

Plant Micro-Reserves (PMR) constitute areas of small extent (less than 20 ha) that aim in the protection and management of the population of a rare plant. In the framework of the European Project **LIFE-CRETAPLANT**, a **pilot network of 7 PMR** has been established, for the first time in Greece, in the Prefecture of Chania (on public lands, part of the NATURA 2000 Network) for the protection of 7 threatened plants. Moreover, an additional number of important species of plants and animals as well as habitat types are protected in every PMR. Responsible for the monitoring and management is the Forestry Service, in collaboration with Local Authorities and scientific institutes. **The overall objective of the venture is twofold: the conservation of these little biodiversity treasures and the information – increase of public awareness towards Greek Nature.**



CRETAPLANT

MICRO-RESERVE

Bupleurum kakiskalae Greuter



Knowledge - Protection - Conservation



A Pilot Network of Plant Micro-Reserves in Western Crete
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Distribution

Bupleurum kakiskalae (Umbelliferae family) occurs only in 2 locations of Lefka Ori in Western Crete (and nowhere else in the world).

Description

A perennial monocarpic plant (ie producing flowers and fruits only once in its lifetime and then dies). It flowers from July to August and forms an impressive inflorescence up to 1 m high with small yellow flowers. Seeds mature from October to November.

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Seeds of *Bupleurum kakiskalae*
(in magnification)

Threats

- ▶ Grazing
- ▶ Climatic change

Conservation status

- Included in Annexes II* and IV of 92/43 EU Directive
- Protected by the Presidential Decree 67/81
- Protected by the Bern Convention (1979)
- Proclaimed 'Endangered' by the Red Data Book of Rare and Threatened Flora of Greece (1995)
- Included in the IUCN list of "The Top 50 Plants of the Mediterranean Islands" (2006)

The Plant Micro-Reserve (PMR) of *Bupleurum kakiskalae*

Locality: Kakiskala, Linoseli, Lefka Ori

Surface: 1 ha

Altitude: 1450 m

Landscape: Vertical calcareous cliff with chasmophytic vegetation

Other important plant species: *Onobrychis sphaciotica*, *Campanula cretica*, *Dianthus juniperinus* subsp. *juniperinus*, *Campanula jacquinii*, *Crepis auriculifolia*, *Cirsium morinifolium*, *Stachelina fruticosa*, *Lomelosia albocincta*

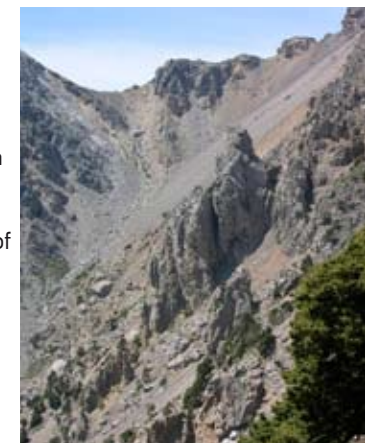


Conservation and monitoring actions

- Wardening
- Placement of information boards
- Recording of climatic parameters (meteorological microstation)
- Fencing on the base of the cliff for the protection of young plants from grazing and the enhancement of the population size, currently lower than 100 plants
- Annual counting of flowering plants for the monitoring of population fluctuations
- Seed storage in the Seed Banks of MAICh and University of Athens
- Study of seed germination and the factors regulating regeneration of the species



Monitoring of *Bupleurum kakiskalae* population implemented by telescopic photography.



ΥΠΟΜΝΗΜΑ

- Θέσεις καταγραφής του *Bupleurum kakiskalae*
- Σημείο παρατήρησης
- Μονοπάτι
- Χωροσταθμικές (ισοδιάσταση 20 μ.)
- Χωροσταθμικές (ισοδιάσταση 4 μ.)
- Ρέμα
- Ορια του Μικρο-Αποθέματος
Πυξιδάκι: 454 m
Επιφάνεια: 0,99 ha
- Κατακόρυφος βράχος με *Bupleurum kakiskalae*
- Βράχια

