

Prespa National Park Greece



Location

North-west of Greece,
bordering Albania and North Macedonia.

Description

- Natura 2000 priority habitat types, including 9562* Grecian Juniper Woods and 91E0 Alluvial forests of the 91E0* Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior*.
- Cluster: High Mountain Conifer Forests (for 9562*)
- Located across the transboundary area of Prespa Lakes

Ecological values

- Important waterbird colonies
- Largest Dalmatian pelican colony in the world
- Over half of the species of birds, amphibians and mammals found in Greece
- More than 1,800 plant species and sub-species
- 7 priority habitat types according to the Habitat Directive
- Traditional silvo-pastoral practices

Protection status

- Prespa National Park, Greece
- Ramsar site - Lesser Prespa Lake
- NATURA 2000 sites
- Transboundary Prespa Park (Greece, Albania, North Macedonia)

Conservation actions

- Prespa National Park Management Body: wardening, conservation activities, communication
- Society for the Protection of Prespa: specific research, conservation, educational programmes
 - LIFE+ Nature project (2013-2017): Restoration and Conservation of priority habitat type 9562 *Greek Juniper Forests (*Juniperetum excelsae*) in Prespa National Park (LIFE 12NAT/GR/539)
 - LIFE15 NAT/GR/936 – Prespa Waterbirds project: “Bird conservation in Lesser Prespa: benefiting local communities and building a climate change resilient ecosystem”

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Organisation

Society for the Protection of Prespa (SPP)

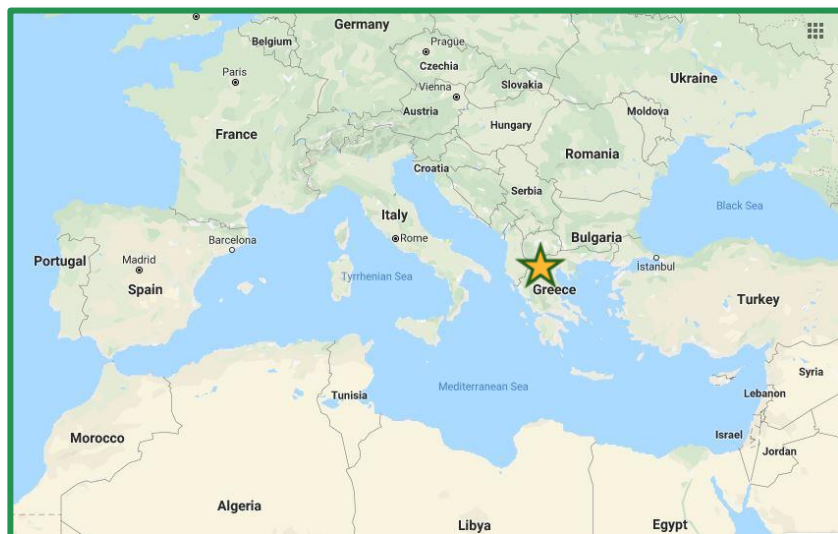


Threats

- Threats related to the abandonment of traditional silvo-pastoral uses (absence of management), such as:
 - Encroachment of deciduous broadleaved species on junipers
 - Low regeneration and low seed germination and viability of juniper trees
 - Expansion of reedbed in the littoral zone with negative effects on important feeding habitats
- Climate change

Strengths of the site

- Long-term experience of SPP in rural development and biodiversity conservation, involving local communities
- Grecian juniper woods restoration experience
- Long-term experience in wetland habitat restoration
- Transboundary collaboration at multiple levels



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