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Plant and Habitats diversity in Greece: the case study of Mt Parnon

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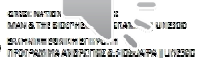
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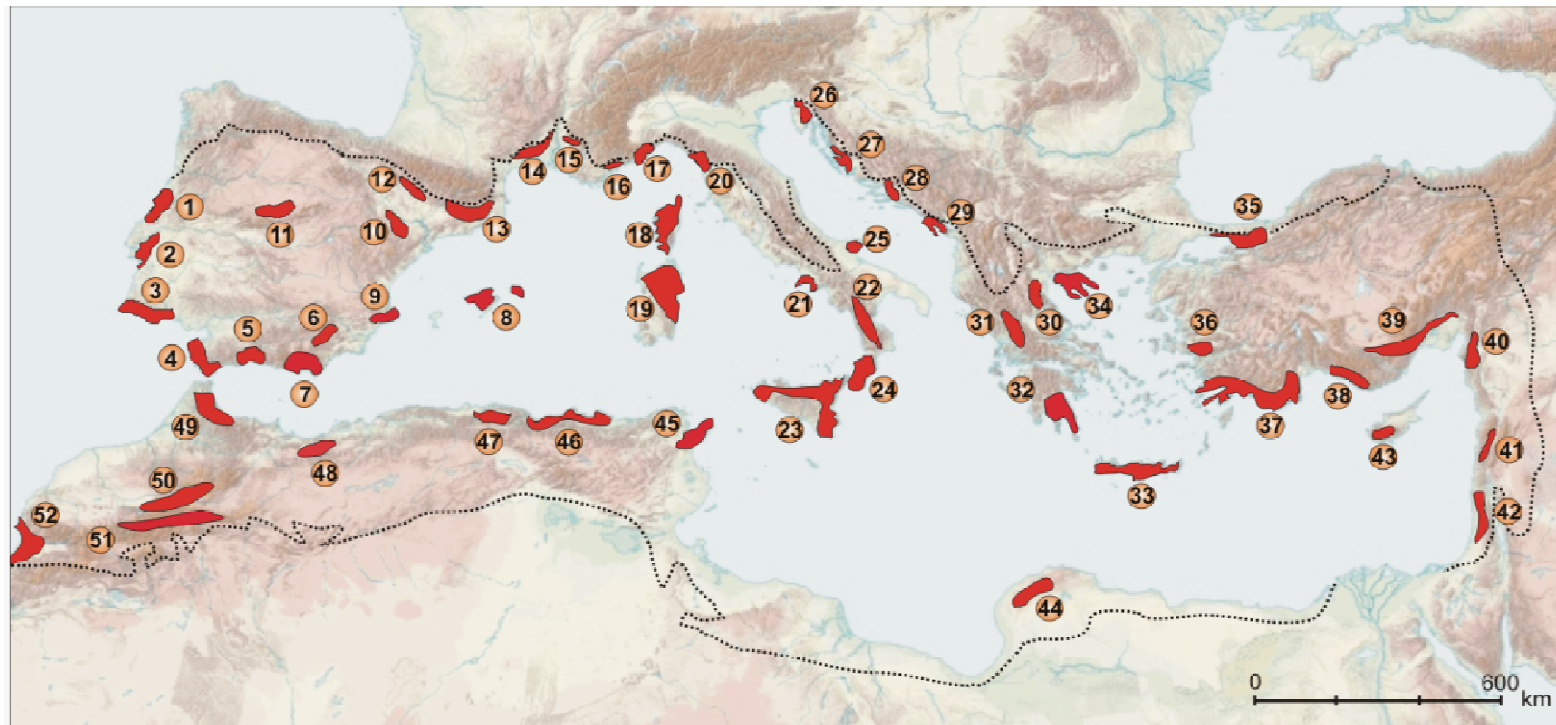
- Global scale biodiversity
- Mediterranean scale biodiversity
- Plants and habitats diversity in Greece
- The ecological value of Parnon as a biodiversity hot spot of Southern Greece is documented in relation to conservation efforts and measures undertaken.
- Ecosystem Services actually and potentially supplied by the various ecosystem types of Parnon are examined in the perspective of sustainable use of its natural resources and human well-being.

The world's biodiversity hotspots



35 biodiversity hotspots that cover only 17.3% of the Earth's land surface are characterized by both exceptional biodiversity and considerable habitat loss. More precisely, hotspots maintain 77% of all endemic plant species, 43% of vertebrates (including 60% of threatened mammals and birds), and 80% of all threatened amphibians (Mittermeier et al. 2011; Williams et al. 2011).

The 52 major refugia of Mediterranean plants

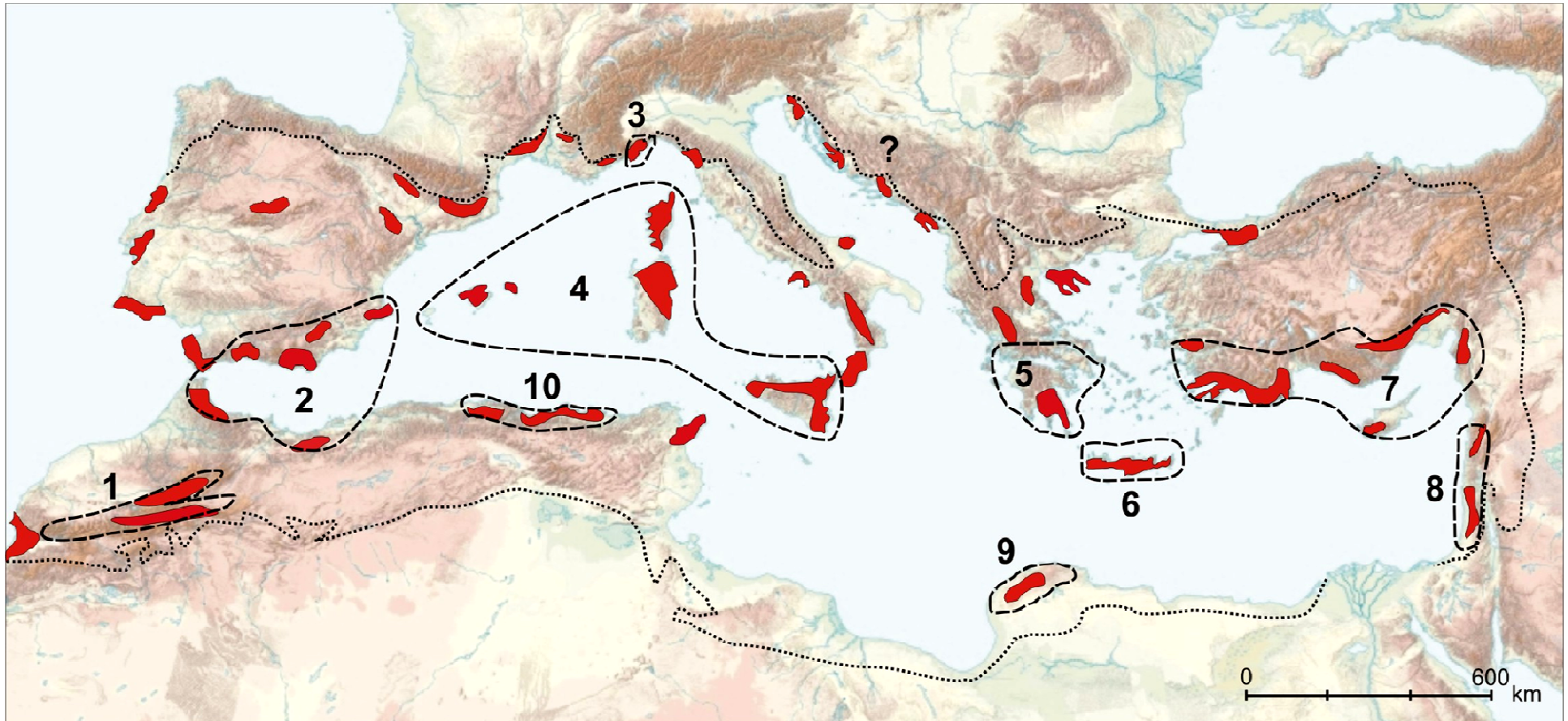


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| 1 Beira litoral | 11 Sistema central | 21 Campania | 31 C. Greece (Pindos) | 42 Israel/Palestine |
| 2 Estramadura | 12 S. Pyrenees | 22 S. Apennines | 32 Peloponnese | 43 Cyprus |
| 3 Algarve | 13 S.E. Pyrenees | 23 Sicilia | 33 Crete | 44 Cyrenaic (Lybia) |
| 4 Cadiz/Algeciras region | 14 S. Cévennes | 24 S. Calabria | 34 Chalkidiki peninsula | 45 J. Zaghouan/Cap Bon |
| 5 Serrania de Ronda | 15 Mont Ventoux | 25 Gargano | 35 Izmit region | 46 Petite Kabylie/de Collo |
| 6 Sierra Cazorla/Segura | 16 E. Provence | 26 N. Istria | 36 Boz/Aydin dag | 47 Grande Kabylie |
| 7 Sierra Nevada/Gata | 17 Maritime Alps | 27 Velebit mountains | 37 S.W. Anatolia | 48 Tlemcen mountains |
| 8 Balearic islands | 18 Corsica | 28 S. Bosnia/Biokovo | 38 C. Taurus | 49 Rif mountains |
| 9 Valencia region | 19 Sardinia | 29 Montenegro | 39 E. Taurus | 50 Middle Atlas |
| 10 Ebro valley | 20 Alpi Apuani | 30 Olympe/Katalympos | 40 Amanus | 51 High Atlas |
| | | | 41 Lebanon range | 52 Souss/W. Anti-Atlas |

The 52 major refugia of Mediterranean plants

- **Refugia represent climatically stable areas and constitute a high conservation priority**, as key areas for the long-term persistence of species and genetic diversity, especially given the threat posed by the extensive environmental change processes operating in the Mediterranean region.
- The locations of refugia are determined by complex historical and environmental factors, the cumulative effects of which need to be considered because they have occurred since the Tertiary, rather than solely during the last glacial period.

The significant congruence between refugia and hotspots



Significant over-representation of refugia within regional biodiversity hotspots

Half of the 52 refugia are included in the 10 Mediterranean hotspots

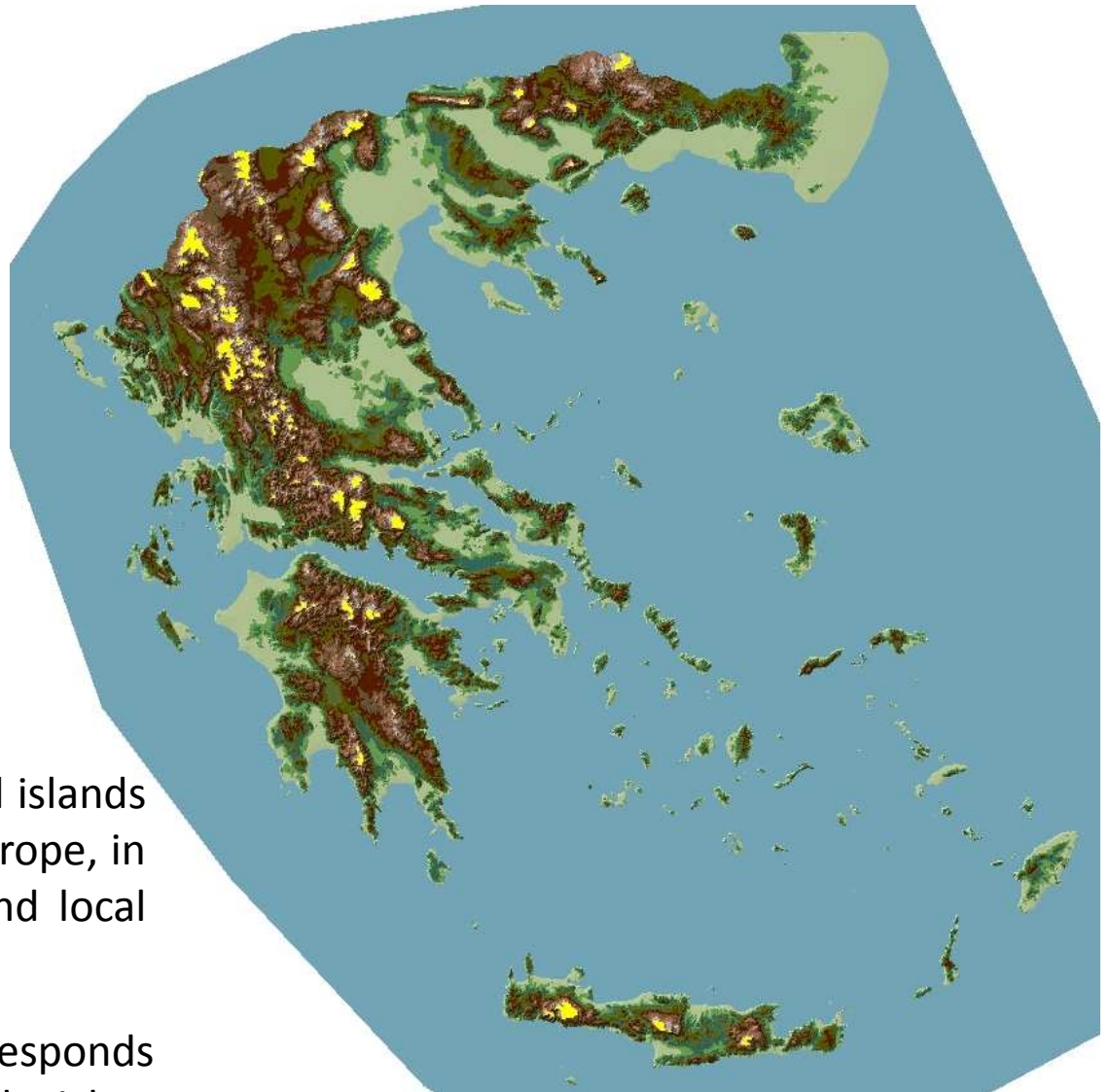
($\chi^2 = 29.26$; d.f. = 1; $P < 0.001$).

Greece is

- One of the most insular territories at global level (> 8000 islets and islands).
- Characterized by **strong topographic and environmental heterogeneity** (314 mountains, 1.674 peaks higher than 1000 m), **complex geological and palaeo-geographic history**, and has **the largest coast of Europe** (16.000 km).

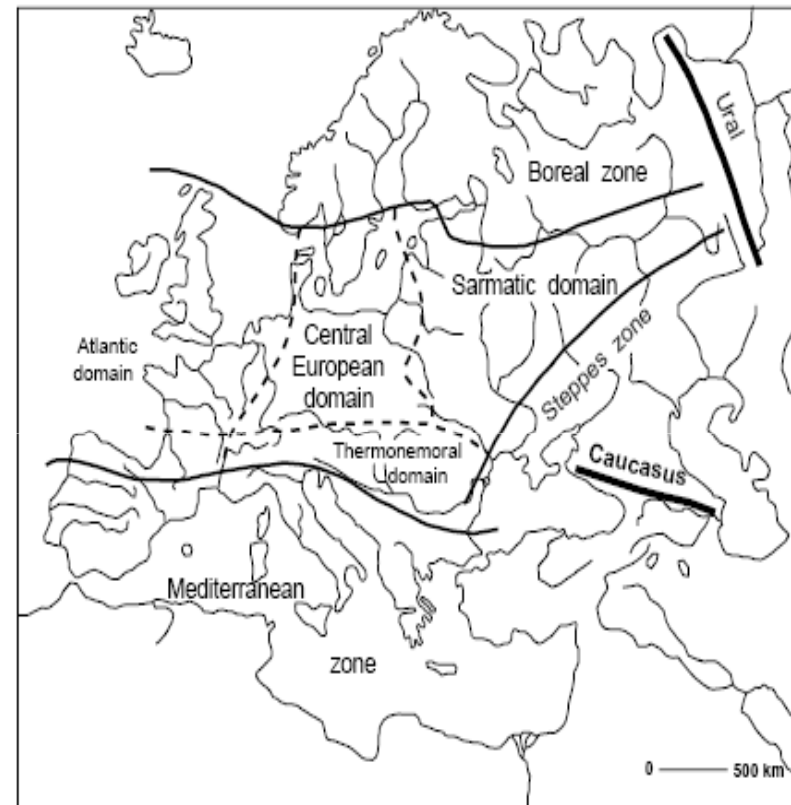
Greece, is a country of mountains and islands and has one of the richest floras in Europe, in particular with respect to regional and local endemics

The increased habitat diversity corresponds to increased availability of ecological niches to allow speciation of new species including new endemic species



Greece - it's position for species diversity

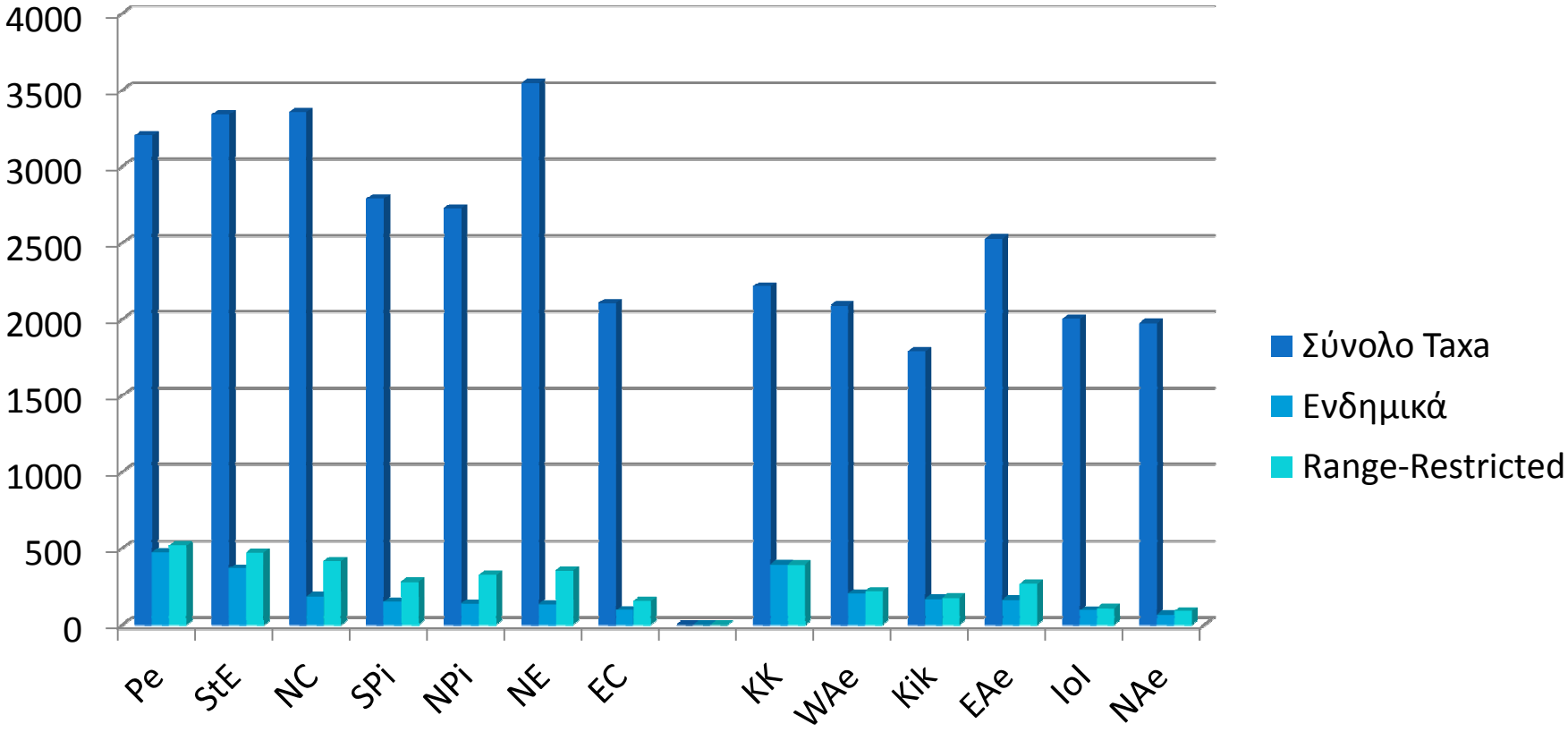
- Greece is phytogeographically a borderline and a crossroads, an eastern Mediterranean and a Balkan country, the south-easternmost edge of Europe in immediate contact with South-West Asia and close contact with North Africa.
- Its high mountains and islands have acted through geological history as stepping stones and refuges for taxa of the surrounding floristic regions and as isolation centers.



Main geobotanical divisions of Europe

| FAMILIES | GENERA | SPECIES | SUBSPECIES | TAXA |
|----------|--------|---------|------------|-------------|
| 185 | 1077 | 5835 | 1985 | 6700 |

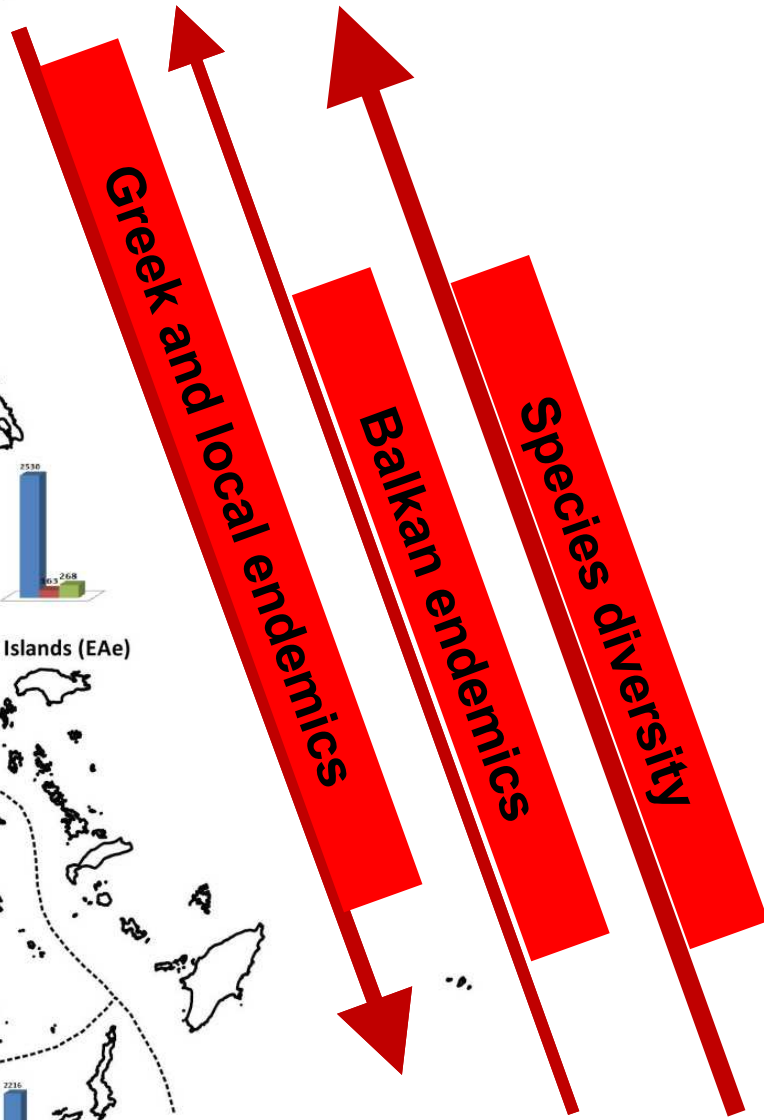
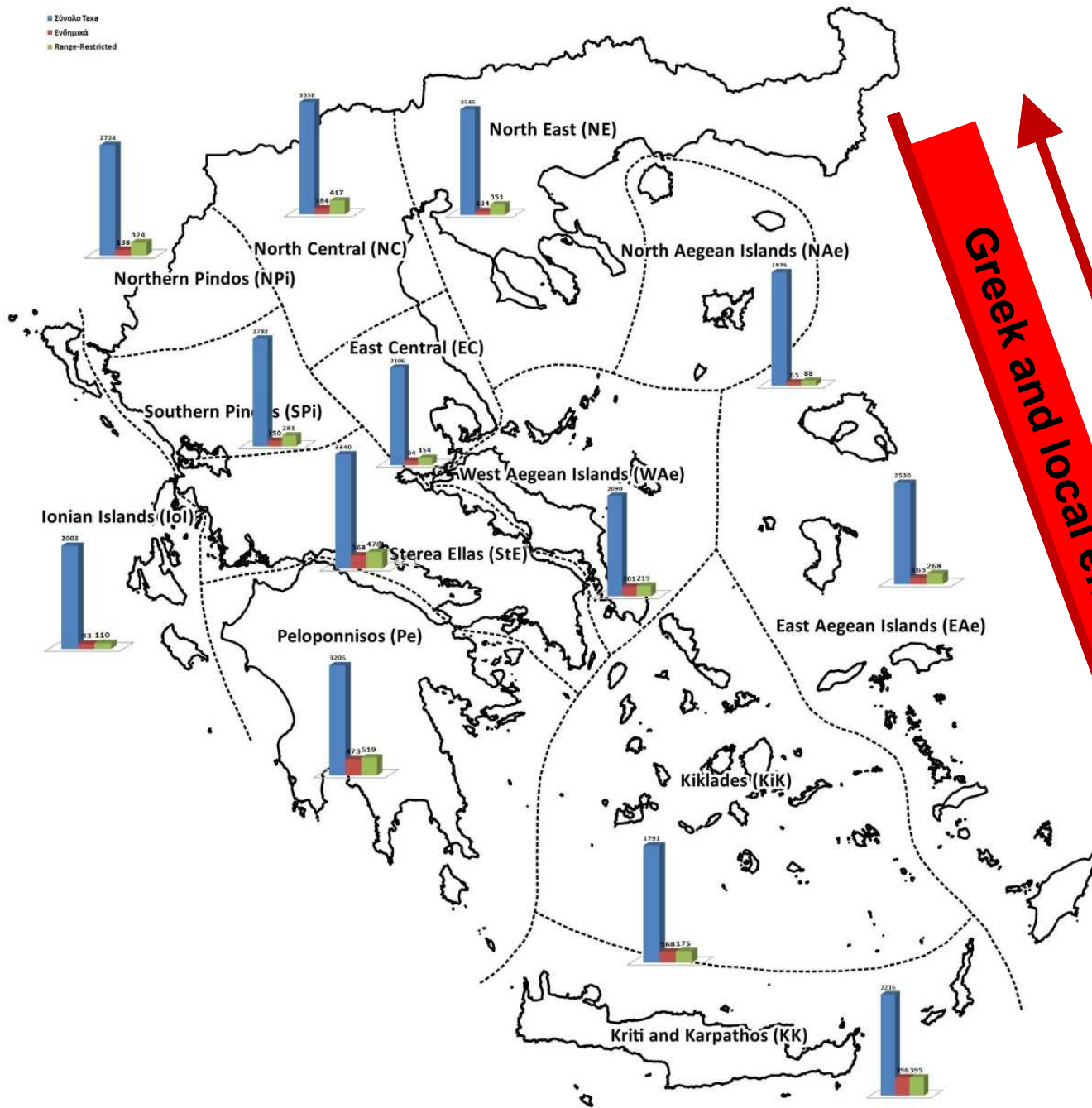
The Greek Flora in numbers



Continental areas

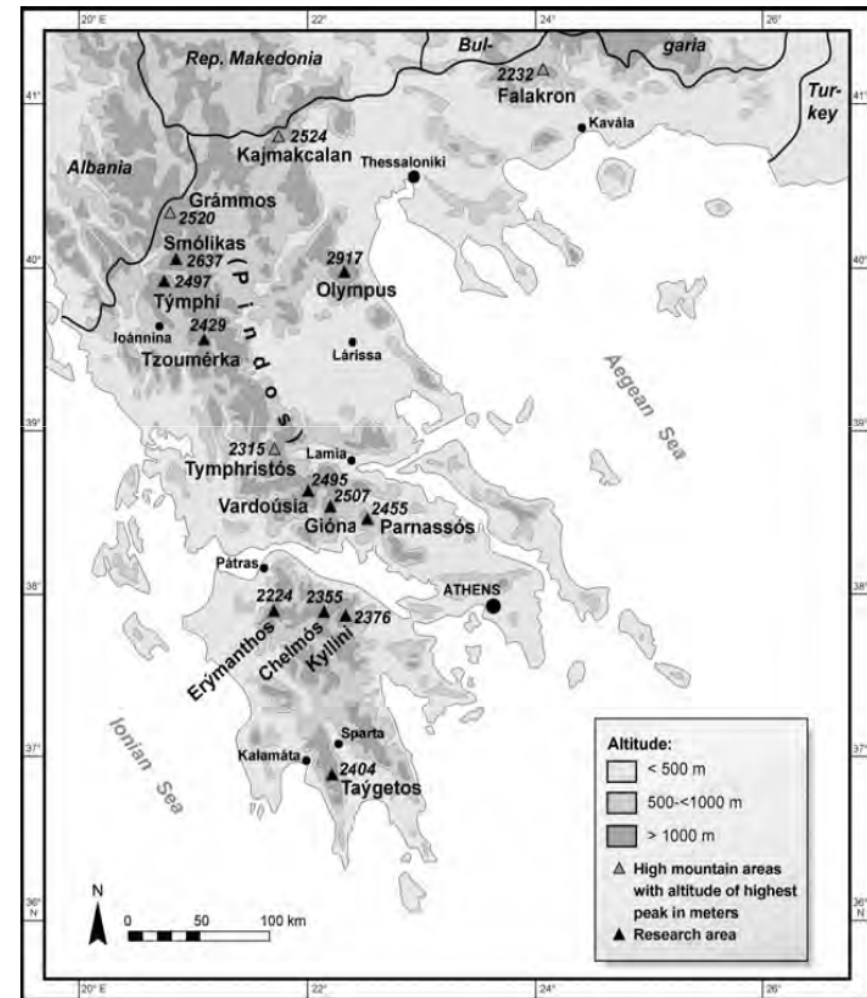
Insular areas

Distribution of the total species richness, the endemic and the range-restricted taxa in continental and insular areas of Greece



Flora of Greece

- Greece is the most species rich of the Balkan countries
- Greece is characterized by high plant diversity (5835 species) and endemism (22.3%).
- Nr of taxa: 6700 (native and naturalized) taxa
- These belong to 1077 genera and 185 families
- The most species-rich mountain flora is found in N Greece (Epirus, Macedonia and W Thrace), where several phytogeographical elements meet and there are large land areas above 1000m (Strid 1986, Strid & Tan 1991)



The high mountains of the Greek mainland

Table 2. Species diversity and endemism in regions of the Mediterranean, Europe, Africa and South America

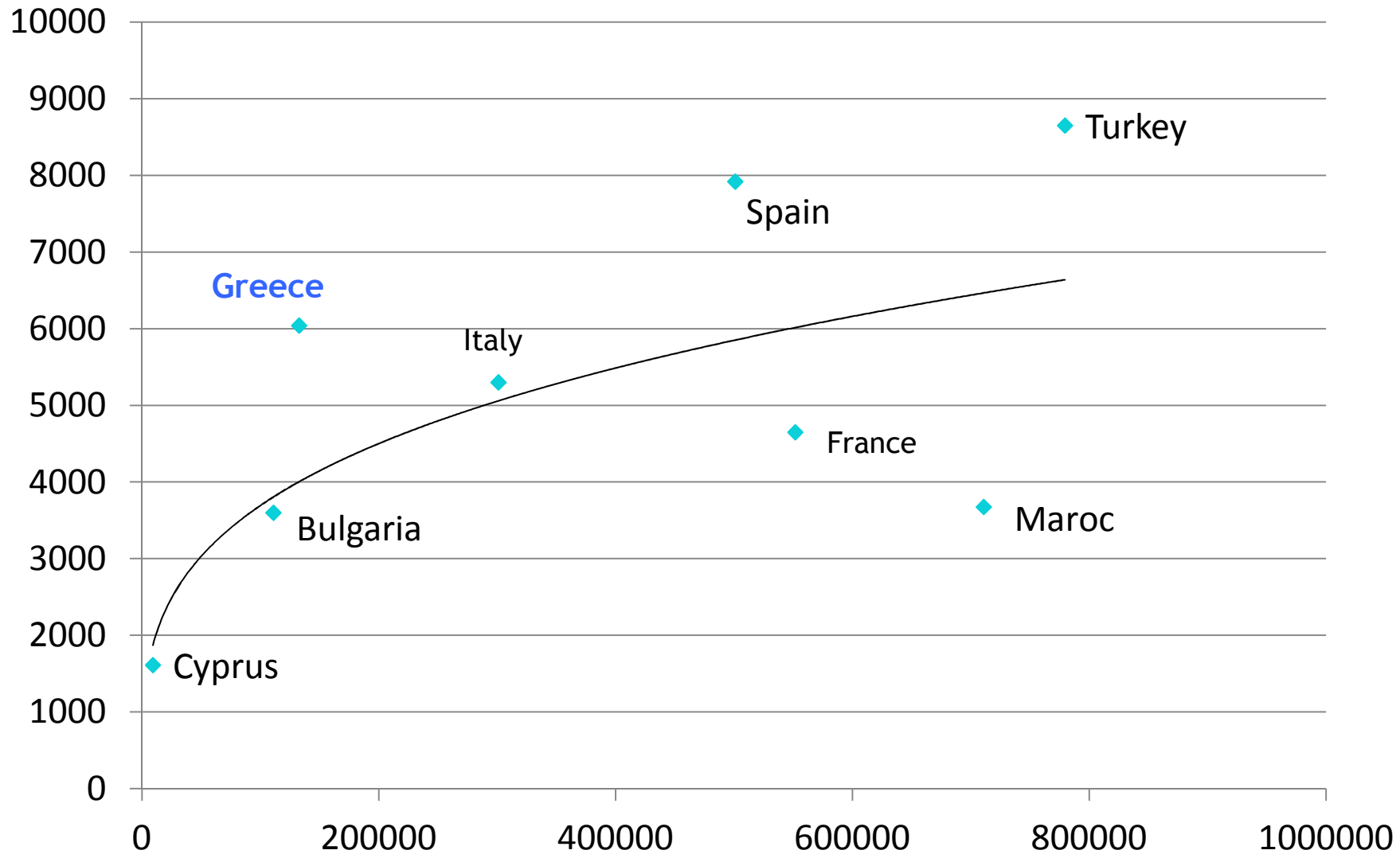
| Region | Area km ² | Native species | sp/logarea | logsp/ logarea | Endemic species | % Endemic | Source [#] |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Greece | 132 700 | 5 855 | 1143 | 0.74 | 913 | 15.6 | 1, 2, 3 |
| Cyprus | 9 251 | 1 612 | 406 | 0.81 | 110 | 6.8 | 5, 4 |
| Bulgaria | 111 000 | 3 600 | 714 | 0.70 | 320 | 8.9 | 6 |
| Italy (territory) | 301 049 | 5 300 | 967 | 0.68 | 712 | 13.4 | 7 |
| France (territory) | 551 700 | 4 650 | 810 | 0.64 | 133 | 2.9 | 6 |
| Peninsular Spain (+ Balearics) | 501 000 | 7 920 | 1390 | 0.68 | 550 | 6.9 | 8 |
| Canary Islands | 14 879 | 1 800 | 431 | 0.78 | 550 | 30.6 | 8 |
| UK | 244 754 | 1 800 | 334 | 0.60 | 16 | 0.9 | 6, 9 |
| Turkey | 779 500 | 8 650 | 1468 | 0.67 | 2 675 | 30.9 | 10 |
| Morocco | 710 850 | 3 675 | 628 | 0.61 | 625 | 17.0 | 6 |
| Southern Africa | 2 570 000 | 20 372 | 3178 | 0.67 | 16 298 | 80.0 | 11 |
| Madagascar | 587 000 | 10 000 | 1734 | 0.69 | 8 000 | 80.0 | 6 |
| Chile | 462 820 | 4 669 | 824 | 0.65 | 2 700 | 57.8 | 6, 12 |
| California (MTE) | 242 519 | 5 050 | 938 | 0.69 | 1 515 | 30.0 | 13 |
| Argentina | 2 770 000 | 9 370 | 1454 | 0.62 | 1 100 | 11.7 | 6 |
| Panama | 75 648 | 9 900 | 2029 | 0.82 | 1 222 | 12.3 | 6 |
| Venezuela | 1 148 154 | 21 070 | 3477 | 0.71 | 8 000 | 38.0 | 6 |

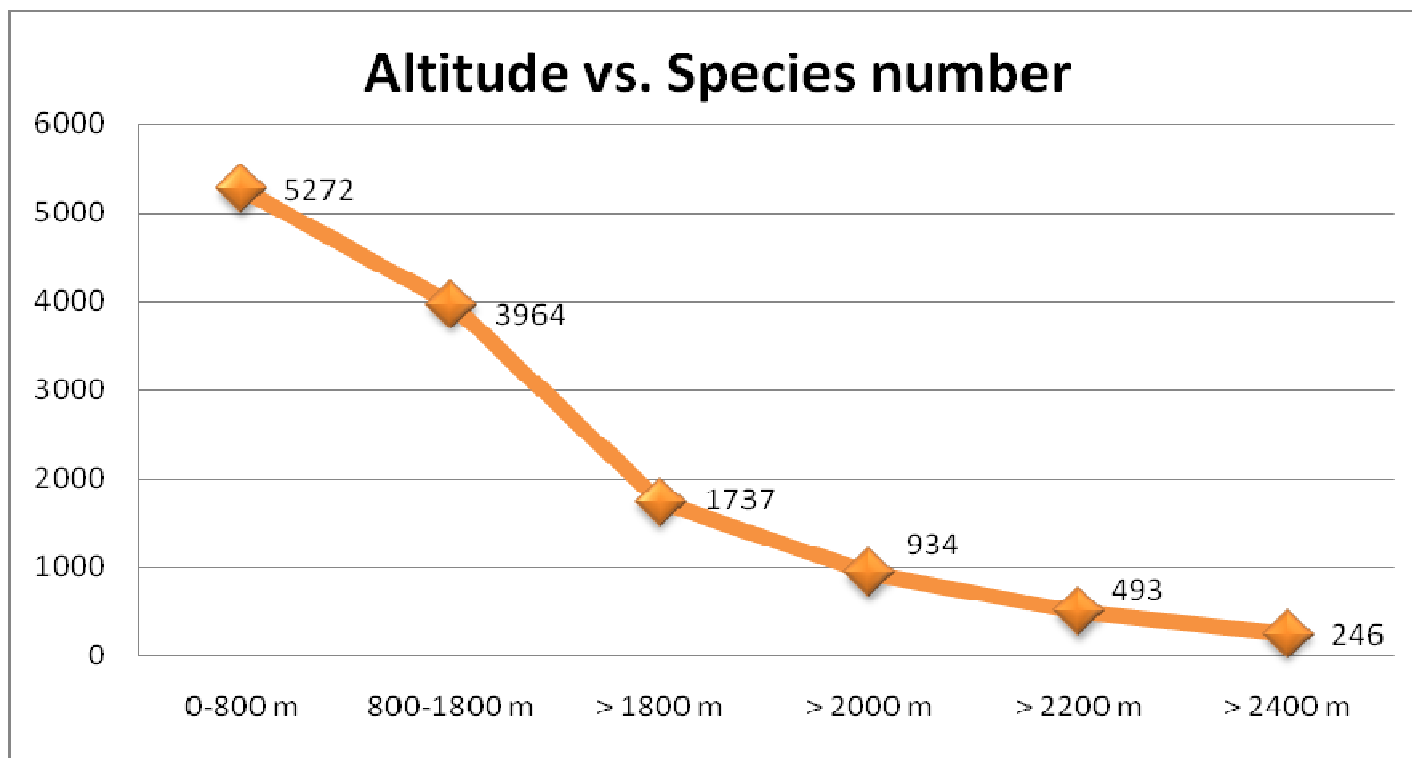
[#]Sources: 1, Strid & Tan, 1997; 2, Tan & Iatrou, 2001; 3, Chloris database; 4, database CyprusFlora; 5, Hadjikyriakou, 1997; 6, WWF & IUCN, 1994; 7, Pignatti, 1995; 8, Bueno *et al.*, 1995; 9, WWF & IUCN, 1988; 10, Davis, 1965–1986; 11, Cowling & Hilton-Taylor, 1994; 12, Fuentes *et al.*, 1995; 13, Keeley & Swift, 1995.

Taking species richness in relation to area size as a measure of biodiversity, Greece, with an estimated 6437 native plant taxa or *c.* 5800 species (Strid & Tan, 1997, 2002; Tan & Iatrou, 2001), ranges among the highest in European and Mediterranean or Mediterranean-type climate areas (Table 2).

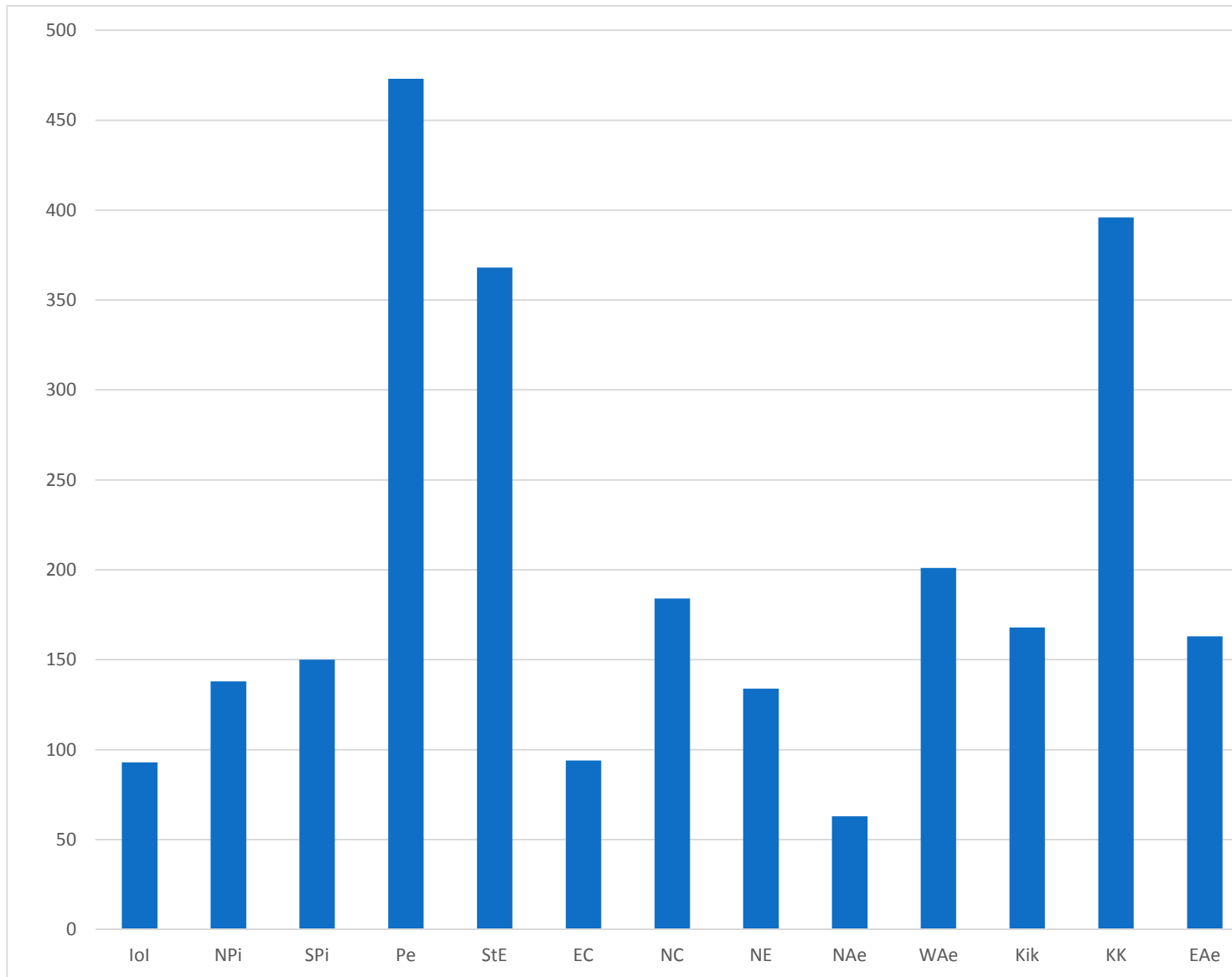
The prediction for the flora of Greece in accordance to its surface area comes to 4000 species. However, the actual number of plant taxa currently known is 50% higher compared with the statistically expected species richness.

Greece covers 6% of the total Mediterranean area, but is characterized by the 26% of the Mediterranean plant species.





| Altitudinal zone | Number of vascular plant species in Greece | Percentage (%) of the total vascular flora of Greece |
|------------------|--|--|
| 0-800 m | 5272 | 90.9 |
| 800-1800 m | 3964 | 68.3 |
| > 1800 m | 1737 | 29.9 |
| > 2000 m | 934 | 16.1 |
| > 2200 m | 493 | 8.5 |
| > 2400 m | 246 | 4.2 |



Total number of endemics per floristic region

Endemism and speciation in Greece

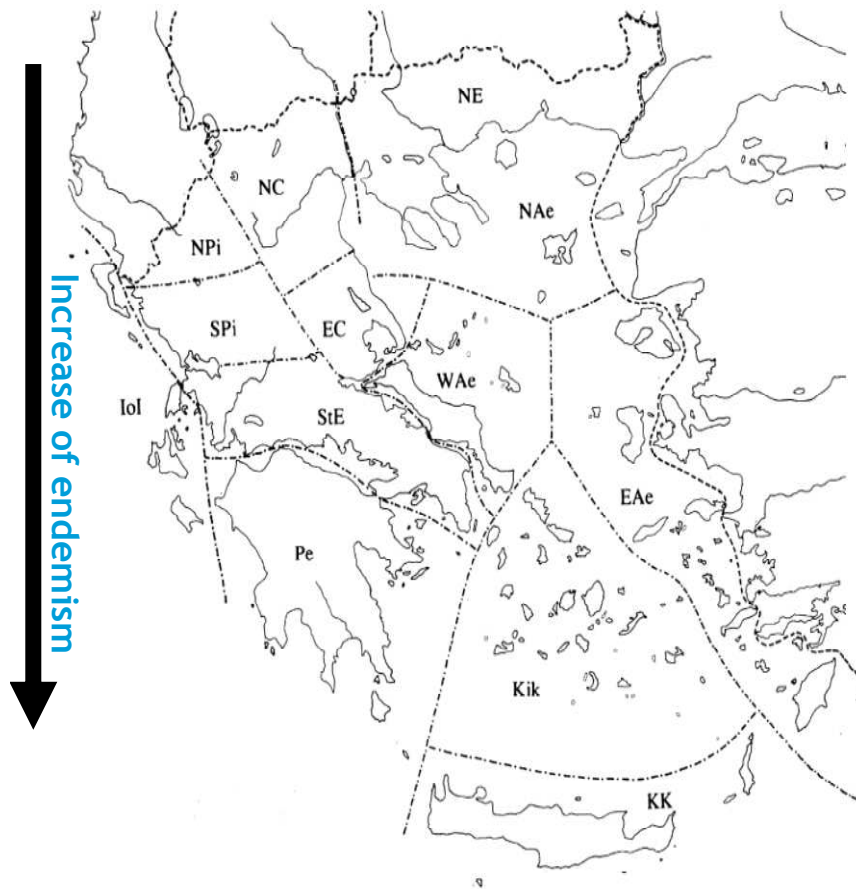


Figure 1. The floristic regions of Greece (Strid & Tan, 1997).

The floristic regions of Greece (Strid & Tan 1997)

- Incidence of endemism increases with altitude and in a southerly direction reflecting the age and isolation of oro-mediterranean floras
- **Nr. of endemics: 1491 (22.3 % of the total flora)**
- **Nr. of range-restricted taxa: 2006 (30% of the total flora)**
- Among mountain plants of the categories: Greek endemics + single-area endemics + single mountain endemics:
 - 42% in Crete
 - 26.4% in Peloponnisos
 - 21.6% in Sterea Hellas
 - 10-6.4% in more northerly regions

Endemism and speciation in Greece

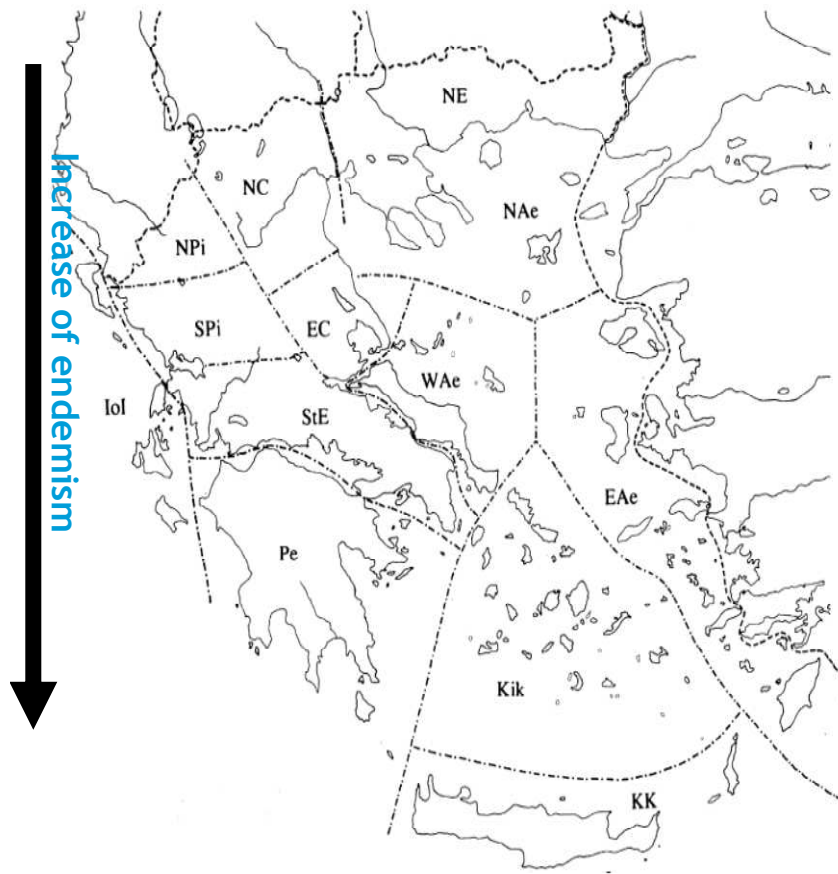


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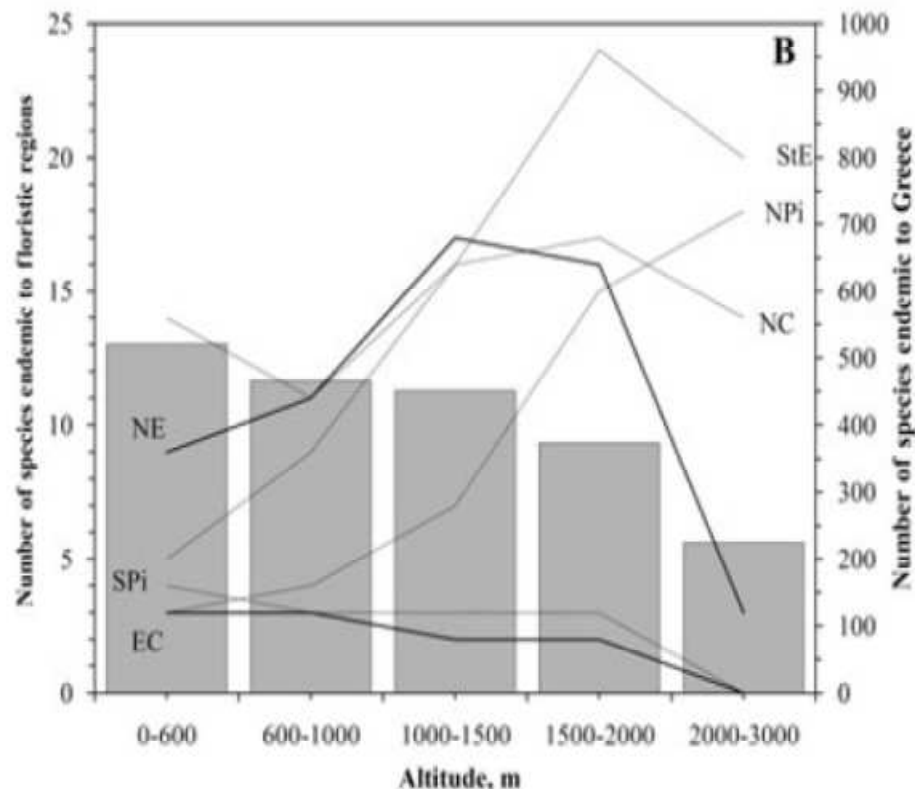
The floristic regions of Greece (Strid & Tan 1997)

- The high incidence of local and regional taxa in the Greek mountains results from:
- the survival of ancient, regressive species (**paleo-endemics**) but mainly from
 - recent speciation through geographical isolation (**neo-endemics**)

Endemism and speciation in Greece

Table 1. Correspondence of vegetation zones to altitude range classes

| Zone | Altitude range (m) | Description |
|------|--------------------|---|
| A | 0–600 | Thermo-Mediterranean: Eu-Mediterranean matorral and thermophilous conifer zone (coastal, hilly, submountainous) |
| B | 600–1000 | Meso-Mediterranean: Sub-Mediterranean shrub and forest (hilly, submountainous) |
| C | 1000–1500 | Supra-Mediterranean: <i>Fagus</i> and <i>Abies</i> forest zone (including sub-Mediterranean conifers) |
| D | 1500–2000 | Mountain Mediterranean: Boreal conifer (e.g. <i>Picea</i>) zone |
| E | 2000–3000 | Oro-Mediterranean/Alpine. No forests |



- Rise of the endemics at altitudes from 0 - 600 m.
- A gradual fall at higher altitudes, more remarkable above 2000 m.

In continental Greece, including StE, NE and EC, the endemics are concentrated at altitudes above 600 m. This pattern is more pronounced in the high-altitude mountainous areas of SPi, NPi and NC.

Altitudinal range of the Greek endemics

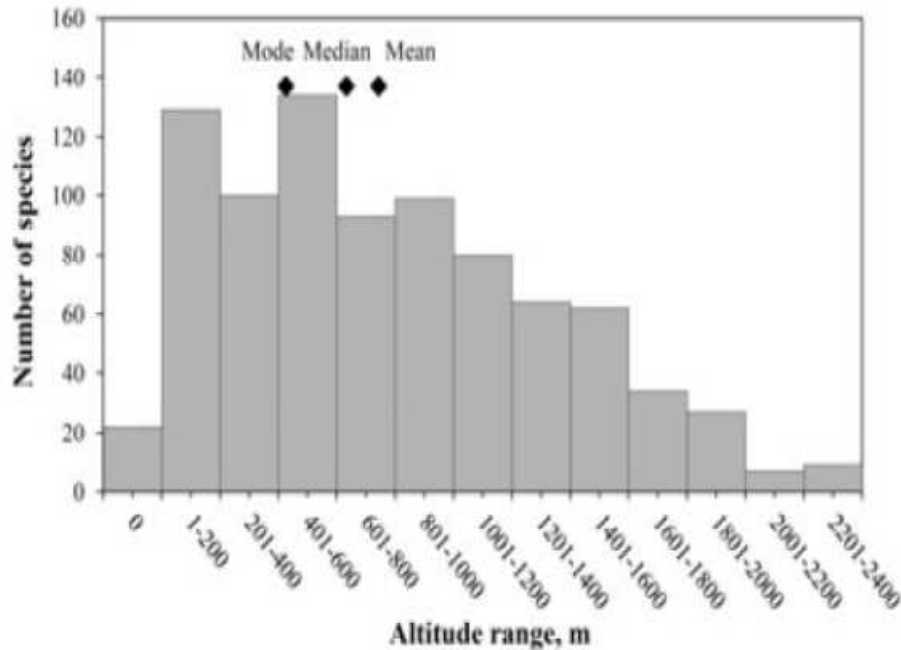


Figure 10. Frequency classes of the altitude range of the Greek endemic species. The analysis included 860 species with adequate data (doubtful and apomictic species excluded).

Although the endemics occur at all altitudes, the altitudinal range of each of them is not as wide:

- nearly half of them have a range of 0-600 m and
- a quarter of them are restricted to only one altitude or within a range of 200 m.
- On the other hand, a significant 31% has an altitudinal range of over 1000 m.



A chestnut (*Castanea sativa*) tree bearing fruits, near Kosmas village. The exploitation of the chestnut forests offers an additional form of income to the local residents.



Alkanna sfikasiana



Sparse *Juniperus drupacea* woodlands in the area of Malevi convent. *Juniperus* gradually colonize the abandoned cultivated fields

Total species diversity of Mt Parnon

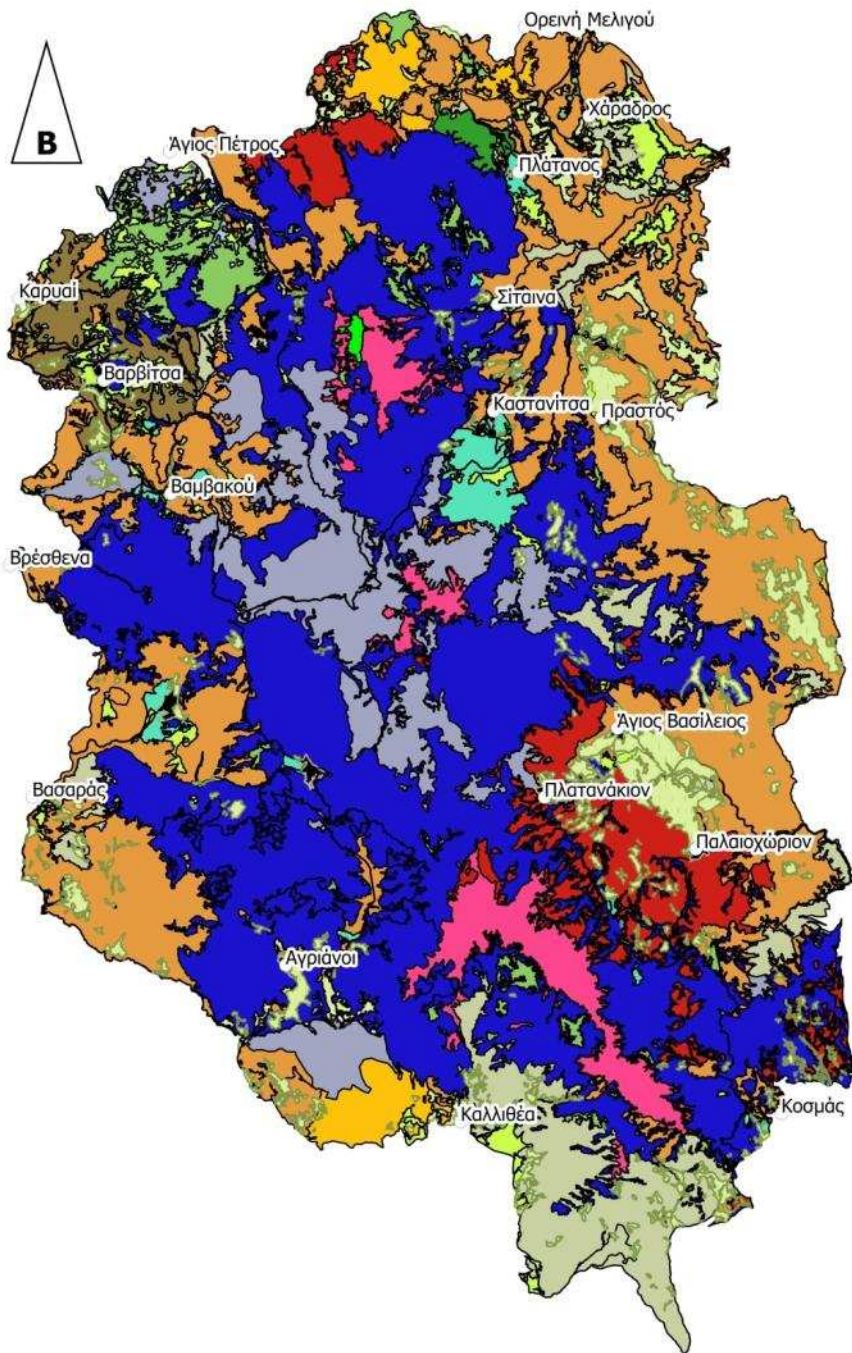
- The flora of Mt Parnon still not completely known (1935 m a.s.l. the highest peak, extensive area equal to a planar projection of 900-1000 km²)
- **Estimation: Its total flora possibly reach 1100 plant taxa (ca. 17% of the total flora of Greece**
- > 225 plant species have been recorded in the mountain zone above 1700 m a.s.l. (of which some are rare and unique to the area)

Endemic species diversity of Mt Parnon: local endemics (6 taxa)

- **Local endemics:** species occurring exclusively on Mt Parnon, small populations that grow in a restricted area.
 1. *Asperula malevonensis* (Rubiaceae): it occurs only on Megali Tourla and Roussa Petra peaks.
 2. *Astragalus agraniotii* (Fabaceae): only two populations of the species have been located, on Megali Tourla and Roussa Petra peaks.
 3. *Centaurea leonidia* (Asteraceae): known only from the precipitous rocks in the area of Leonidio.
 4. *Nepeta orphanidea* (Lamiaceae): limited to a few peaks around Megali Tourla.
 5. *Silene laconica* (Caryophyllaceae): growing in the foothills and on slopes of the eastern parts of Mount Parnon.
 6. *Viola parnonia* (Violaceae): forming populations on Megali Tourla, Gaitanorachi, Meganailias and Rachi Psari peaks.

Endemic species diversity of Mt.
Parnon: narrow endemics (22 taxa)

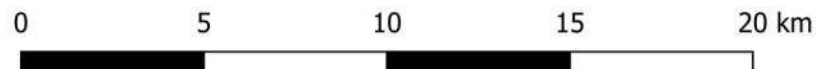
- **Narrow endemics:** species occurring on Mt Parnon and 1-2 additional areas close to the mountain
- **Peloponnesian endemics:** >35 endemics exclusively occurring on Peloponnisos and Kythira island



Υπόμνημα

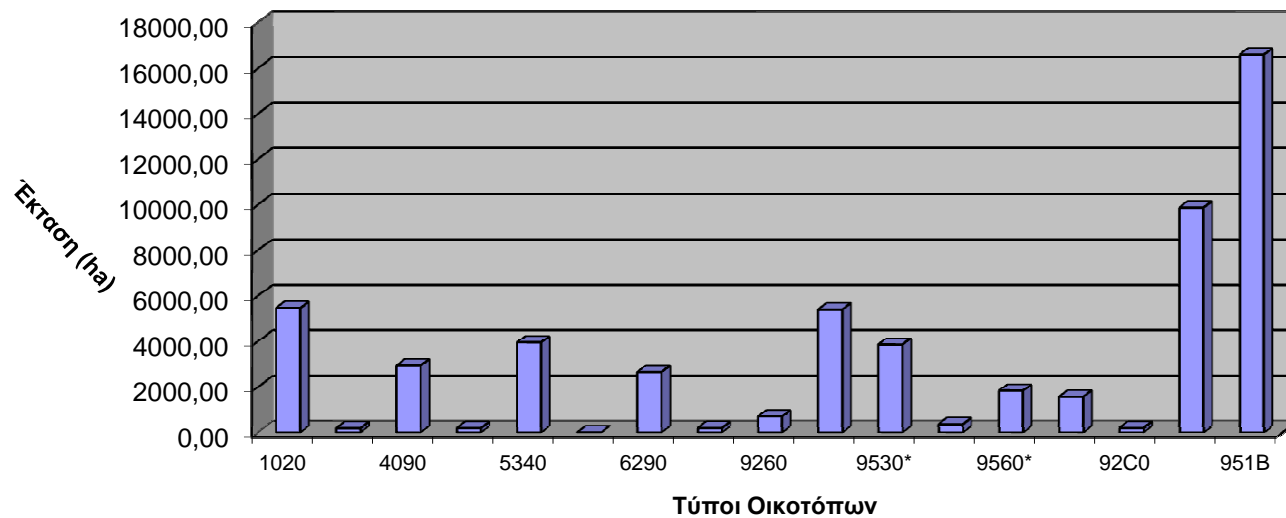
Χρήσεις γης και τύποι οικοτόπων

- Οικισμοί / δομημένες εκτάσεις
- Δρόμοι
- Χώρος αναψυχής
- Καλλιέργειες
- Εγκαταλλειμένοι αγροί
- Συλλογές υδάτων
- 4090: Ενδημικά ορεινά μεσογειακά χέρσα εδάφη με ακανθώδεις θάμνους
- 5210: Δενδρώδη matorrals με *Juniperus* spp.
- 5340: Garrigues της Ανατολικής Μεσογείου
- 5420: Φρύγανα από *Sarcopoterium spinosum*
- 6230*: Χλωώδεις διαπλάσεις με *Nardus*, ποικίλων ειδών, σε πυριτικά υποστρώματα των ορεινών ζωνών (και των ημιορεινών ζωνών της ηπειρωτικής Ευρώπης)
- 6290: Μεσογειακοί υπονιτρόφιλοι λειμώνες
- 8210: Ασβεστολιθικά βραχώδη πρανή με χασμοφυτική βλάστηση
- 8250: Βραχώδες υπόστρωμα που δεν καλύπτεται από βλάστηση
- 91M0: Πανωνικά – βαλκανικά δάση κοινής δρυός
- 9260: Δάση με *Castanea sativa*
- 92C0: Δάση *Platanus orientalis* και *Liquidambar orientalis* (*Platanion orientalis*)
- 9340: Δάση με *Quercus ilex* και *Quercus rotundifolia*
- 934A: Ελληνικά δάση πρίνου
- 951B: Δάση ελληνικής ελάτης (*Abies cephalonica*)
- 9530*: (Υπο-) μεσογειακά πευκοδάση με ενδημικά μαυρόπευκα
- 9540: Μεσογειακά πευκοδάση με ενδημικά είδη πεύκων της Μεσογείου
- 9560*: Ενδημικά δάση με *Juniperus* spp.
- 9620: Κοίτη ποταμού χωρίς βλάστηση

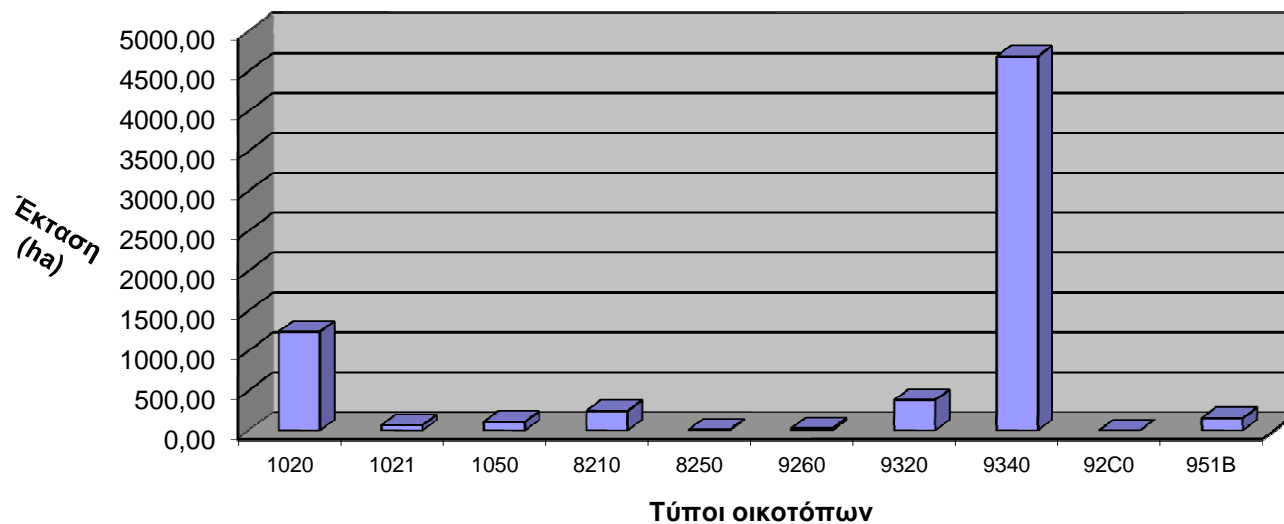


| GR2520006: Όρος Πάρνωνας (& περιοχή Μαλεβής) | | | |
|--|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Περιγραφή | Hab | Area(sqm) | Area(ha) |
| | 1020 | 54582612.6 | 5458.26 |
| | 1050 | 1823932.4 | 182.39 |
| Ενδημικοί ορο-μεσογειακοί ερεικώνες | 4090 | 29302342.1 | 2930.23 |
| Σχηματισμοί με άρκευθους | 5210 | 1856920.0 | 185.69 |
| Garrigues της Av. Μεσογείου | 5340 | 39451147.5 | 3945.11 |
| Πλούσιοι σε είδη λειμώνες με <i>Nardus</i> , σε πυριτικό υπόστρωμα της ορεινής περιοχής (και υποορεινής περιοχής, στην ηπειρωτική Ευρώπη) | 6230* | 490.15 | 0.05 |
| Μεσογειακοί υπονιτρόφιλοι λειμώνες | 6290 | 26323146.6 | 2632.31 |
| Ασβεστολιθικά βραχώδη πρανή με χασμοφυτική βλάστηση | 8210 | 1875350.8 | 187.54 |
| Δάση καστανιάς | 9260 | 6847480.4 | 684.75 |
| Δάση αριάς <i>Quercus ilex</i> | 9340 | 53933163.1 | 5393.32 |
| Μεσογειακά δάση πεύκης με ενδημικά είδη μαύρης πεύκης | 9530* | 38454605.8 | 3845.46 |
| Μεσογειακά δάση πεύκης με ενδημικά μεσογειακά είδη πεύκης περικλειομένων της <i>Pinus mugo</i> και <i>Pinus leucodermis</i> | 9540 | 3426665.1 | 342.67 |
| Δασώδεις φυτοκοινωνίες με <i>Juniperus drupacea</i> | 9560* | 18199995.5 | 1820.00 |
| Θερμόφιλα δρυοδάση της Av. Μεσογείου και της Βαλκανικής | 924A | 15466807.2 | 1546.68 |
| Δάση ανατολικής πλατάνου (<i>Platanion orientalis</i>) | 92C0 | 1845713.3 | 184.57 |
| Ελληνικά δάση πρίνου | 934A | 98657587.0 | 9865.76 |
| Δάση ελληνικής ελάτης (<i>Abies cephalonica</i>) | 951B | 165849959.1 | 16585.00 |
| Σύνολο | | 557897918.8 | 55789.79 |
| GR2520005 Μονή Έλωνας & Χαράδρα Λεωνιδίου | | | |
| Περιγραφή | Hab | Area(sqm) | Area(ha) |
| | 1020 | 12376650.3 | 1237.67 |
| | 1021 | 691087.4 | 69.11 |
| | 1050 | 1129560.4 | 112.96 |
| Ασβεστολιθικά βραχώδη πρανή με χασμοφυτική βλάστηση | 8210 | 2466082.2 | 246.61 |
| Οικότοποι βράχων και σπηλαιών | 8250 | 123063.1 | 12.31 |
| Δάση καστανιάς | 9260 | 287528.5 | 28.75 |
| Δάση ελιάς και χαρουπιάς | 9320 | 3846182.2 | 384.62 |
| Δάση αριάς <i>Quercus ilex</i> | 9340 | 46901852.3 | 4690.19 |
| Δάση ανατολικής πλατάνου (<i>Platanion orientalis</i>) | 92C0 | 248.6 | 0.02 |
| Δάση ελληνικής ελάτης (<i>Abies cephalonica</i>) | 951B | 1586915.3 | 158.69 |
| Σύνολο | | 69409170.3 | 6940.92 |
| GR2520003 Περιοχή παράλιου Άστρους & Λιμνοθάλασσας Μουστού | | | |
| Περιγραφή | Hab | Area(sqm) | Area(ha) |
| | 1020 | 24620372.0 | 2462.04 |
| | 1021 | 25533.6 | 2.55 |
| | 1050 | 319887.7 | 31.99 |
| Λιμνοθάλασσες | 1150* | 120250.3 | 12.03 |
| Μεσογειακά αλίπεδα (<i>Juncetalia maritimi</i>) | 1410 | 2952808.1 | 295.28 |
| Υποτυπώδεις κινούμενες θίνες | 2110 | 532688.0 | 53.27 |
| Ποταμοί της Μεσογείου με περιοδική ροή από <i>Paspalo-Agrostidion</i> | 3290 | 580475.6 | 58.05 |
| Φρύγανα με <i>Sarcopoterium spinosum</i> | 5420 | 1902163.7 | 190.22 |
| Δάση ελιάς και χαρουπιάς | 9320 | 4915844.8 | 491.58 |
| Θερμο-Μεσογειακές παραποτάμιες στοές (<i>Nerio-Tamaricetea</i>) και παραποτάμιες στοές της νοτιο-δυτικής Ιβηρικής Χερσονήσου (<i>Securineion tinctoriae</i>) | 92D0 | 271.7 | 0.03 |

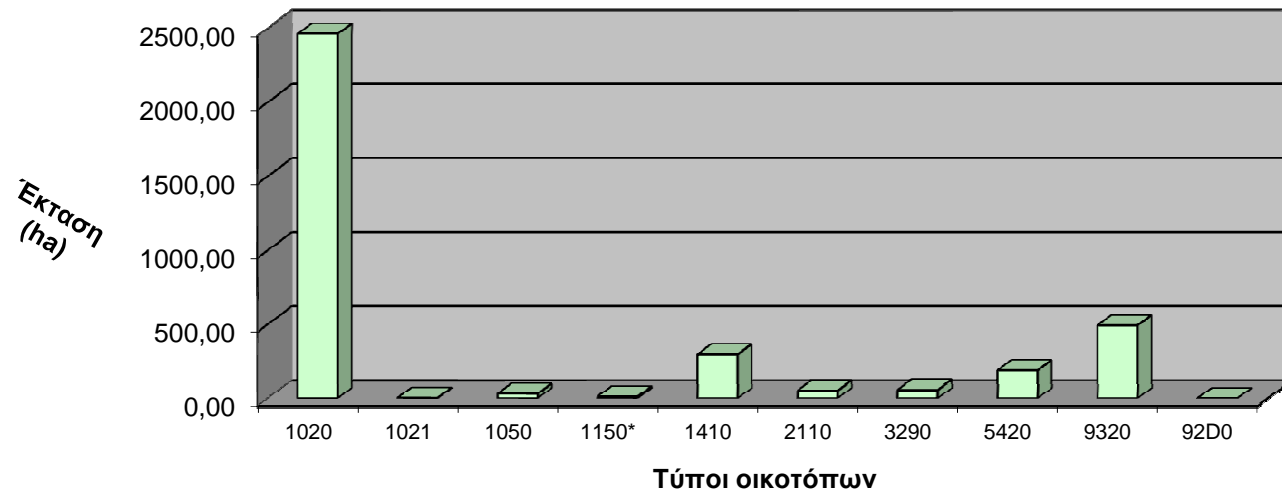
Έκταση (ha) ανά τύπο οικοτόπου στην περιοχή GR2520006: Όρος Πάρνωνας (και περιοχή Μαλεβής)

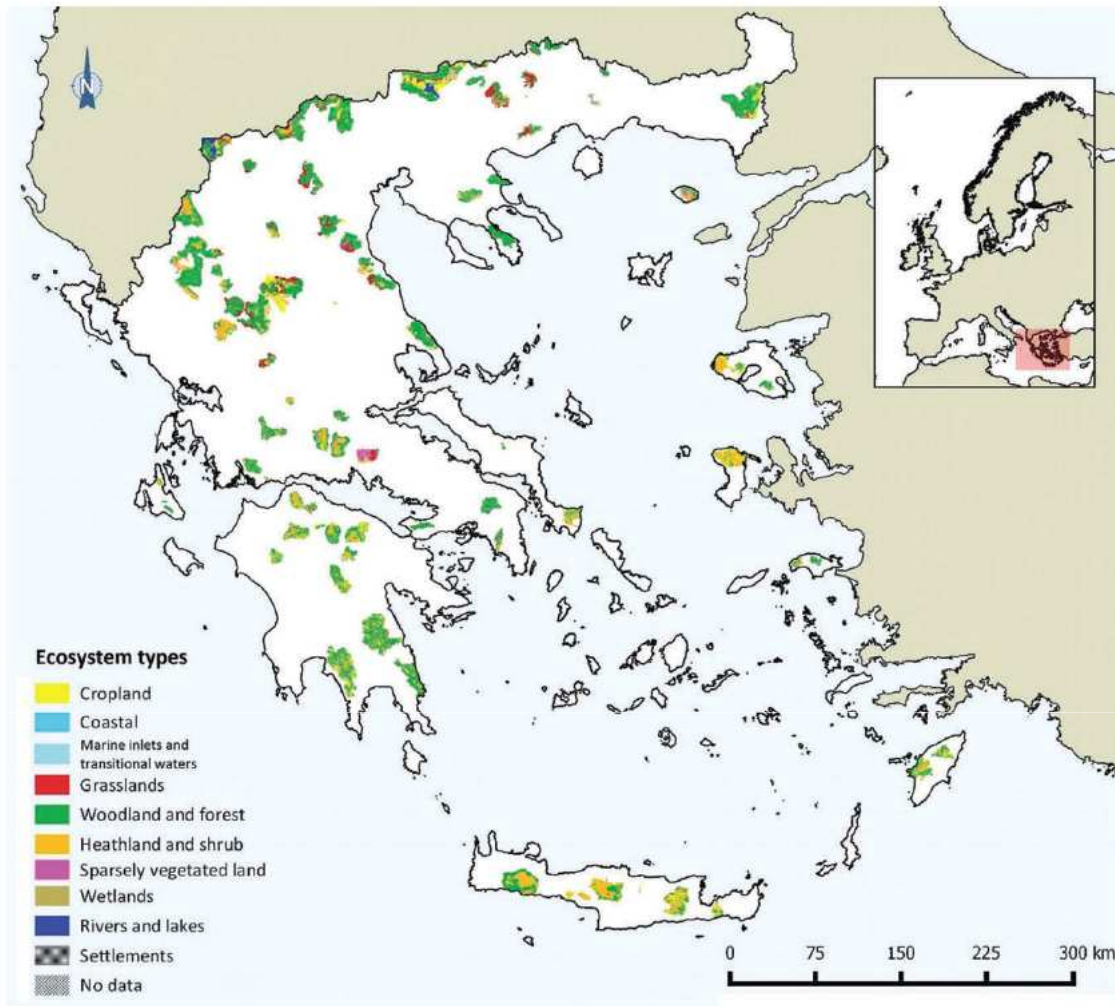


Έκταση (ha) ανά τύπο οικοτόπου στην περιοχή GR2520005: Μονή Έλυνας & Χαράδρα Λεωνιδίου



Έκταση (ha) ανά τύπο οικοτόπου στην περιοχή GR2520003: Περιοχή παράλιου Άστρους & Λιμνοθάλασσας Μουστού





Map of ecosystem types at 91 mountainous sites (SACs) in Greece

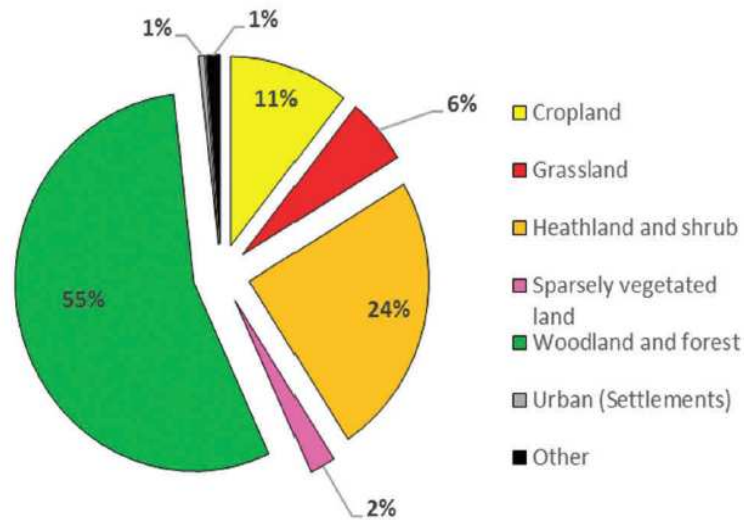
The mountainous protected areas in Greece comprise 10 ecosystem types that consist of 87 habitat types (including settlements)

The protected area of Mt Parnon comprises 4 ecosystem types consisting of 16 habitat types (not including settlements)

MAES categories

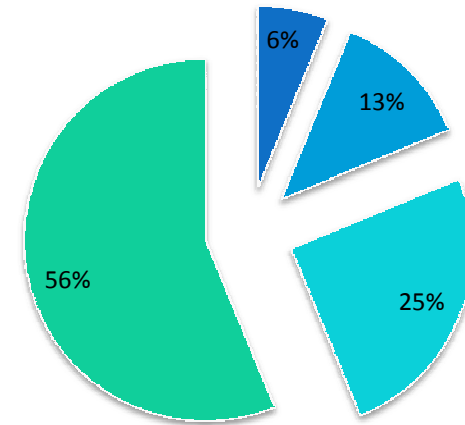
| Level 1 | Level 2 | Natura 2000 Habitat types' codes |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| Terrestrial | Urban (Settlements) | 1050 |
| | Cropland | 1020, 1021 |
| | Grassland | 5150, 6170, 6220*, 6230*, 6420, 6430, 6510, 62A0, 651A |
| | Woodland and forest | 1030, 1031, 9110, 9130, 9140, 9150, 9180*, 9250, 9260, 9270, 9280, 9290, 9310, 9340, 9350, 9370*, 9410, 9530*, 9540, 9560*, 9580*, 91CA, 91K0, 91L0, 91E0*, 91M0, 925A, 92A0, 92C0, 92D0, 934A, 951B, 95A0 |
| | Heathland and shrub | 2250*, 2260, 4060, 4090, 5110, 5210, 5330, 5340, 5350, 5420, 5430 |
| Terrestrial | Sparsely vegetated land | 1061, 1210, 1240, 1310, 2110, 2120, 21B0, 32B0, 8140, 8210, 8220, 8260, 8310, 8250, UR |
| | Wetlands | 1410, 1420, 3130, 3170*, 7230, 72A0, 72B0 |
| Freshwater | Rivers and lakes | 3150, 3240, 3260, 3280, 3290, WB |

Distribution (%) of each ecosystem type in the mountainous sites of Greece (I), on Mount Parnon (II)



I

■ Sparsely vegetated land ■ Grassland
■ Heathland and shrub ■ Woodland and forest



II

What are the Ecosystem Services?

- **Ecosystem Services (ES):** the contribution of ecosystem structure and function – in combination with other inputs – to human well-being [after Burkhard & Maes (2017)].
- **Ecosystem services (ES) arise** when ecological structures and ecological processes directly or indirectly contribute to human well-being and meet a certain demand from people.

Ecosystem Services

Provisioning

- Συλλογή καυσόξυλων από τους γειτονικούς οικισμούς
- Ρητίνευση
- Συλλογή αρωματικών φυτών, κουκουναριών
- Νερό για άρδευση

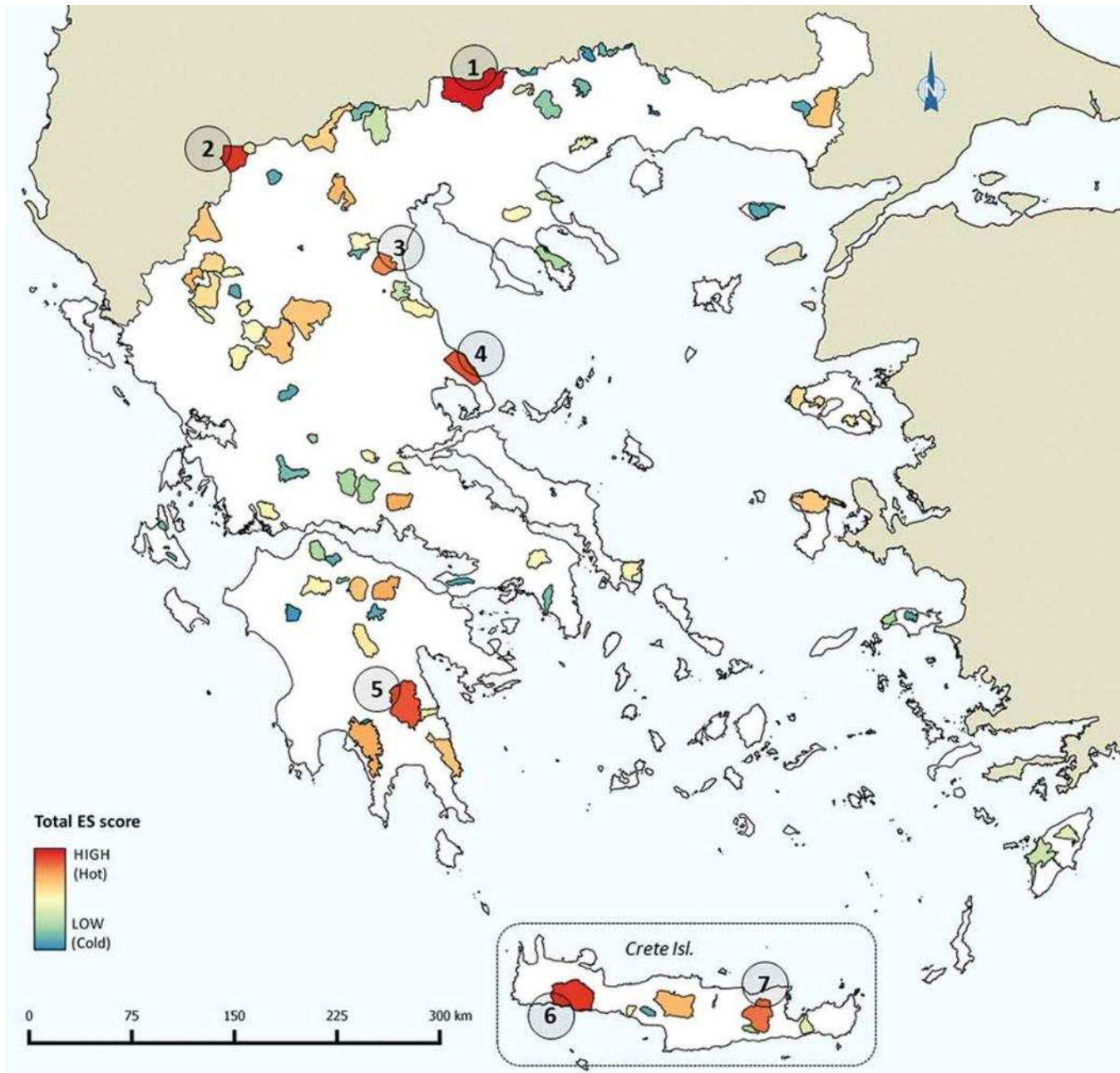
Regulating and maintenance

- Συντήρηση της δομής και της έκτασης των αμμοθινών
- Διατήρηση της βιοποικιλότητας
- Προστασία από ισχυρούς ανέμους των καλλιεργειών και των λιμνών
- Διατήρηση επικονιαστών

Cultural

- Περίπατος, υπαίθρια γεύματα κυρίως την άνοιξη και το καλοκαίρι
- Περιβαλλοντική εκπαίδευση / έρευνα
- Χώρος παραθεριστών
- Φωτογράφιση





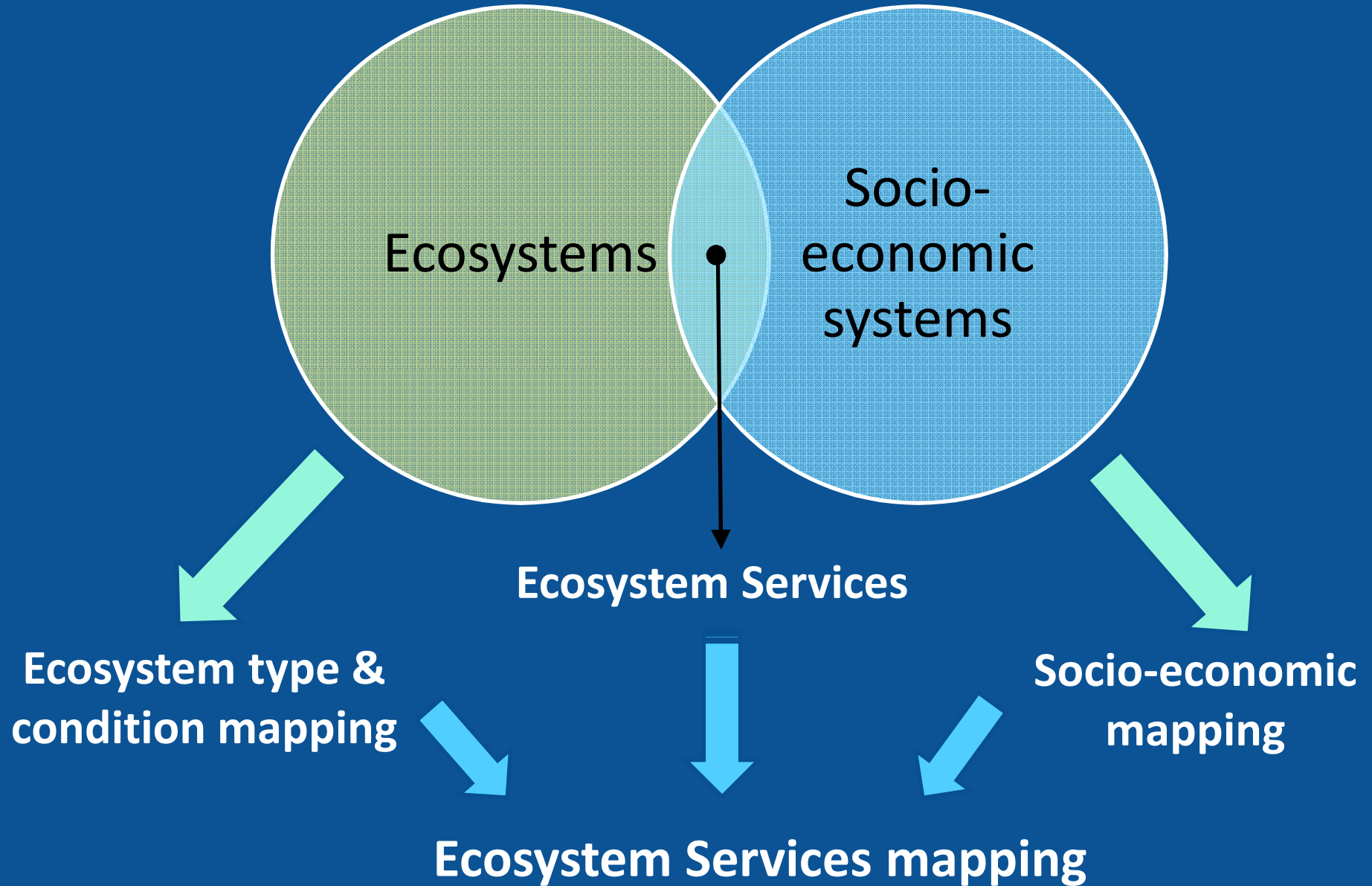
Total scoring of the provided ecosystem services & hot spots at 91 mountainous Natura 2000 sites (SACs) in Greece.

The island of Crete (box at the bottom of the map) is identified as an ES hot spot area.

Numbers 1 to 7 indicate the sites with top total ES scores (1: Mt Belles & Lake Kerkini, 2: Prespes lakes area, 3: Mt Olympus, 4: Mt Pilio, 5: **Mt Parnon**, 6: Mt Lefka Ori, 7: Mt Dikti).

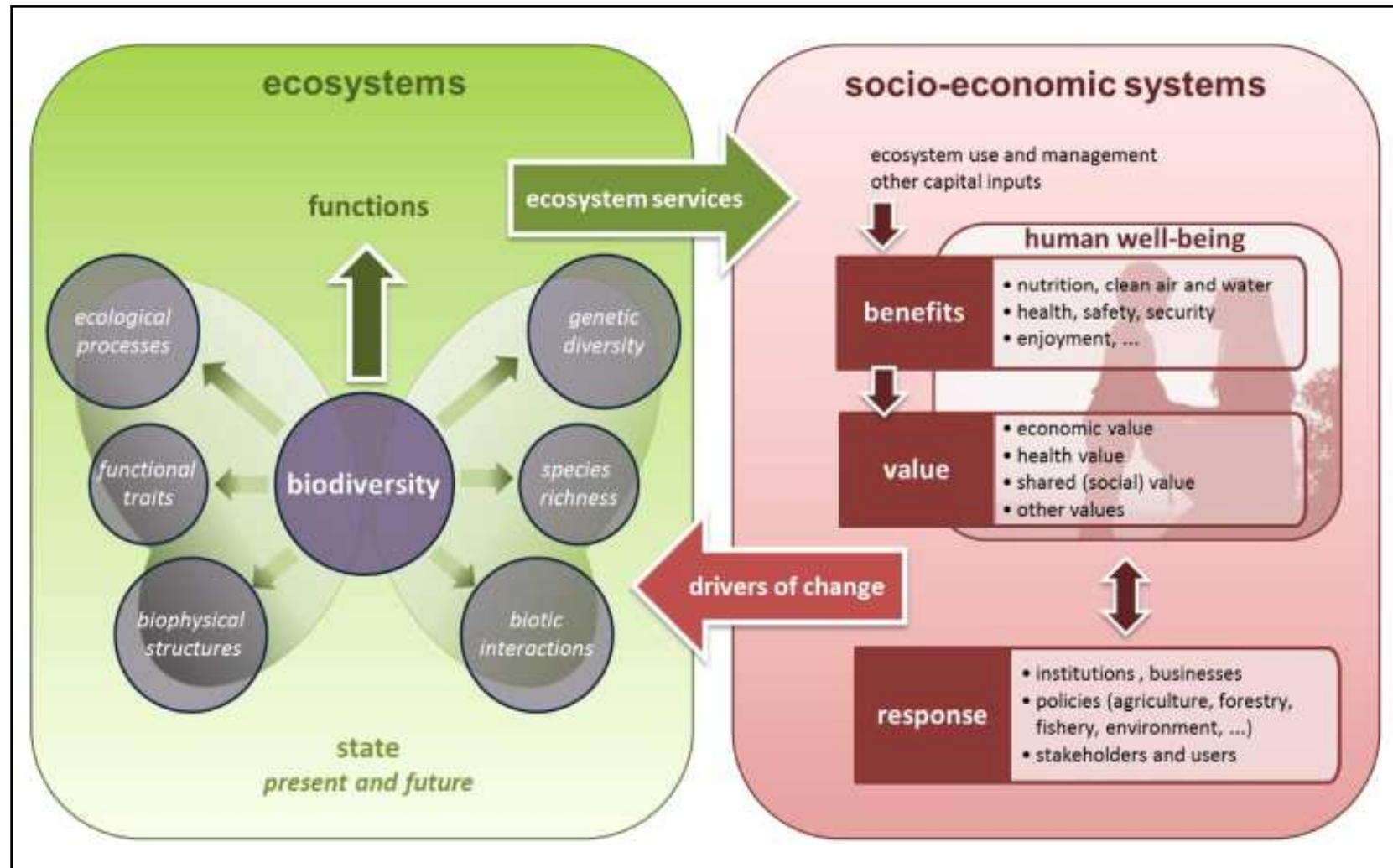
Introduction

MAES Conceptual framework

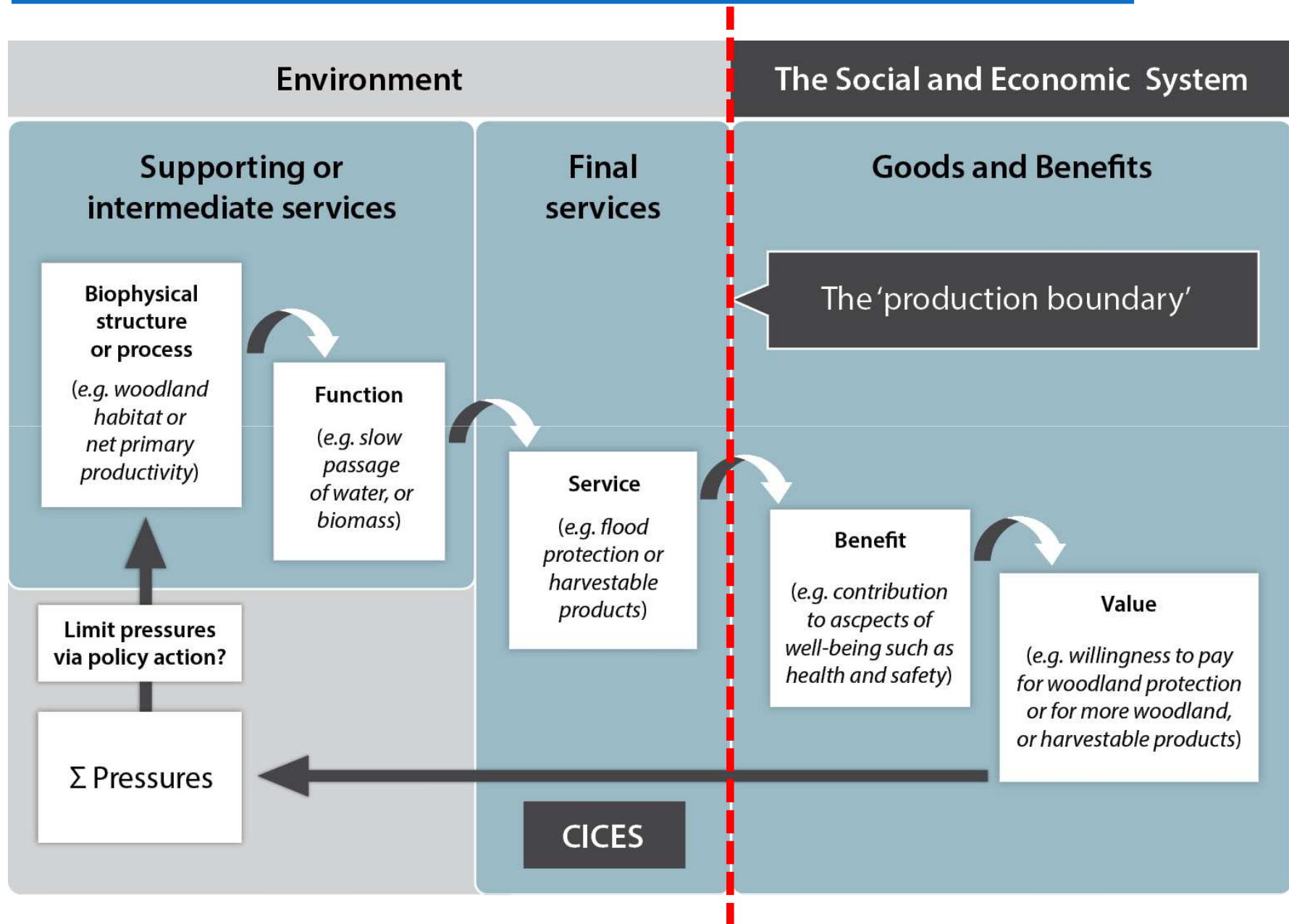


Conceptual framework for EU wide ecosystem assessments

- Ecosystem Services (ES) Mapping and Assessment should be based on the scale that each parameter of the framework needs to be studied and evaluated.



The cascade model (Haines-Young and Potschin, 2017)

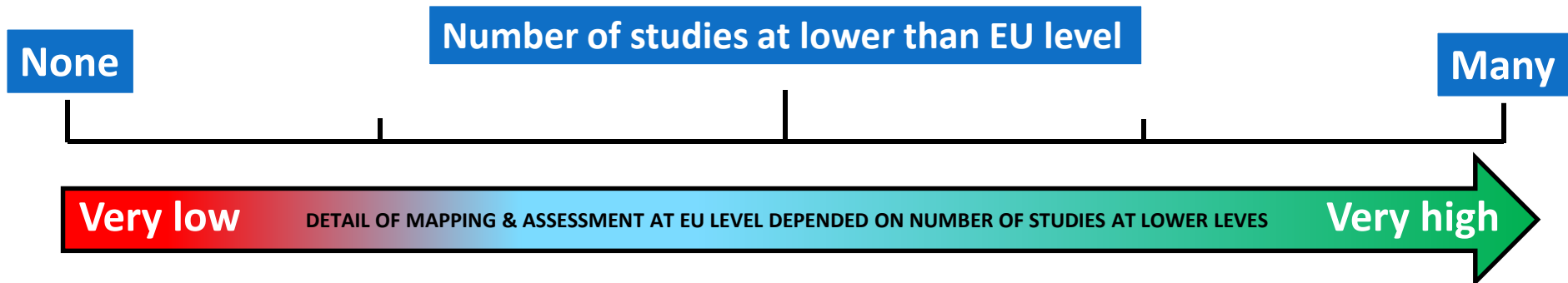
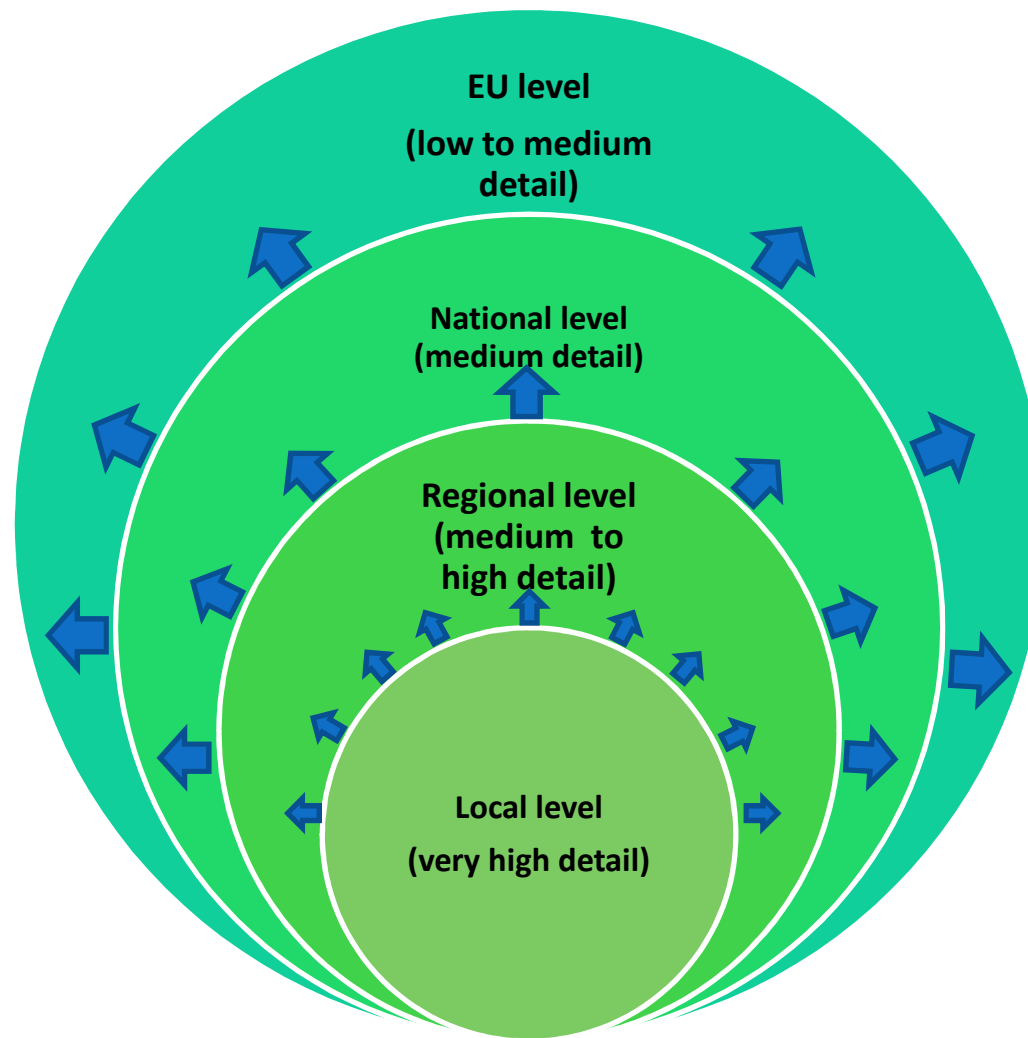


The need of implementing MAES at different spatial scales

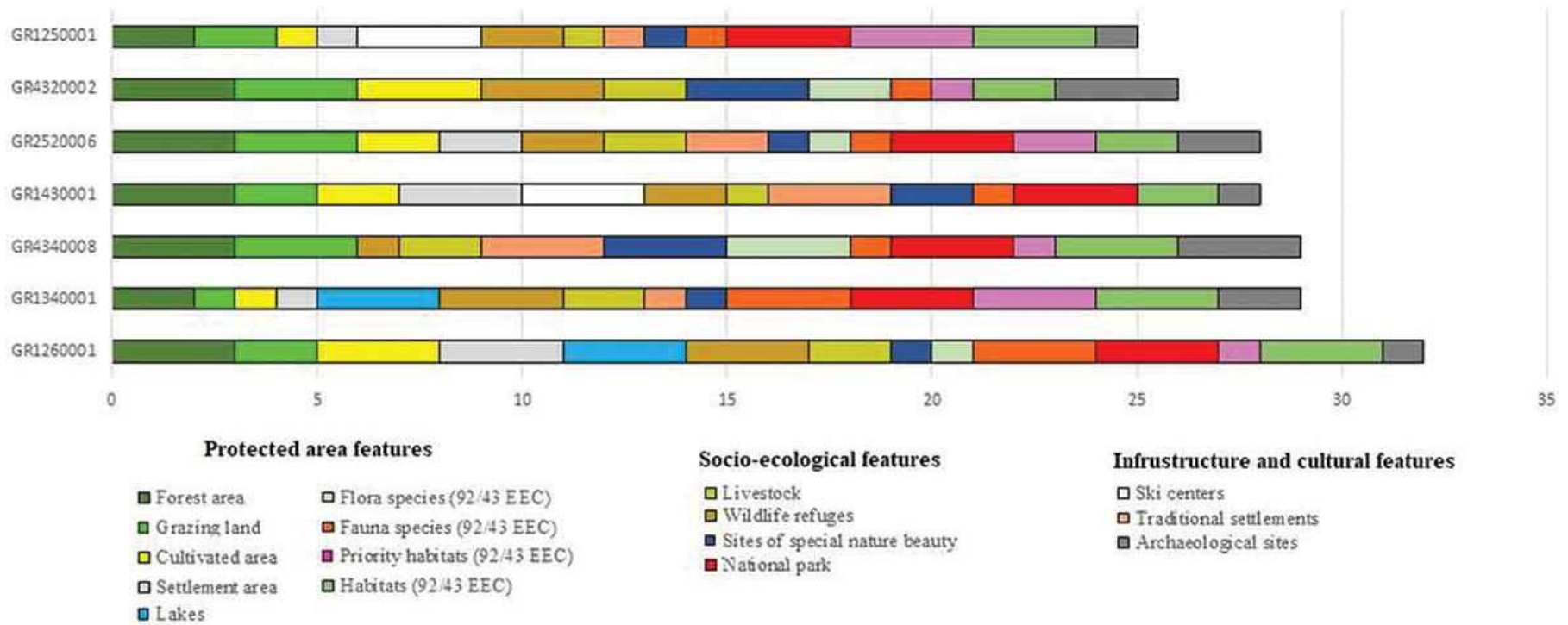
- EU and National Biodiversity Strategies implementation.
- Identification of ecosystem threats at various scales for selecting and implementing conservation actions, respectively .
- Identification and valuation of areas that provide unique ecosystem services within the various spatial scales spectrum (Global, EU, national, regional, local).
- A Policy – Decision making support tool that combines and exploits the outputs from EU to local level assessments, targeting on safeguarding the natural capital and human well-being at all levels.

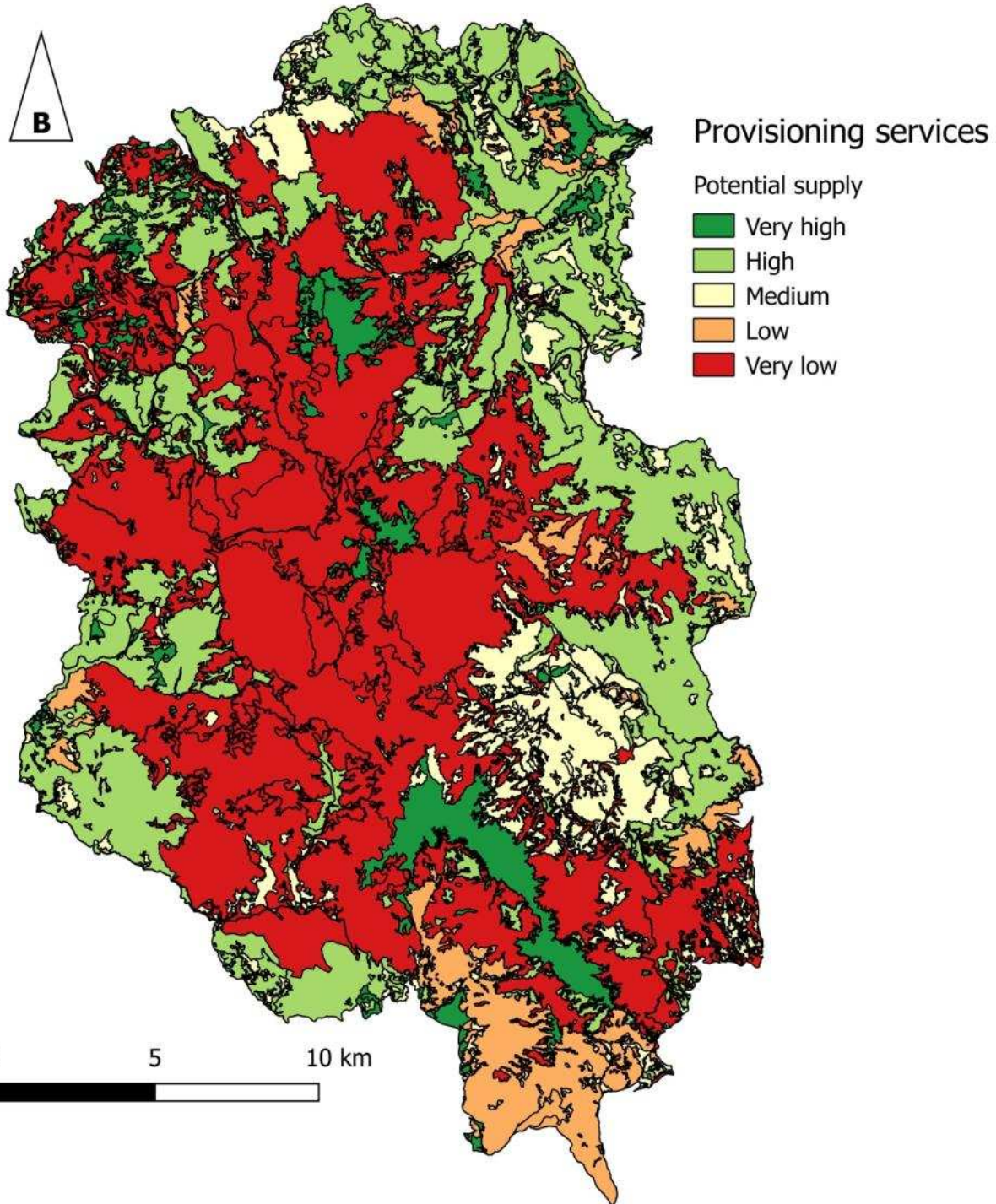
Mapping needs & scales

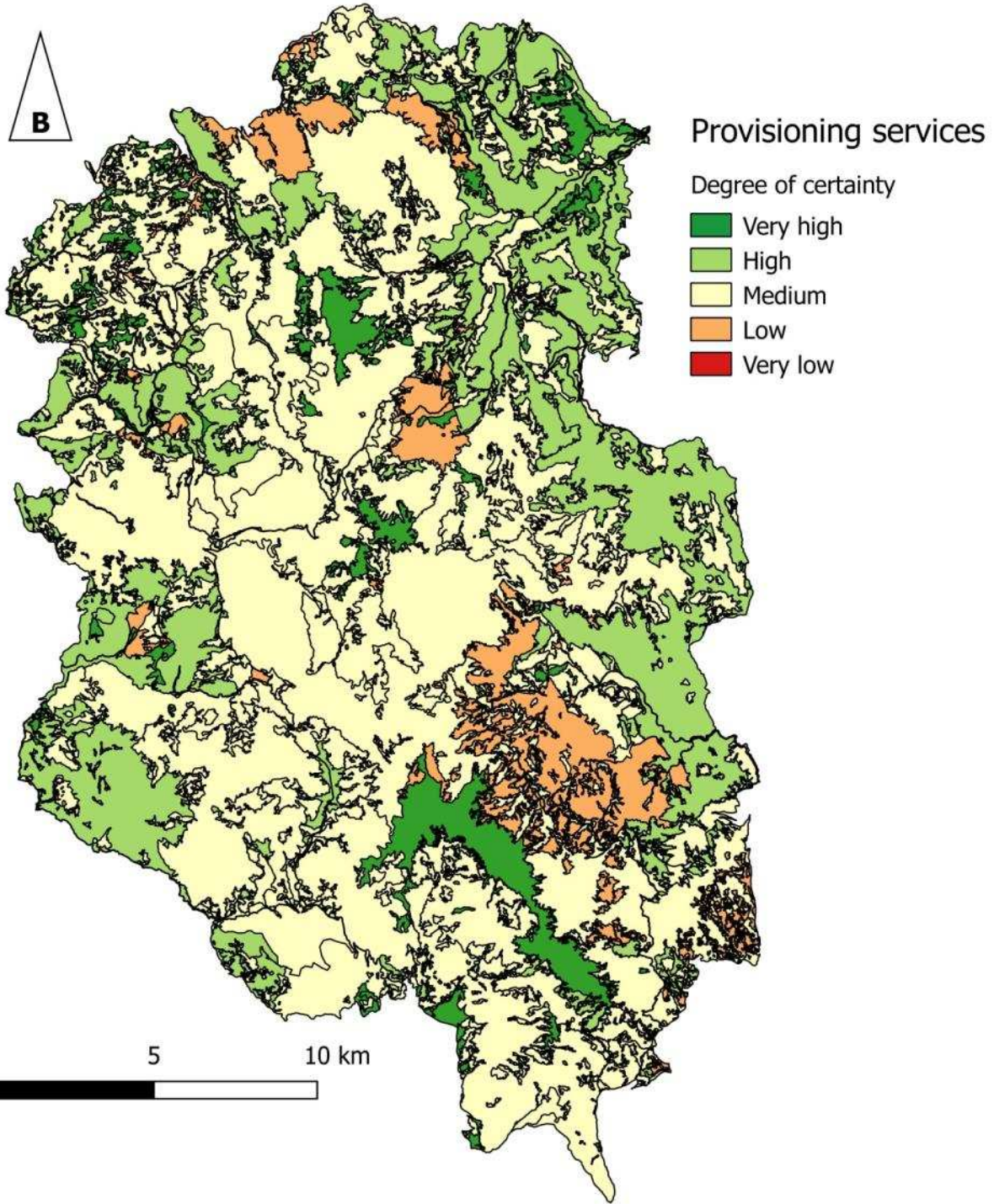
| EU level | National level | Regional level | Local level |
|--|---|---|--|
| Ecosystem type & condition | Ecosystem type & condition | Biophysical & socio-economic mapping | Ecosystem functions |
| Ecosystems' condition in protected areas | Ecosystems' condition in protected areas | Ecosystem services mapping & prioritization | Ecosystem services mapping |
| Conservation objectives | Conservation objectives | ES demand | ES demand |
| Conservation actions | Conservation actions | ES flows | ES flows |
| Spatial distribution of Ecosystem services within EU | National set of ES indicators | Drivers of change | ES valuation |
| EU Natural Capital Accounting | Ecosystem services index, mapping , ES hot-spot identification & prioritization | ES valuation | Drivers of change and contrasting, future scenarios mapping and assessment |
| - | National Natural Capital Accounting | Regional Natural Capital Accounting | Contribution to the regional and national capital |



The assessed ES provided by the mountainous Natura 2000 sites (SACs) in Greece considered as **hot spots for total ES supply** (thematic representation of the ES multi-criteria matrix).





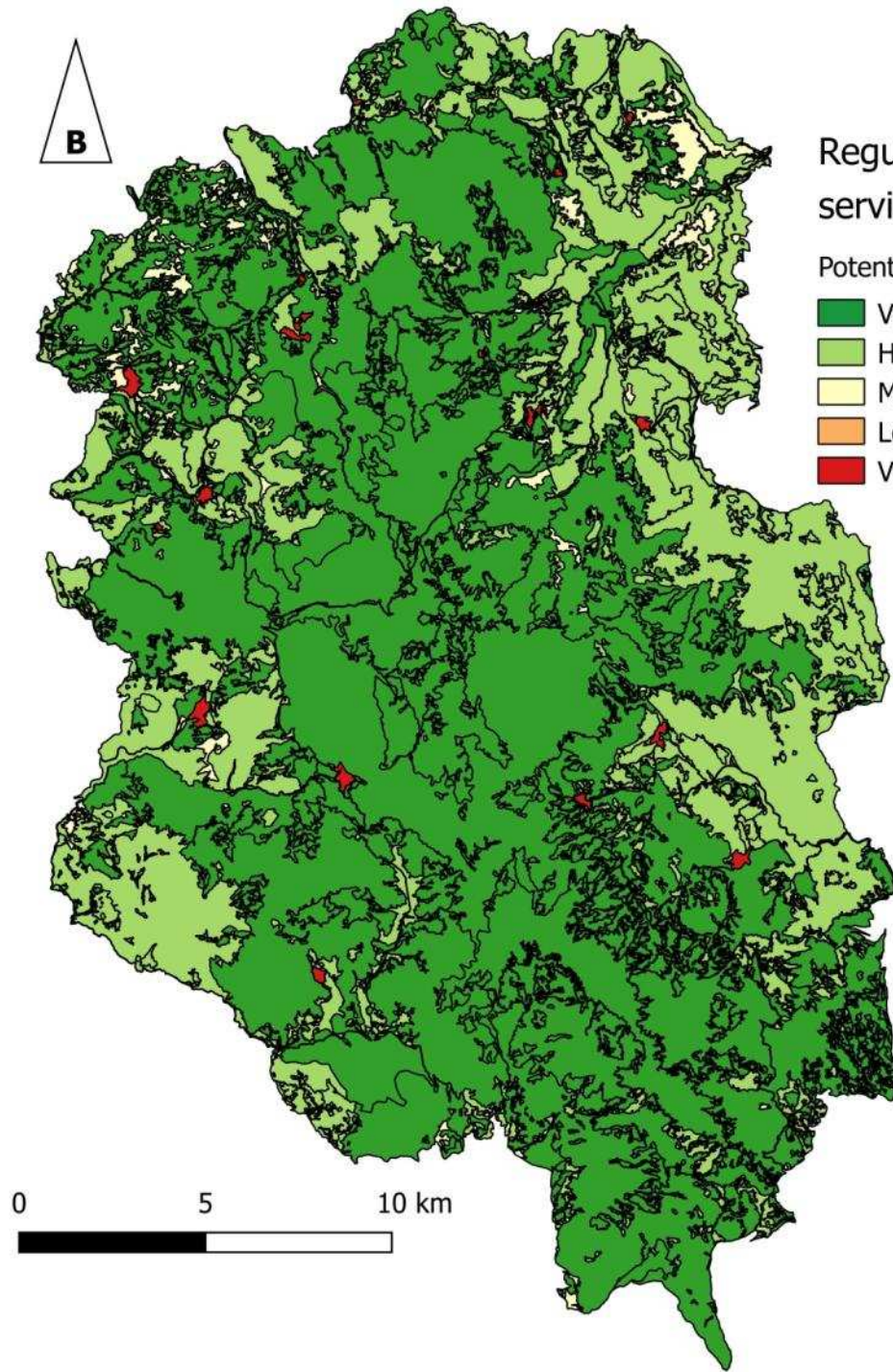


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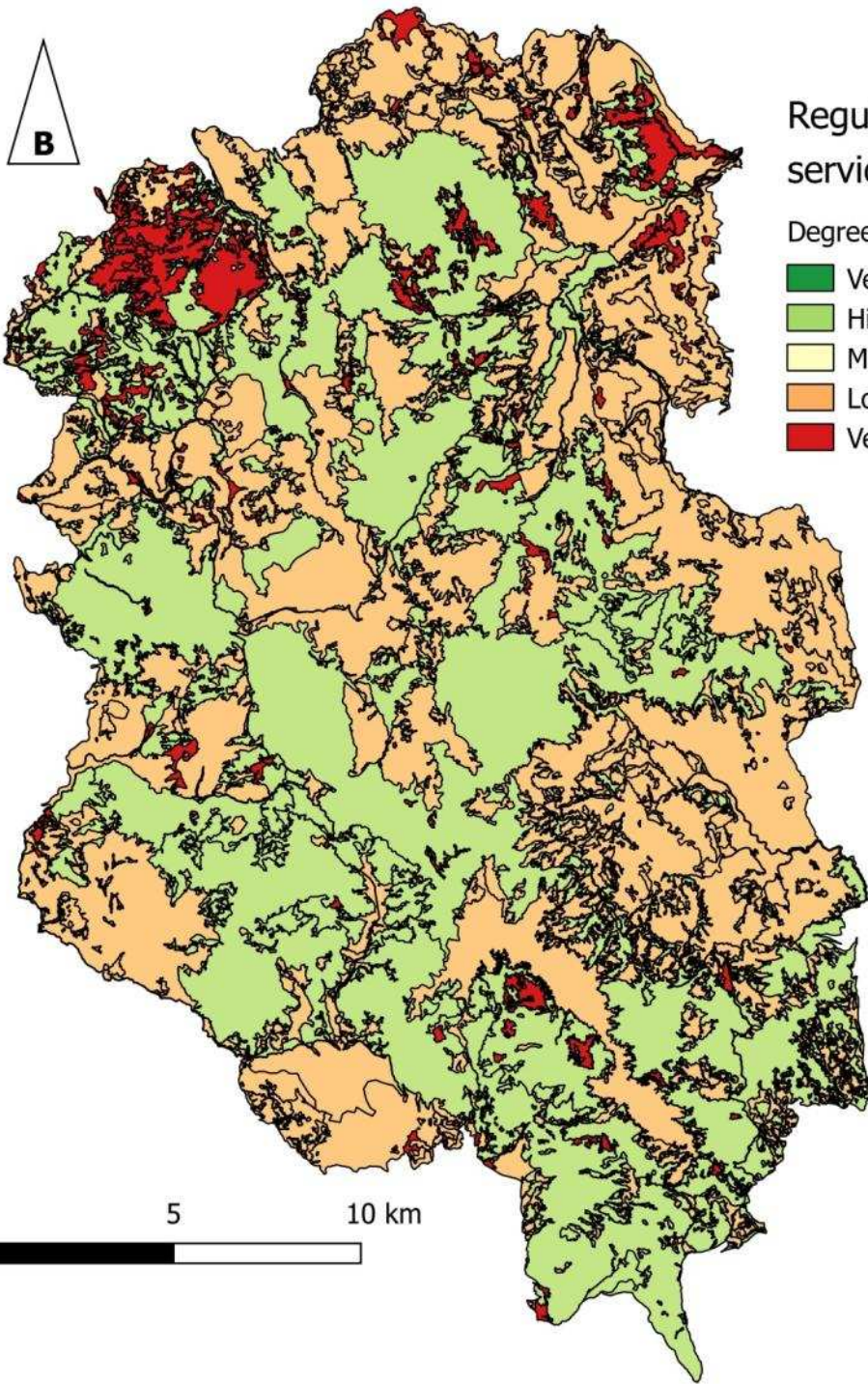
Regulating and maintenance services

Potential supply

- Very high
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Very low



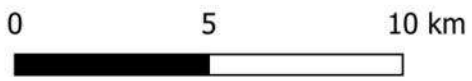
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Regulating and maintenance services

Degree of certainty

- Very high
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Very low





Emphasis on the need to know in detail in EU
where we have what and
where we need what

