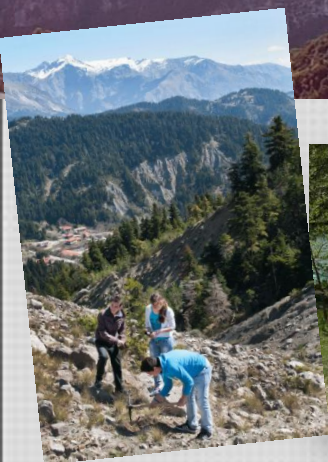
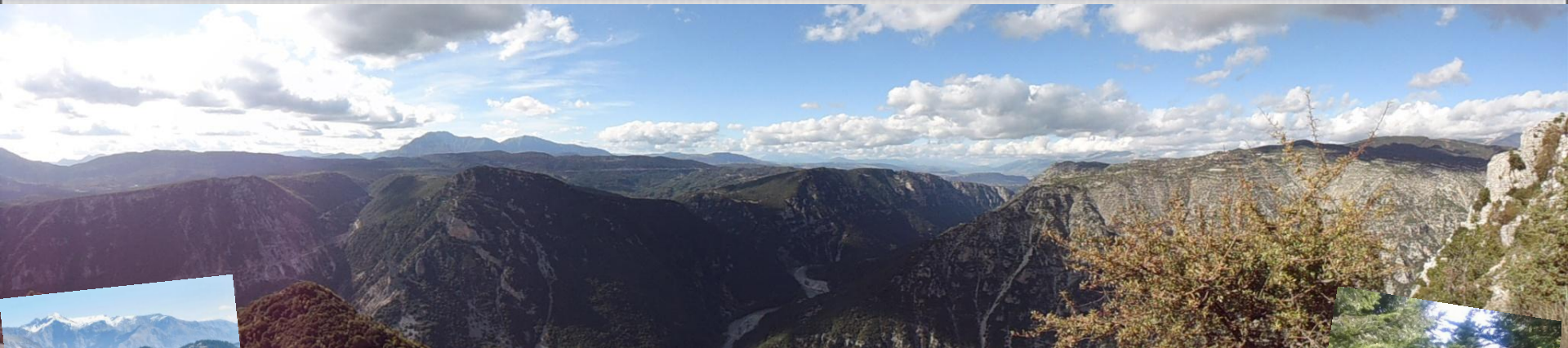


NATIONAL PARK OF TZOUMERKA, ACHELOOS VALLEY, AGRAFA AND METEORA MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



**“Reinforcing local participation
in environmental awareness and promotional activities.
National Park’s experience”**



Vasiliki Kaltsouni, Environmentalist MSc
Pramanta, 08/05/2018

National Park



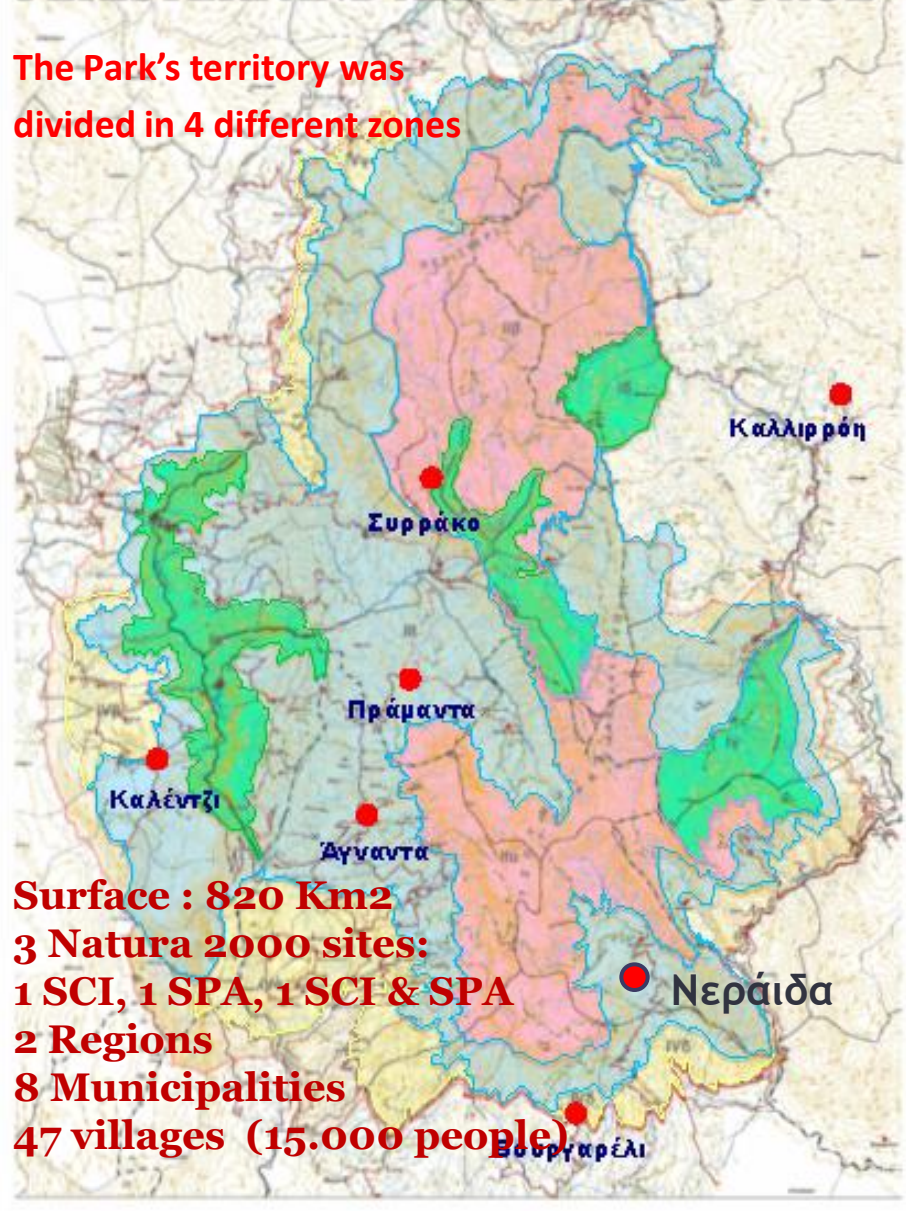
National Park of Tzoumerka, Peristeri and Arachthos Gorge established in **2009** by Presidential Degree for the :

- conservation of rare landscapes, habitats and flora/fauna species found in this area, as well as the
- establishment of measures for ensuring the harmonious coexistence of man and nature.

Recently, this protected area changed by a new law (February 2018) and its current name is **National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora.**

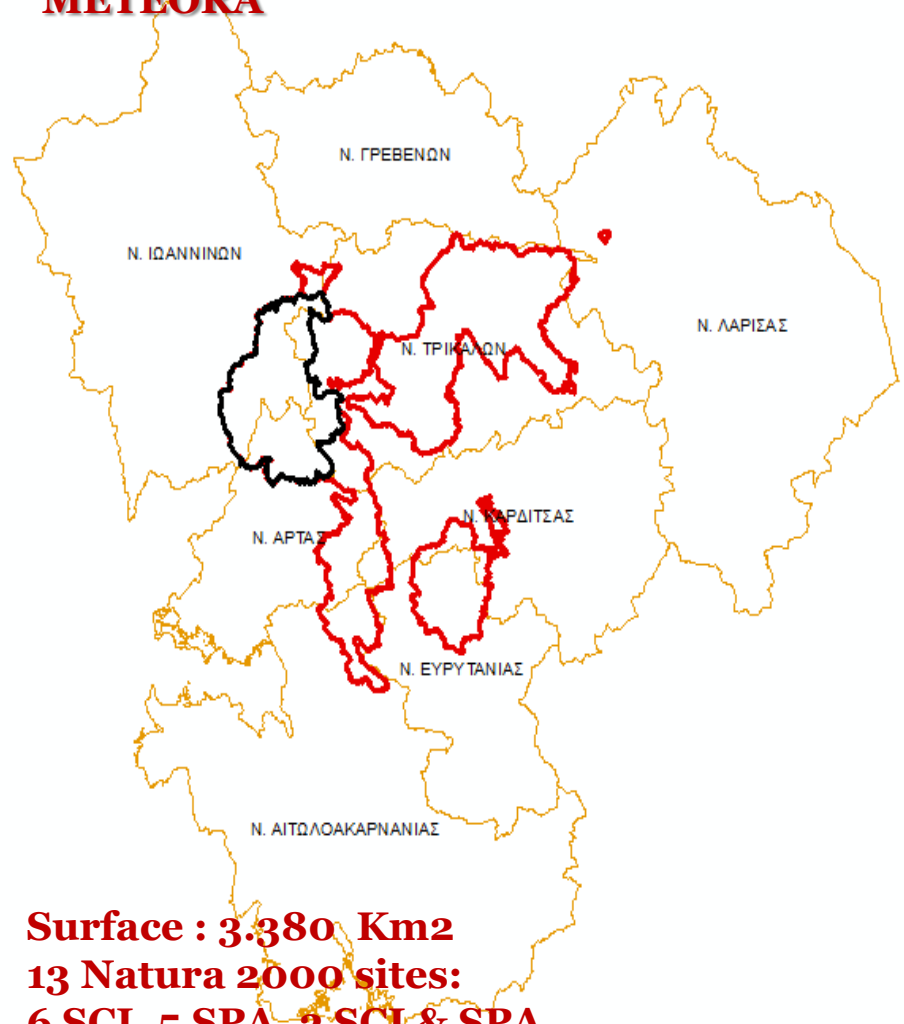
NATIONAL PARK OF TZOUMERKA PERISTERI AND ARACHTHOS GORGE

The Park's territory was
divided in 4 different zones



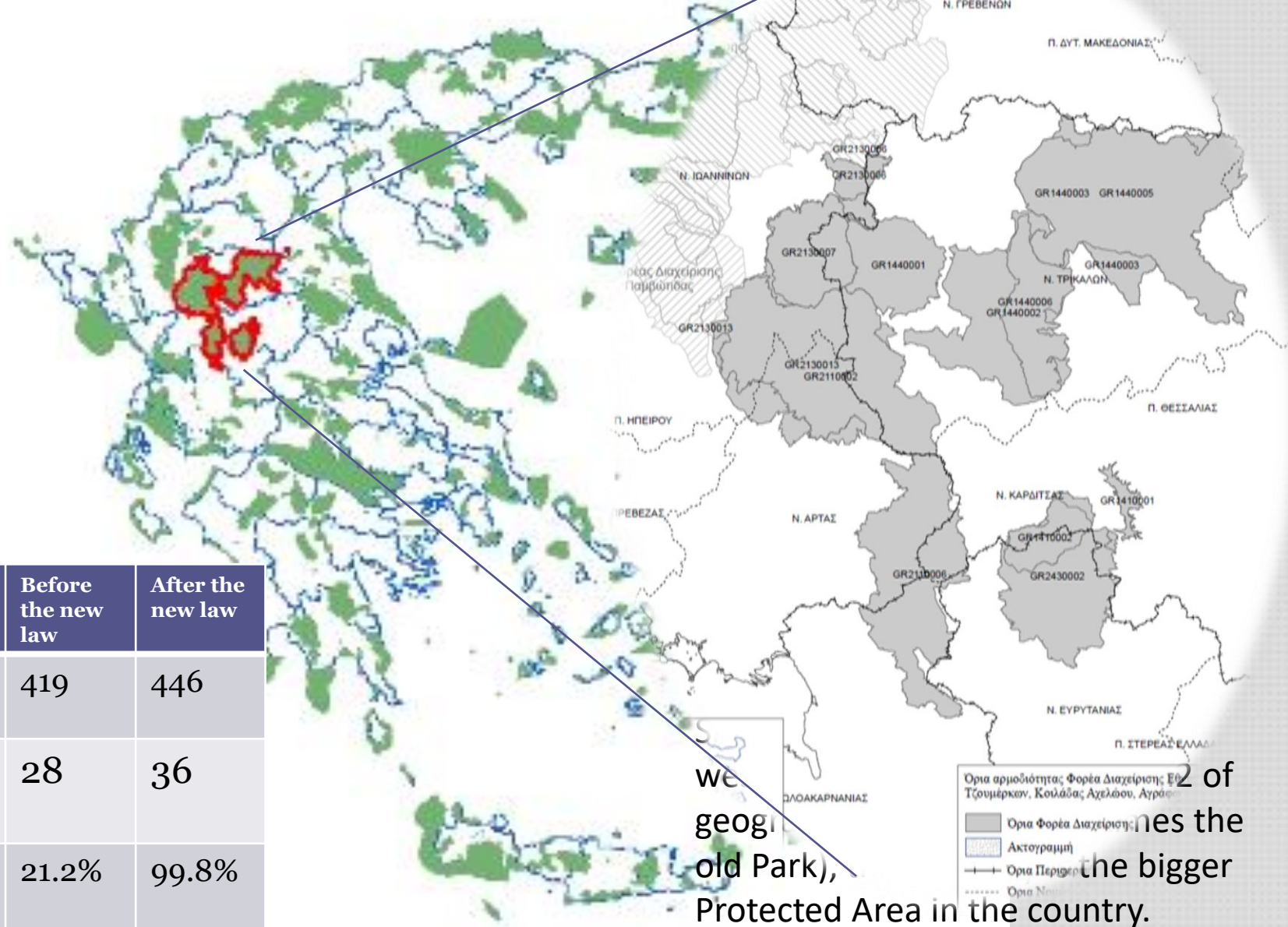
Surface : 820 Km²
3 Natura 2000 sites:
1 SCI, 1 SPA, 1 SCI & SPA
2 Regions
8 Municipalities
47 villages (15.000 people)

NATIONAL PARK OF TZOUMERKA, ACHELOOS VALLEY, AGRAFA AND METEORA



Surface : 3.380 Km²
13 Natura 2000 sites:
6 SCI, 5 SPA, 2 SCI & SPA
4 Regions
17 Municipalities

NATIONAL PARK OF TZOUMERKA, ACHELOOS VALLEY, AGRAFA AND METEORA



	Before the new law	After the new law
Natura 2000 sites	419	446
Management Authorities (MA)	28	36
Covering Natura 2000 sites by MA	21.2%	99.8%

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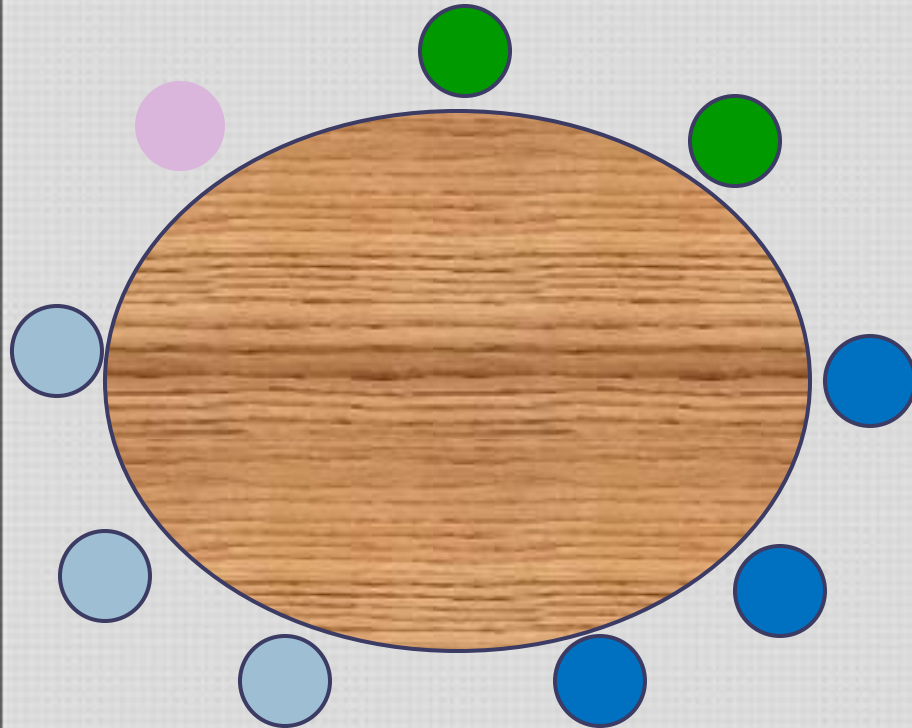
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Admin. Board

2012- 2018

Π.Δ. 49 (ΦΕΚ 49 Δ'/12-02-2009)

9 members

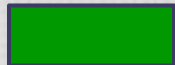
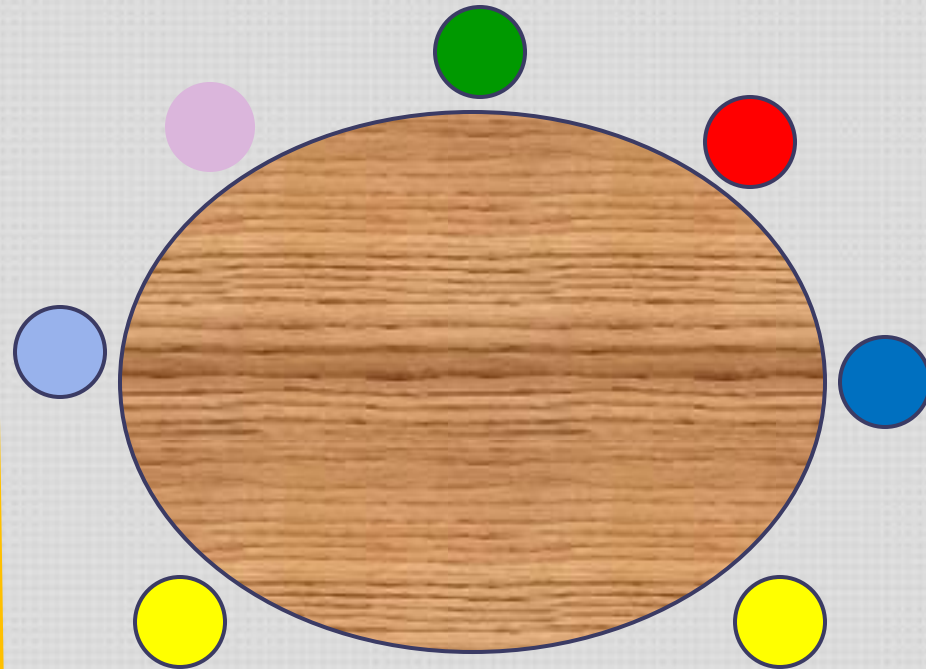


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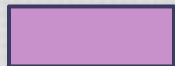
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7 members



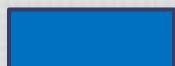
Ministry of Environment



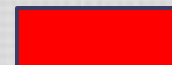
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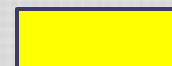
Municipality



Regiona Authority



Local Producers



Academia, Scientific Chambers etc.



“The *Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas* is a valuable tool for the **stimulation and motivation of local communities** and visitors to actively participate in the sustainable management of the National Park.”

This territory, with incredible natural characteristics, **certified as a sustainable tourist destination** since December 2016. It's the first Protected Area nationally, that conquers this significant distinction.

#SustainableDestinations

**National Park of Tzoumerka,
Peristeri and Arachthos Gorge**
Greece Photo: Alexandros Moliotis

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FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN
PROTECTED AREAS



Management Authority

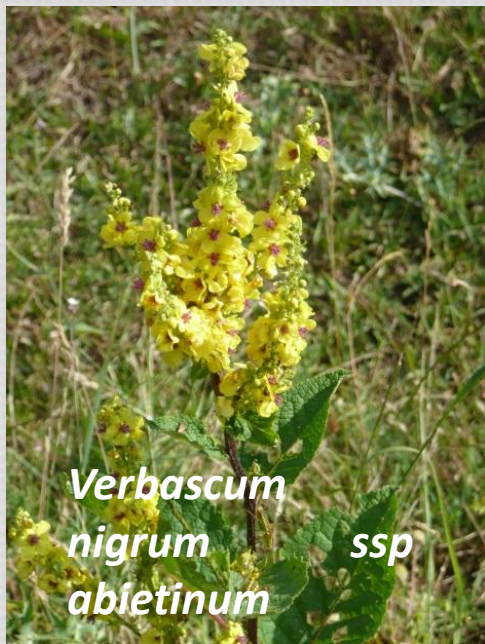
is responsible for the protection, conservation and management of the National Park

- Was founded in 2009
- Operates under the supervision of the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy.
- Is a non-profit-making legal entity governed by private law,
- **Administrative Board** : Is administered by a nine-member Administrative Board (representatives: Greek Ministry , Prefectures, Municipalities, NGO's)
- 13 employees with fixed-term contracts
- The Authority's headquarters are in Ioannina, and it has under its supervision six (6) Information Centres.

The **main responsibilities** of the Management Authority include:

- guarding and patrolling of the area,
- scientific monitoring of flora/fauna species and habitat types,
- informing and raising the awareness of the public,
- provision of advice and cooperation with other competent authorities etc.

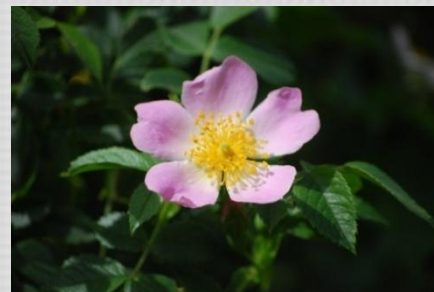
Natural Environment – Flora species



*Verbascum
nigrum* ssp
abietinum



*Geranium
subcaulescens*



*Himantoglossum
caprinum*

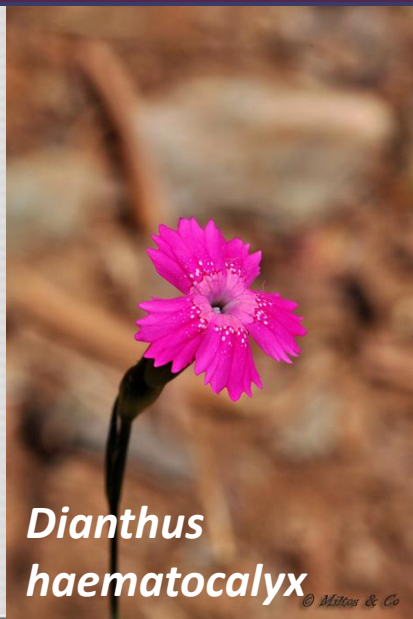


*Himantoglossum
caprinum*

National Park of Tzoumerka has extensive areas of native flora and several rare species



Lactuca graeca Boiss.
(*L. intricata*)



*Dianthus
haematocalyx*



*Lilium
chalconicum*



Τσάι
(*Sideritis athenica*)



Solenastus albanicus

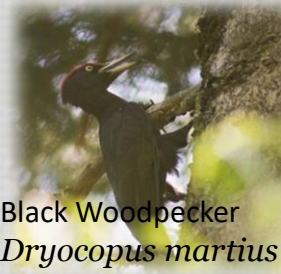
Bird species



Friffon vulture
(Gyps fulvus)



Egyptian Vulture
Neophron percnopterus



Black Woodpecker
Dryocopus martius



Red-backed Shrike
Lanius collurio

Amphibians



S. salamanda



Mesotriton alpestris



B. variegata



Rana graeca

Reptiles



Viper -
Vipera ursinii graeca



Testudo graeca

Invertebrates



Limenitis reducta



Parnassius apollo



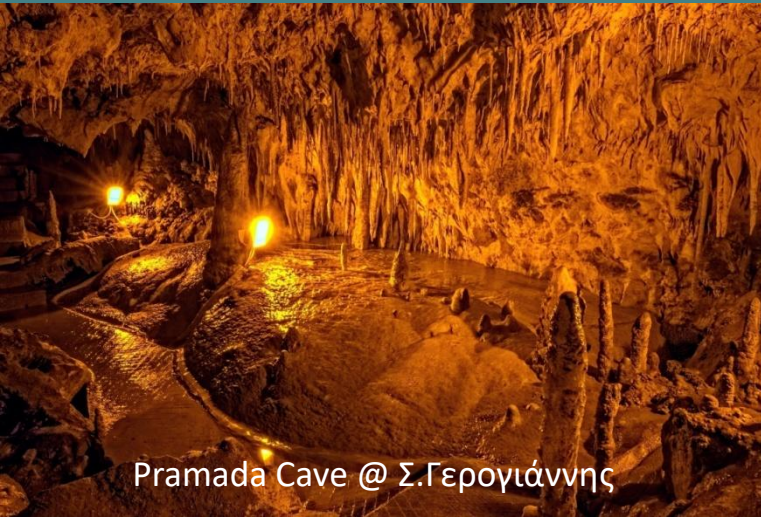
Vanessa cardui



Vanessa atalanta

Mammals





Pramada Cave @ Σ.Γερογιάννης



Kirina Monastery © Χ.Παπαιωαννου



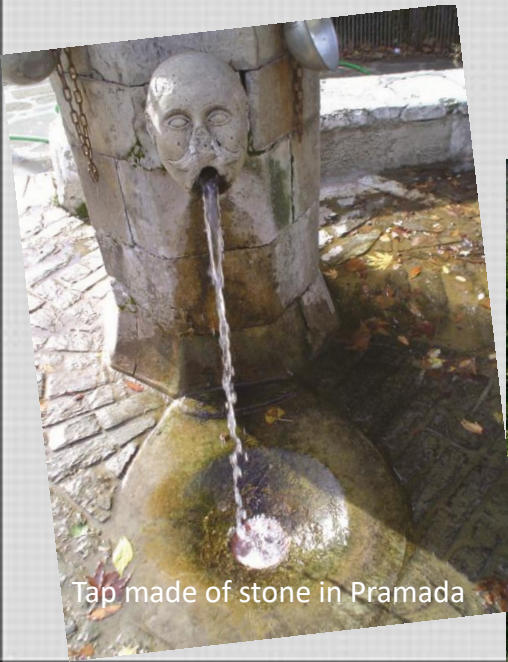
Stone bridges © Κ.Θανάσης



Saint George's church in Boulgareli

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Cultural heritage



Tap made of stone in Pramada



Galactotrofousa church in Anthousa

Α.Μολιώτης © Εθνικό Πάρκο Τζουμέρκων



Watermill of Agnanta

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scientific monitoring of flora/fauna species and habitat types



Φώτο: Γ. Ηλιόπουλος



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Desert Orange-tips (*Colotis evagore*), male and female.

Miguel Ponce, Newsletter Editor, Nov 2016

The main threats recorded in the Protected Area are:



Guarding and patrolling of the area



Raising Environmental Awareness

A) VISITORS

- Providing information in Information Centers of Management Authority.
- Organizing guided tours for visitors/groups in the Park.



ΚΠ Αγνάντων



ΚΠ Καλλιρρόης (Τρία Ποτάμια)

B) LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Organizing workshops, meetings etc.
- Organizing/co-organizing events/activities in collaboration with local entities etc.



Γ) SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- Visiting school units for informing students about National Park and relevant environmental issues
- Various activities with the participation of students and their teachers.



Management 's Authority

Informing / Awareness / Promotional / Educational activities
with the collaboration of other involved members



All these activities aim to:

- inform and finally protect the natural wealth of the area
- reinforce the contact with country life and connection with nature
- reveal the traditional way of life and recapture the traditional customs in National Park

C) Environmental awareness activities



Environmental awareness activities – European Birds celebration – Collaboration with the Hellenic Ornithological Society



Environmental awareness activities – A celebration for swallows and spring – Collaboration with the Hellenic Ornithological Society



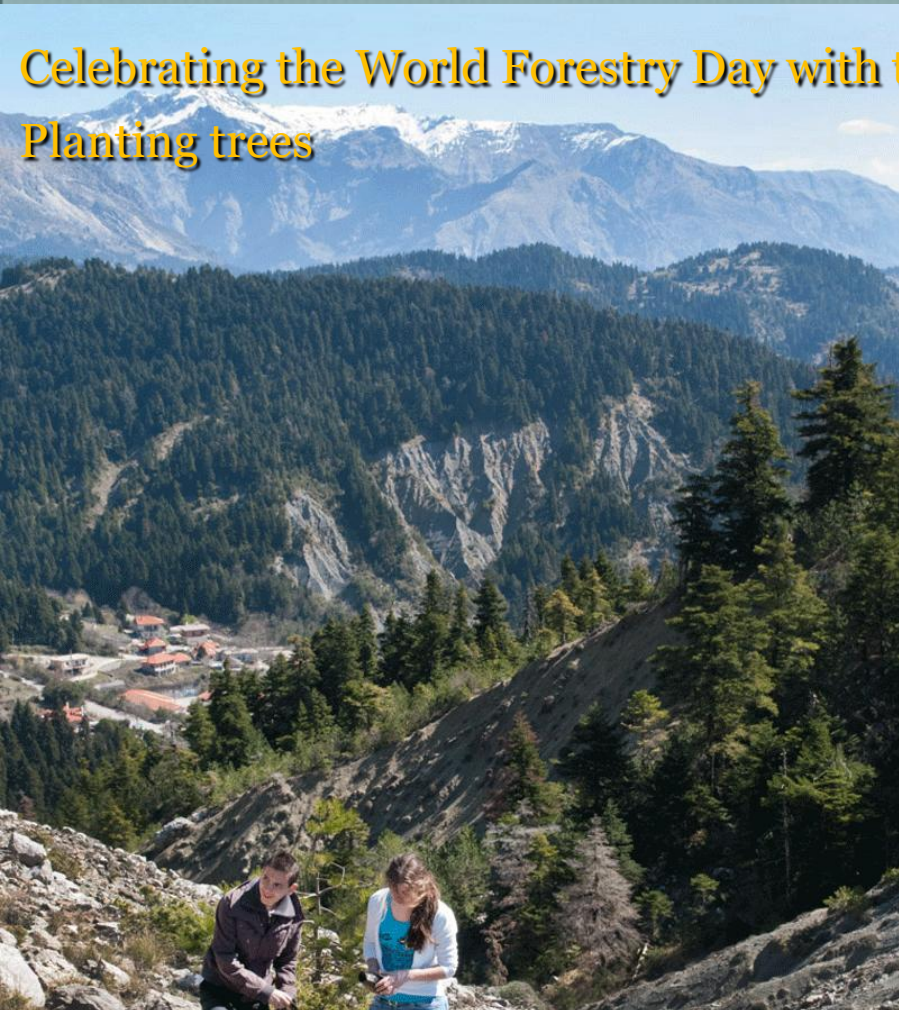
Informing students at schools

Making swallow nest's from clay



Celebrating the World Forestry Day with the participation of students

Planting trees



Environmental awareness activities – Celebrating the World Forestry Day with the participation of students



Δράσεις Περιβαλλοντικής Ευαισθητοποίησης Αθλητικές (συν)διοργανώσεις



Environmental Awareness Activities

Voluntary cleaning actions in various places in the Park with the participation of cultural association members and residents



Cleaning nationwide campaign
"Let's do it Greece 2015"



Environmental Awareness Activities

Voluntary cleaning actions in Arachthos river
with the collaboration of Municipality of North Tzoumerka and
participation of volunteers and residents



April 2016:

Participate in the cleaning nationwide campaign «Let' s do it Greece 2016», with cleaning rafting event in Arachthos river.



Environmental Awareness Activities

April 2017: cleaning nationwide campaign «Let's do it Greece 2017»,
Voluntary cleaning actions in two different places in the same day
(Mellisourgoi and Xouliarades village)
with the collaboration of Municipality of Central Tzoumerka and
participation of cultural association members and residents



ALL EVENTS AT:
WWW.EUROPARC.ORG

24th
May 2016



EUROPEAN DAY OF PARKS

A Taste of Nature

#EDOP2016



Slow Food

Environmental Awareness Activities



Testing games



Informing students about nuts and fruits that are grown in the Park.

ΕΘΝΙΚΟ ΠΑΡΚΟ ΤΖΟΥΜΕΡΚΩΝ ΠΕΡΙΣΤΕΡΙΟΥ & ΧΑΡΑΔΡΑΣ ΑΡΑΧΘΟΥ



Ευρωπαϊκή Ημέρα
των Πάρκων

24 Μάιος
2017

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Αλλάζουμε το Κλίμα
Αλλάζουμε τα Πάρκα

Στις περιοχές:

Αθαμανίου, Ανθοχωρίου, Δαφνωτής, Κράψης, Νεράιδας,
Πραμάντων και Χαλικίου

Αντικαθιστούμε ενεργοβόρους λαμπτήρες με νέους χαμηλότερης
ενεργειακής κατανάλωσης και εξοικονομούμε ενέργεια.



Changing climate, changing Parks

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και των Δήμων:

Δοξαίων Βορείων Τζουμέρκων, Ιωαννιτών, Καλαμπάκας, Μετσόβου και Πύλλης



Environmental Awareness Activities during summer period - Collaboration with cultural associations



Information
activities and
creative
workshops for
children, within
excursions
organized by
cultural
associations

Environmental Awareness Activities

during summer period -
Collaboration with cultural associations
& special structures for the creative
occupation of children



Guided tours and
hikes

Environmental Awareness Activities - during summer period - Collaboration with cultural associations & special structures for the creative occupation of children



Environmental Awareness Activities during summer period - Collaboration with cultural associations



Informing activities and environmental workshops for children

Environmental Awareness Activities during summer period - Collaboration with cultural associations



Pedagogical activities



Hiking

Educational activities : 5^o Summer School of Tzoumerka & Southeast Pindos 2017 – jointly organized with University of Thessaly & Municipality of North Tzoumerka



“Aromatic plants and herbs in traditional and modern Greek civilization”

27 Αυγούστου – 1 Σεπτεμβρίου 2017
Συρράκο, Δήμου Βορείων Τζουμέρκων



Educational Activities

Collaboration with the Center of Environmental Education of Pramanta



Informing about the National Park and Fulfilling guided tours, at specific sites in the Park

Promotional activities for the cultural heritage – Collaboration with the museum of the Historical and folkloric corporation of Tzoumerka



Tours in the museum and informing about the exhibits

The event "Treasure in Tzoumerka"

Co-organised with Municipality of North Tzoumerka



The aim of this event - game was the promotion of cultural heritage using the technology.



Promotional activities – Photography exhibitions

Promote natural wealth and cultural identity of the Park
Attract people to visit the Park
Inform about the traditional and current way of life in the Protected area.



Promotional activities :

Photography exhibitions: “Arachthos – Tzoumerka : Roads of the water and the rock”

14/05/2015 - 20/05/2015, Ζάππειο Μέγαρο

Collaboration with various cultural associations of Parks territory.

Sakis Gerogiannis



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Collaboration with various cultural associations of Parks territory.



Promotional activities – Participation at the 4th(2016) & the 5th (2017) general fairs in the city of Arta



Informing visitors about the Park
Attracting people to visit the Park
Distribute informational material



Promotional actions of the National Park

An important action for the promotion and the dissemination of the territory was the formation of a group of distinguished people of arts and humanities, who have origins from the National Park, but they live far away from their hometown.

The aims of this group, who they provide their communication services totally free, are:

- To promote the environmental activities of Management Authority in relation to environmental protection and nature's management,
- To promote the cultural heritage of the Park as a valuable national resources, as certified sustainable destination and as an outstanding territory due to its biological value.

Promotion Group of National Park





11th Charter Network Meeting

9-11th April 2019

*NP Tzoumerka, Agrafa
and Meteora*

Register Here:

<https://www.europarc.org/sustainable-tourism/xi-charter-network-meeting/>



Mount Lakmos
Zone II





Asprorotamos region, Zone II

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Zone III– Bridge of Papastathi





Verliga-Zone II

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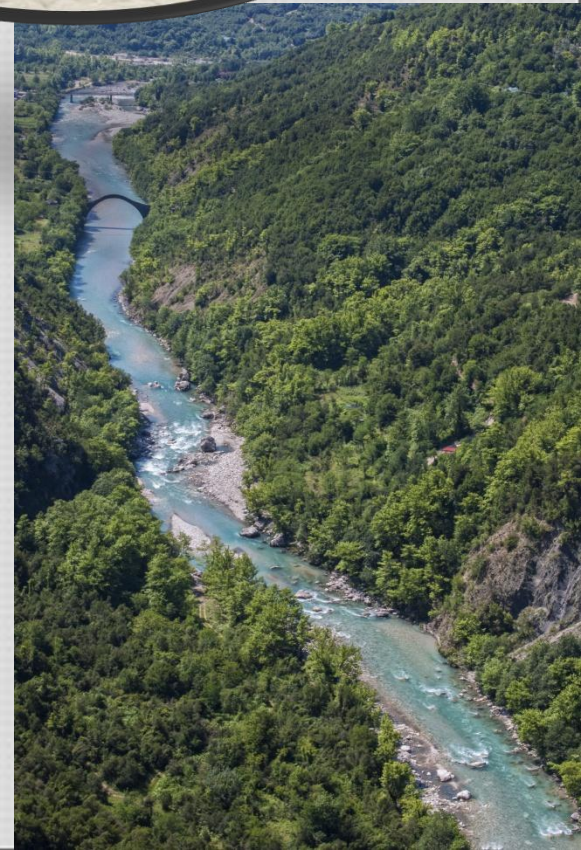
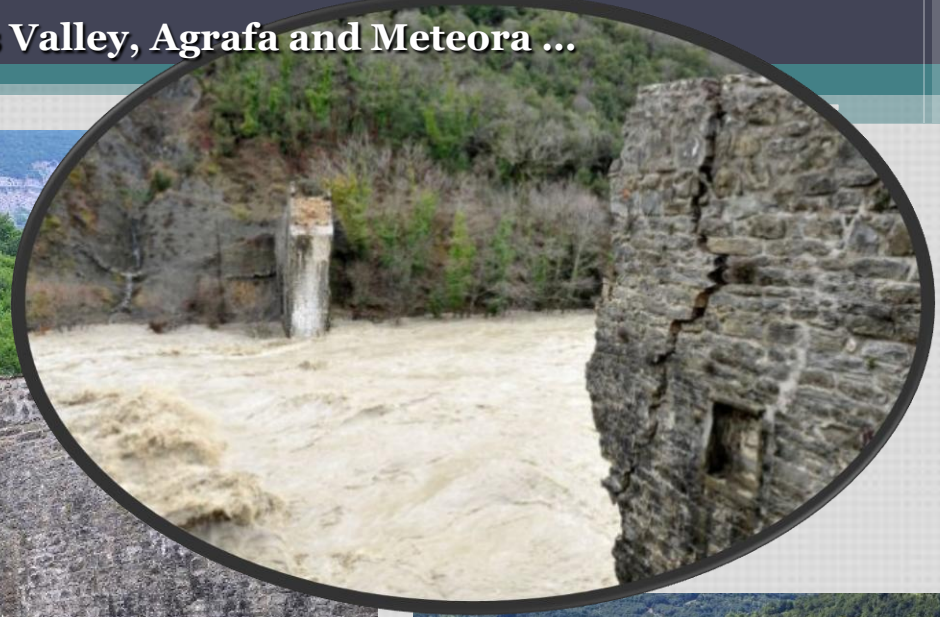
Katafidi peak on the Mount Tzoumerka

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A tour in National Park of Tzoumerka, Acheloos Valley, Agrafa and Meteora ...



Bridge of Plaka





View from Potistika village
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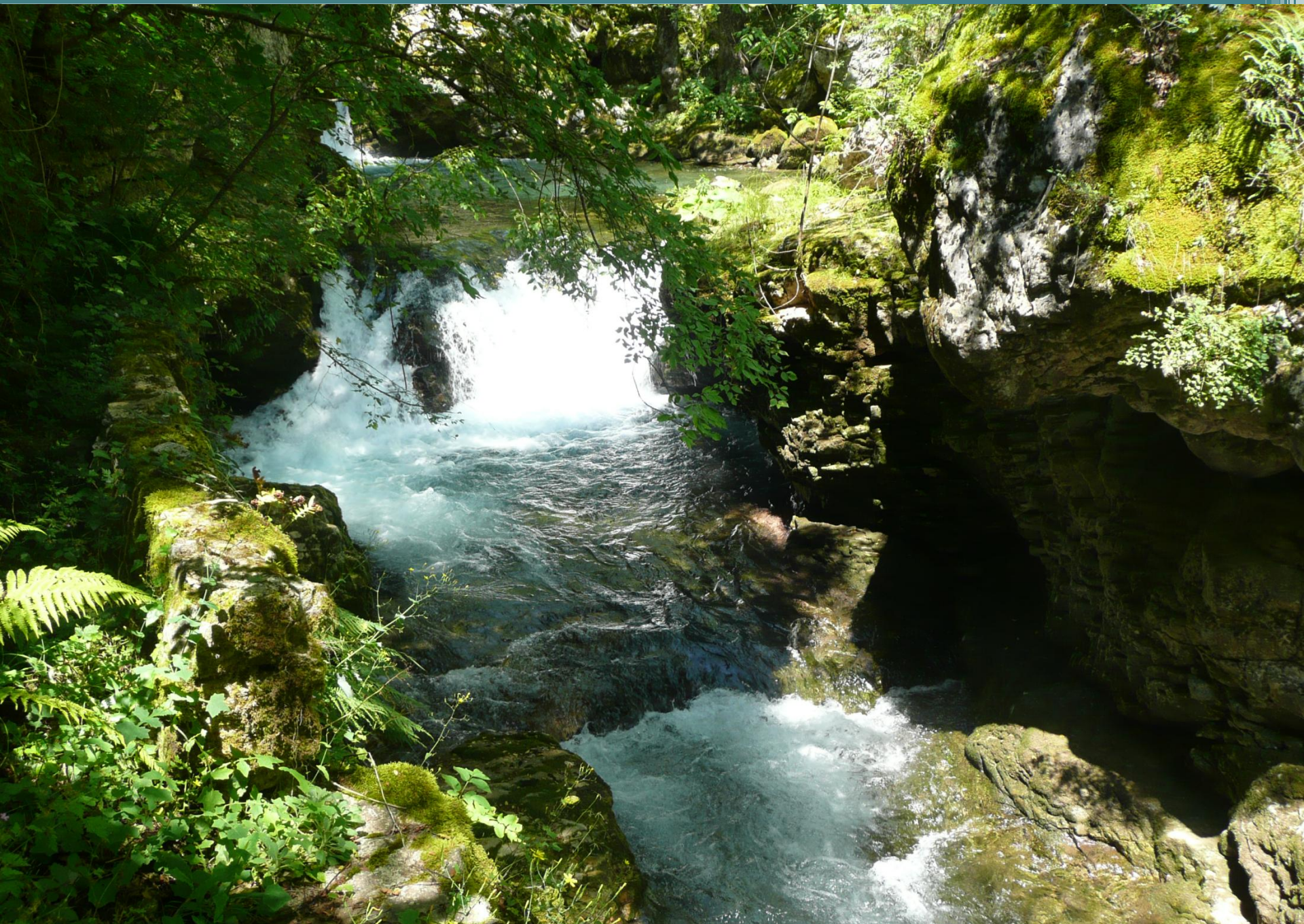
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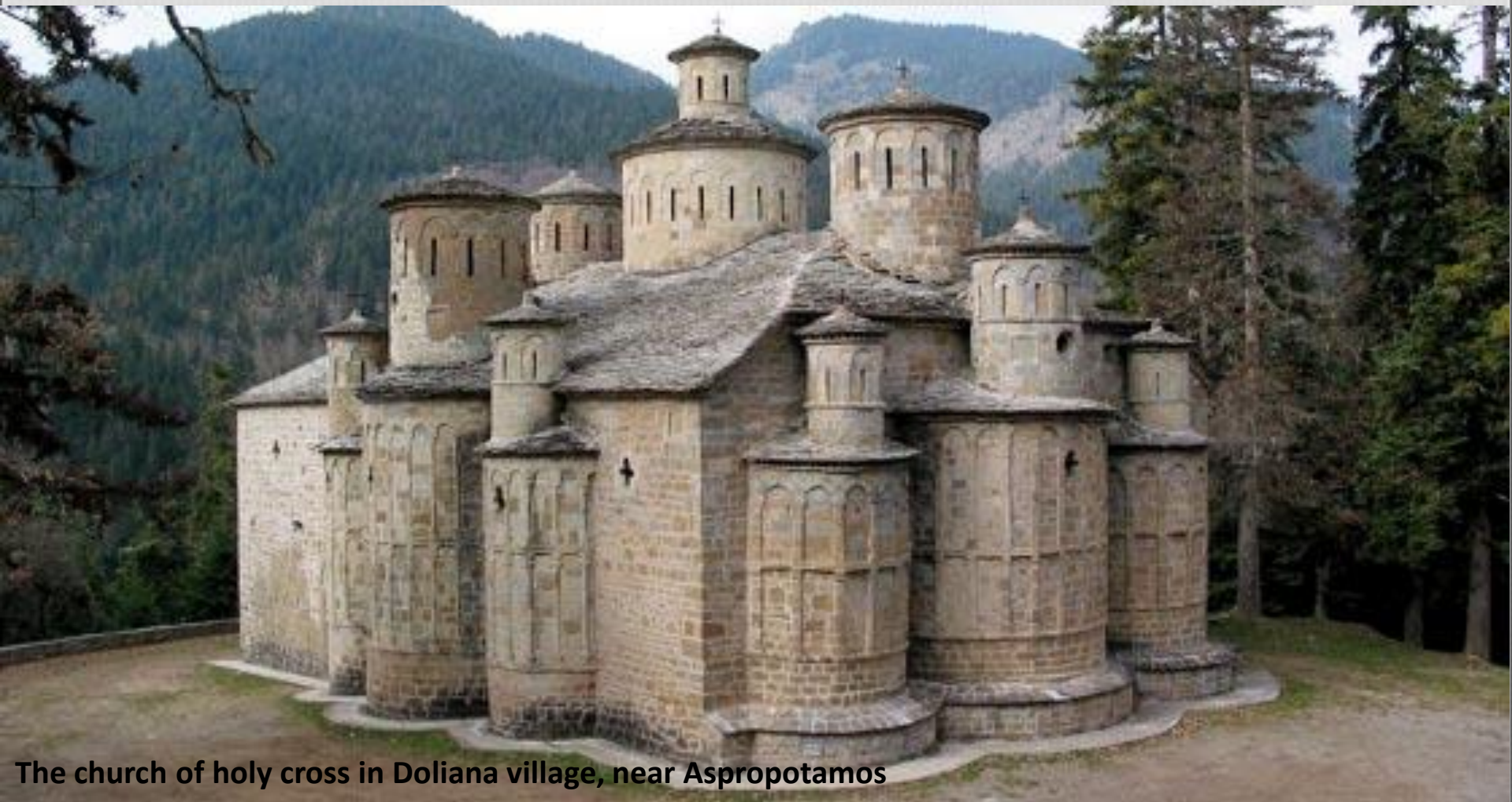
**The small church of Saint Apostles in Galarokampa position in Syrrako village
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Μία περιήγηση στο Εθνικό Πάρκο ...





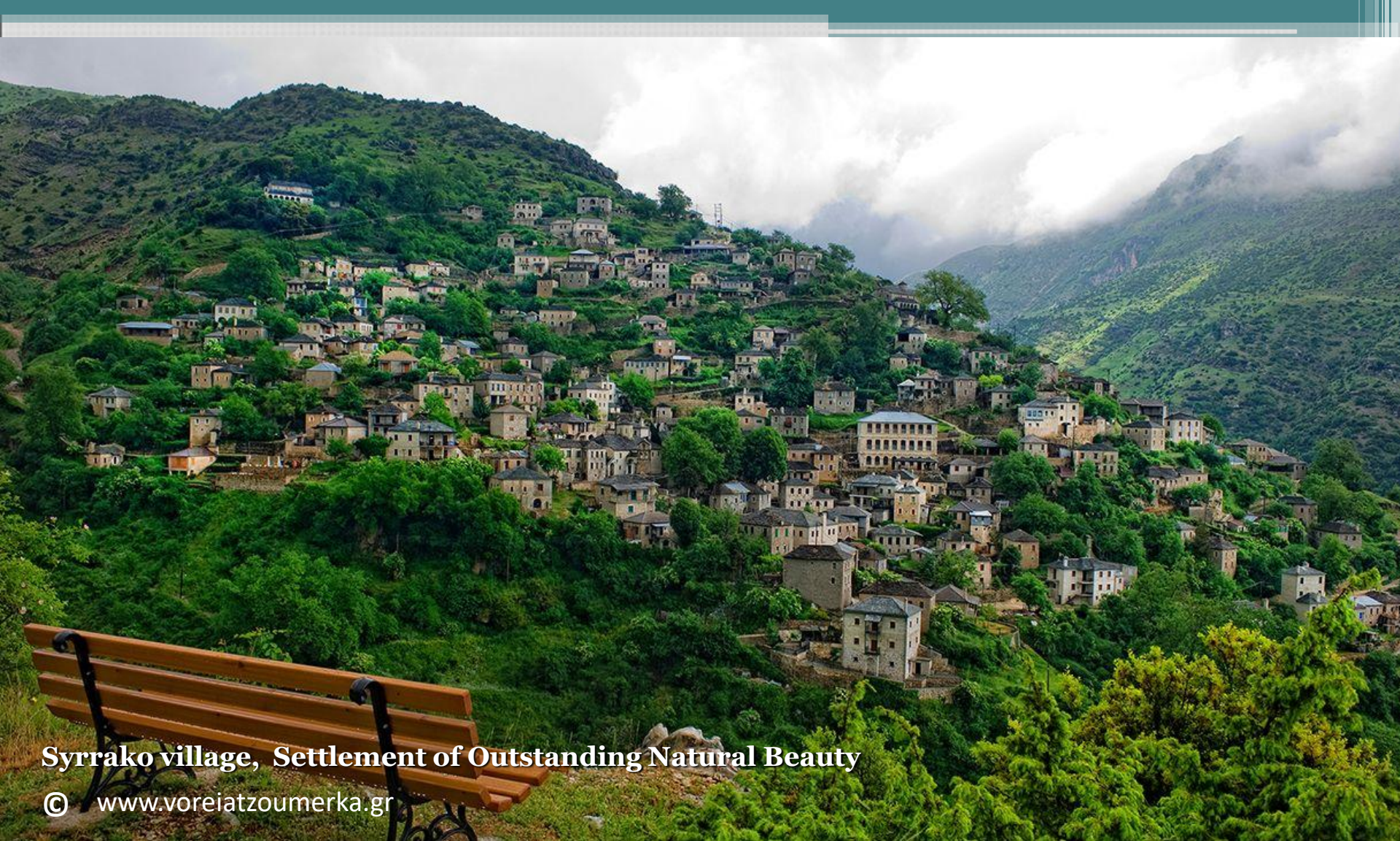
**Bridge in Chaliki village
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The church of holy cross in Doliana village, near Aspropotamos



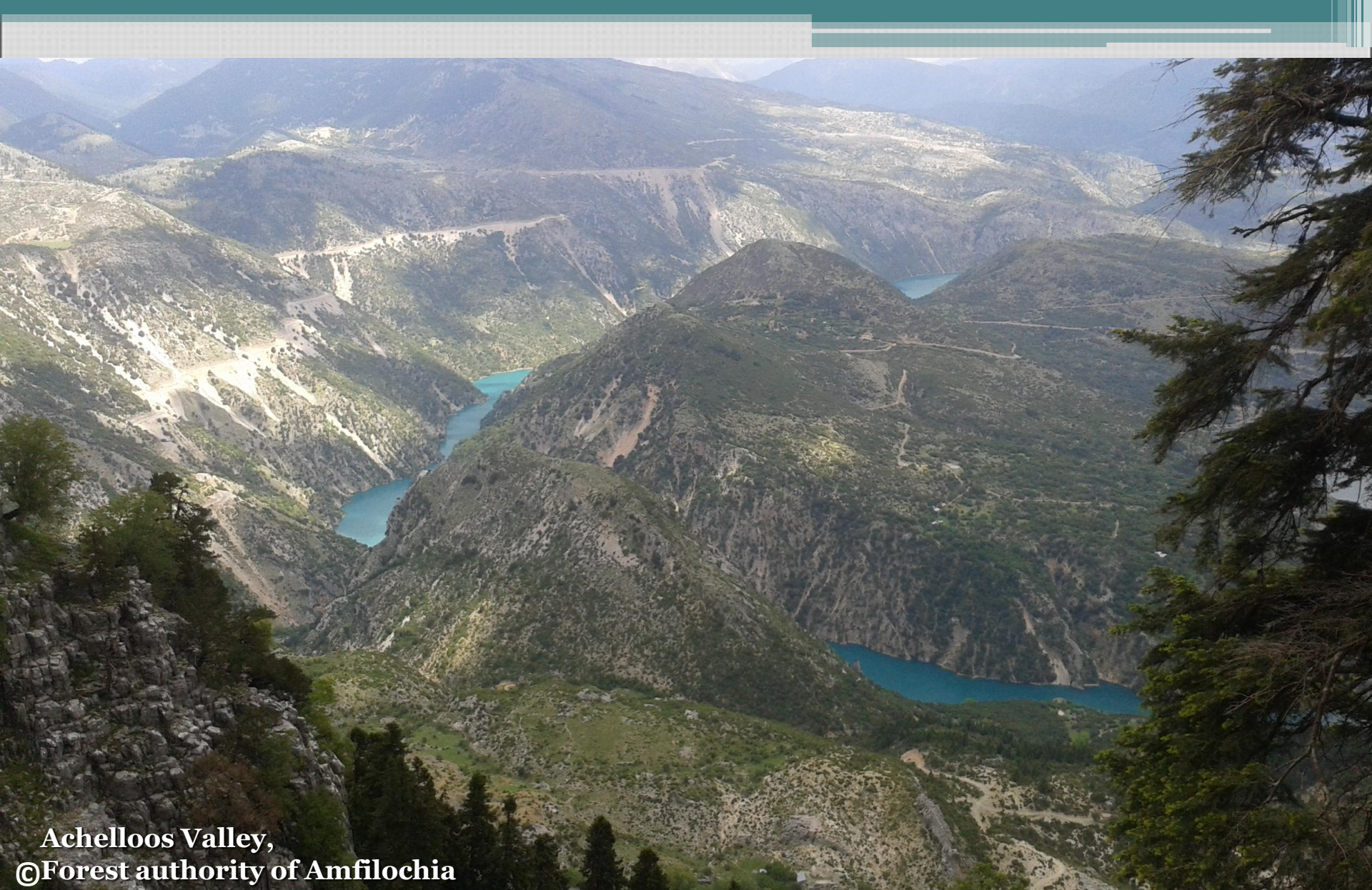
Monastery of Kipina
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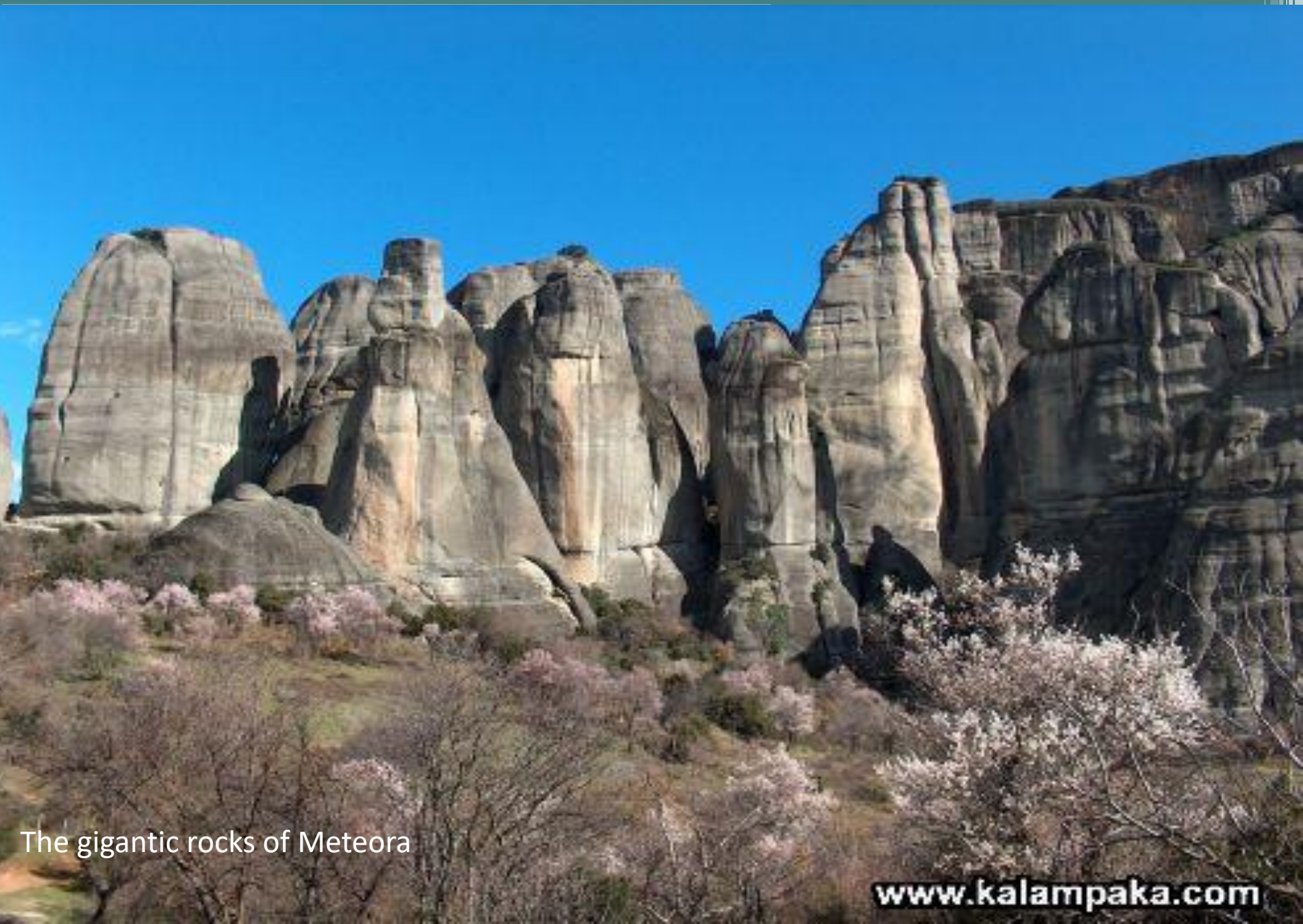
Syrrako village, Settlement of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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**Achelloos Valley,
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The gigantic rocks of Meteora



The gigantic rocks of Meteora

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