 2021, the hybrid International Conference titled “Monuments in Nature-A creative co-existence” was organised by EKBMM. In the scope of Mo.Na Conference, issues regarding the integrated planning & common management strategies in monuments located in terrestrial and coastal areas of high environmental interest and preservation value were raised among other topics. For more information click [here](#). Do you want to watch the entire conference? Visit [here](#).

Global

The present edition, published by EKBMM with the contribution of Mo.Na’s partners, includes the archaeological and environmental documentation of the four (4) pilot sites, the proposed itineraries and presents the rich work and results of the project, for the period 2019-2021.

Read the book [here](#).



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