



"Cooperation for the conservation of rare endemic plants of Cyprus within the buffer zone"

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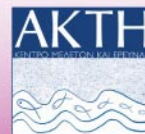


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This project operates under the auspices of the Cyprus Environmental Stakeholder Forum (CESF) which is supported by UNDP-ACT. The project focuses on the conservation of some of the rarest and most threatened endemic plant species of Cyprus, which are found within the buffer zone.

Conservation initiatives targeting the great number of endemic, rare and threatened plants of the island have been developed only during the last few years. None of these initiatives focuses on the plants found within the buffer zone, an area with considerable plant diversity.

One internationally accepted approach for the conservation of endemic, rare and threatened species, is the establishment of plant micro-reserves (PMR). The PMR concept, which was successfully adopted in other Mediterranean countries, focuses on the monitoring and conservation of small land plots of great value in terms of plant richness, endemism and rarity. Cyprus is considered an ideal territory for the establishment of a network of micro-reserves for the protection of plant populations, due to its varied natural conditions and the large number of botanical micro-endemics.

This project adopts the PMR approach and aims at the effective conservation of endangered species and their habitats, within the buffer zone. The project includes measures for the participation of local communities in the conservation process, as it is widely accepted that conservation projects are more likely to be sustainable if they are supported by local people.

The project could be considered as a pilot effort towards the establishment of an island-wide network of PMRs for the conservation of very important endemic plant species of Cyprus.

Agenda

15.30 - 16.00 Registration

SESSION I – THE PROJECT

16.00 - 16.10 **Welcome address**

Representative of Frederick University

16.10 - 16.25 **UNDP ACT - Islandwide Environmental Projects -**

Nicolas Jarraud, UNDP-ACT

16.25 - 16.45 **Project "Cooperation for the conservation of rare endemic plants of Cyprus within the buffer zone"**

*Costas Kadis, Head of Nature Conservation Unit
Frederick University, Project Coordinator*

16.45 - 17.00 **Environmental values and attitudes among Greek and Turkish Cypriots: Findings of an island-wide survey**

RAI Consultants

17.00 - 17.30 Coffee break

SESSION II – PLANT DIVERSITY CONSERVATION IN CYPRUS AND THE PLANT MICRO-RESERVES CONCEPT

17.30 - 17.55 **Plant Diversity Conservation in Cyprus**

*Kyriakos Georghiou, Assistant Professor,
Department of Biology, University of Athens*

17.55 - 18.20 **Plant Microreserves: Concept, implementation and management**

*Vincento Deltoro, PhD, Regional Environmental Office
of the Generalitat Valenciana*

18.20 - 18.45 **Experiences from the implementation of the Life project "CRETAPLAN"**

*(A pilot network of Plant Microreserves in western Crete)
Costas Thanos, Associate Professor,
Department of Biology, University of Athens*

18.45 - 19.10 **Plant diversity conservation in the eastern Mediterranean region**

