



The Vravrona wetland, Attica – Greece

Coexistence of nature and culture



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The Vravrona wetland area

- ❑ Situated on the coast of eastern Attica, in the Municipality of Markopoulo
- ❑ Along with Schinias National Park, the only **Natura 2000** wetlands of Attica
- ❑ Various habitat types
- ❑ Hosts endangered and endemic species, like the Marathon Minnow



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- The presence of Erasinos river, the shallow bay on its estuary, the surrounding hills and the contiguous cultivated land have created a rich ecosystem, unique in Attica



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- The remarkable landscape, famous already from the antiquity, has managed to remain almost intact



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- Land use has remained more or less the same since then with **vine culture** being the most prominent cultivation



The Vravra wetland area

- ❑ Human presence in Vravra dates back to the Neolithic period
- ❑ The area became well known in 700 BC when the Temple of Artemis was built

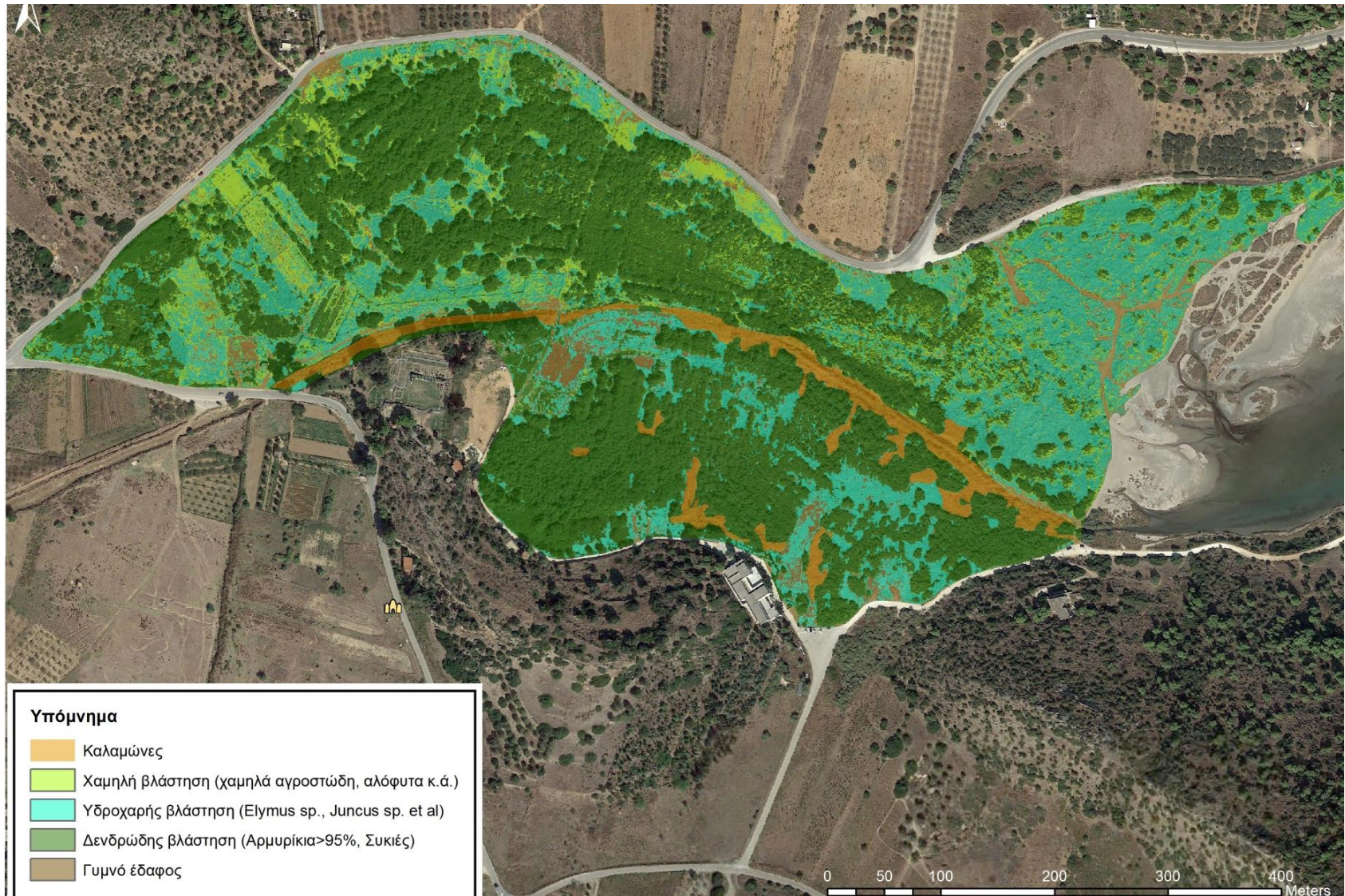


The Vravrona wetland area



- Erasinus river retains freshwater flow all year round

Habitat diversity (17 habitat types)



□ Shrubland, pine forests



□ Water plants and vegetation



A bird sanctuary

- 235 bird species recorder so far



Great White Egret | *winter migrant*

A bird sanctuary



Little Ringed Plover | *spring migrant, breeding*

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Kingfisher | *resident species*

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Turtle Dove | *spring migrant*



Wildfowl



Passerines in tamarisks



Waders



Passerines in reed beds



Birds of prey

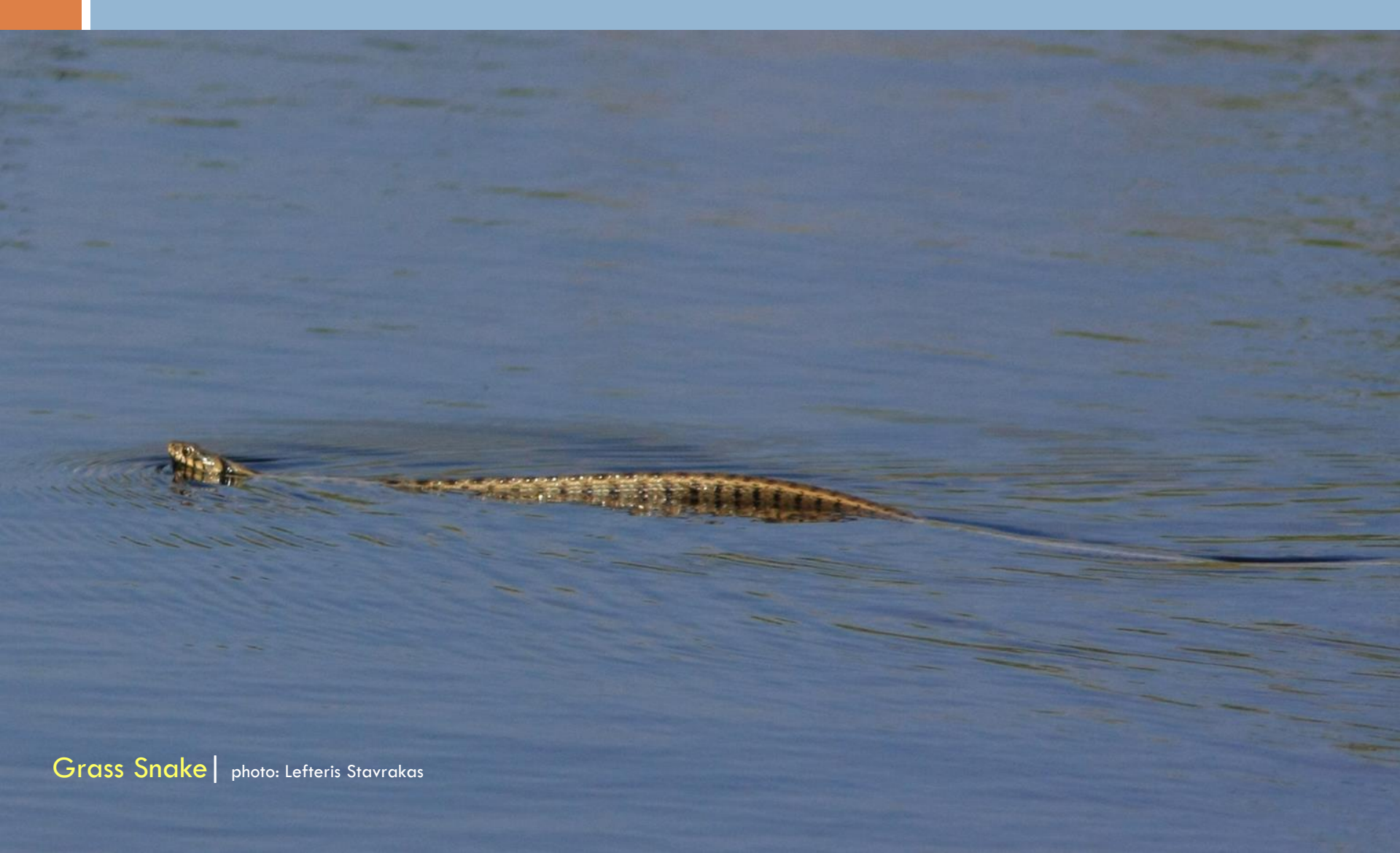


□ 23 mammals

(golden jackal, fox, weasel, hedgehog, bats, ...)



- **17 species of reptiles and amphibians**
(*Striped terrapin, marsh frog, grass snake, eel, ...*)



Grass Snake | photo: Lefteris Stavrakas

A little fish, with huge value:

Vravrona wetland hosts the Greek endemic **Marathon Minnow**



□ **Dragonflies** *and a variety of insects*



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Infrastructures and trail network



Nature interpretation signboards – Way signs



Nest boxes for passerines & nocturnal birds



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Birdwatching hotspot



Outdoor Environmental Education Programme

In daily basis, spring & autumn



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Looking forward to welcome you in Vravrona!





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