



NATIONAL PARK OF TZOUMERKA, PERISTERI AND ARACHTHOS GORGE

The National Park of Tzoumerka, Peristeri & Arachthos Gorge, is an open land area of about 820 **km²**, located in western Greece between the regions of Trikala, Arta & Ioannina with physical borders the Arachthos River to the west & the river Acheloos in the east. It was founded in 2009, by Pr. Decree (Official Journal of the Hellenic Republic 49D/12.02.2009).

In the different habitats grow a lot of rare and endemic species of plants. The terrestrial ecosystems host many rare & protected species of mammals such as the Otter (*Lutra lutra*), the Brown bear (*Ursus arctos*), the Wild Goat (*Rupicapra rupicapra balcanica*). The presence of Deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) is an indicator of the variety & diversity of ecosystems found in the National Park. The area is particularly important for birds, & hosts hundreds of species of invertebrates, fishes, amphibians & reptiles. The butterflies & moths decorate the alpine meadows with their colourful wings & some butterfly species make in the region one of their rare appearances in Greece. In some places of the National Park the visitor might be able to watch the Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetus*), the Egyptian vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*) & several mountain bird species.

The National Park constitutes an enormous outdoor folklore museum and characteristics as much of the natural, as of the human made environment. Stone bridges, cultural monuments, traditional settlements, man work, combine with unique harmony, with beautiful landscapes, steep mountains, gorges, caverns. This perfect sculptured coexistence of the structured by people's hands and natural environment, lends to the region its uniqueness.

THE MANAGEMENT BODY

The National Park of Tzoumerka Peristeri & Arachthos Gorge is governed by its Management Body, a nine (9) members Board supervised by the Greek Ministry of the Environment. The Management Body was founded in 2009 and it's responsible for the protection and management of the unique alpine meadows and the Mediterranean biotopes, and the protection of the plant and animals species that are found in the National Park of Tzoumerka, Peristeri and Arachthos Gorge.

There are currently 12 Park Officers & conservation staff, responsible for the day-to-day Management of the Park. The headquarters of the entity is located in Ioannina. Under the Management Body's supervision are operating six information centres in the following villages: Pramanta, Choulirades, Agnanta, Vourgareli, Neraida and near village of Kallirroï (Tria Potamia).

The aims of the establishment of the Management Body are the maintenance and the upright management of the natural environment and the enactment of processes and measures taken to secure the harmonious coexistence of people and nature and the promotion of durable growth in the region.

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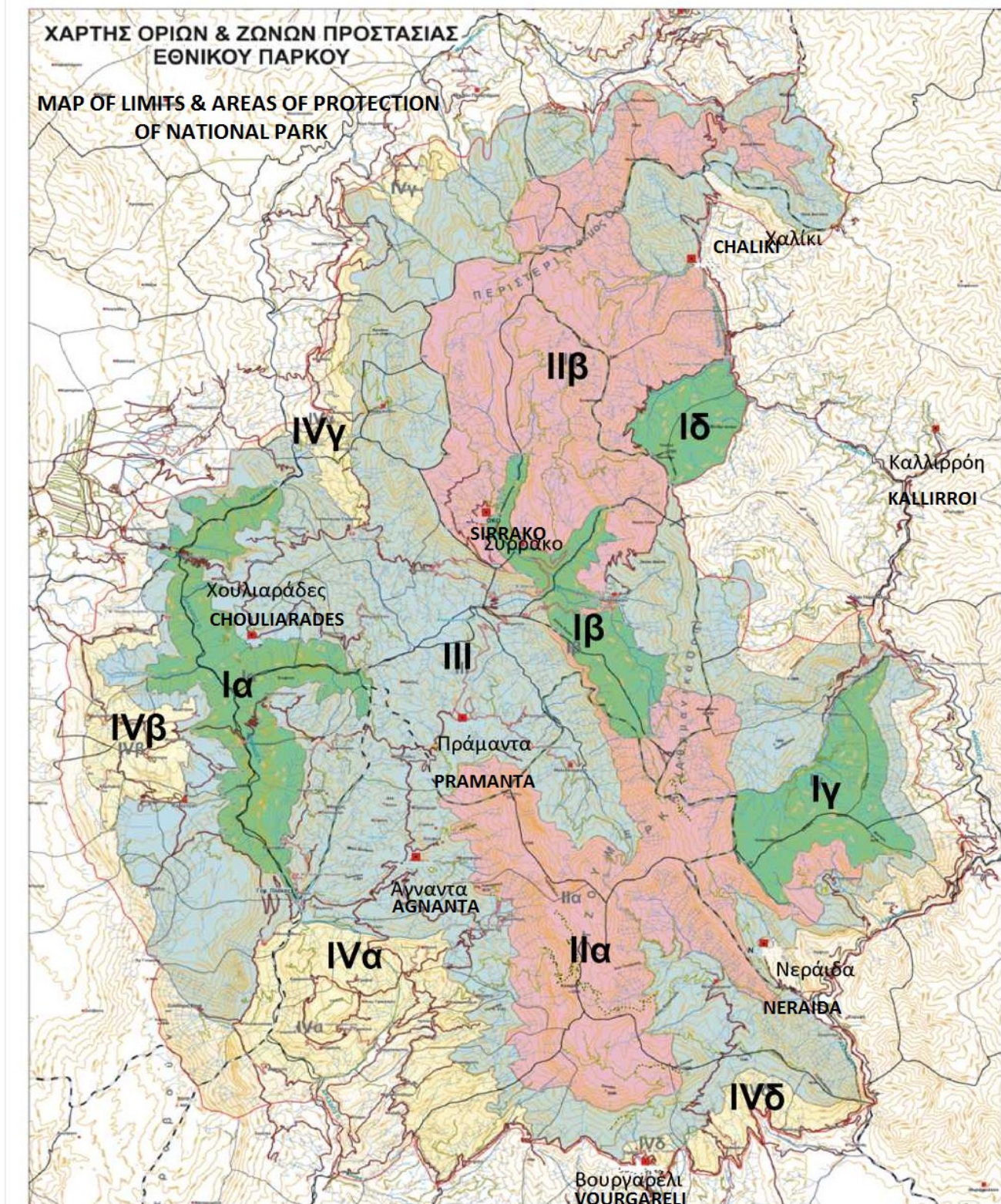
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In the National Park, there have been set four areas and in each area-zone are valid different protection measures chosen on the basis of uniqueness, wilderness of plant and species ect.

Zone I: Regions of Protection of Nature: A) Arachthos Gorge (**Ia**), B) Above department of Kalaritikou (**Ib**), C) Pachtouri – Athamania (**Ic**), Tsouma – Plastari – Koutsouro (**Id**)

Zone II: Regions of Maintenance of Landscape of Ecotopes and Species: A) Tzoumerka – Kakarditsa (**IIa**), B) Peristeri (**IIb**)

Zone III: The National Park's Areas

Zone IV: Buffer Zone