



Mo.Na: Monuments in Nature: A Creative Co-Existence



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Mo.Na – A project for monuments in Nature

Santorini, Nessebar, Paphos, Butrint

Despite the endless sanitary crisis, the **Mo.Na** project, funded by the INTERREG Balkan – Mediterranean programme continues with the implementation of the project.

2020 was a year filled with uncertainty and involved doing a lot of adjustments in every aspect of people’s life and every sector in a community level. Thus, Mo.Na’s consortium, following that, has made all the necessary adjustments for the crucial aspects of the project and adapted the work online, where required.

This 3rd newsletter focuses on how the project’s activities are gradually taking shape through the efforts of **Mo.Na**’s partnership. The immediate measures to overcome any delays, or problems encountered have been successful.

The overall Mo.Na “Monuments in Nature: A Creative Co Existence” aim is to recognize-analyse and evaluate the protection and promotion of natural resources and cultural heritage across the Balkan-Mediterranean territory, choosing as a main subject the integrated planning and the common management strategies in environments of high interest and preservations value (NATURA 2000, Ramsar Areas, etc.) in interdependence with regions with a high cultural importance (UNESCO protected areas).

6th Steering Committee Meeting via Zoom

The Mo.Na partnership hosted the 6th Steering Committee Meeting on the 12th February 2021, via Zoom Platform

Mo.Na partners virtually met to discuss the current issues and to take important decisions regarding the incoming project’s activities.

It was organised by the European Center of Byzantine & Post-Byzantine Monuments, Thessaloniki, Greece.

The main objective of the meeting was to address all implications of COVID-19 for the implementation of the planned activities for 2021.

Thus, there were official decisions made about the timeplan, workshops implementation as webinars, future steps of each partner.

The fantastic itinerary of Junia Rufina



“The fantastic itinerary of Junia Rufina”, is a storytelling activity that was organised by the National Institute of Cultural Heritage, in Albania on 4th October 2020.

Several activities took place such as role-playing and entertainment corner for the young generation.

For more information [click here](#).



5th Steering Committee Meeting via WebEx

The 5th Steering Committee Meeting was held through WebEX platform on 2nd October 2020. Its organisation was undertaken by the Lead Partner “European Centre for Byzantine and Post Byzantine Monuments”.

This meeting was an opportunity to update Mo.Na’s consortium on the progress made in terms of the project’s implementation across all four countries, to discuss challenges and propose solutions.

First Mission in Santorini, Greece

The Hellenic Center for Marine Research (HCMR) Scientific Diving Team carried out the field work activities in Santorini, Greece, which was the 1st mission out of three for the Mo.Na project, in August 2020.



The purpose of this mission was to collect original ecological information, to identify a wide and rich diversity of species and habitats, but also numerous pressures, and threats lagging to be addressed.

The results from the Santorini Caldera were spectacular, as breathtaking underwater sceneries and habitats of high conservation importance were revealed. More photographic material from the mission can be found [here](#).

“Street network reconstruction - Ribarska Street and Mena Street”, Nessebar - Bulgaria

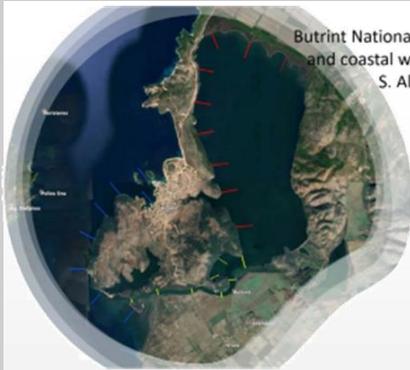


2021 was the year for the beginning of the implementation of Municipality of Nessebar’s pilot activities for the protection of world value and cultural heritage. All the preparatory works of the site



have been completed, such as removal of hidden concrete curb, incl. concrete base, demolition of existing 8-cm-thick asphalt pavement, etc.

Second Mission in Butrint, Albania



Butrint National Park and coastal waters, S. Albania

In 25th to 30th of September, HCMR undertook successfully, the second mission in Butrint Albania with the support of Spiranca Dive Centre.

In particular, the fieldtrip was in the Butrint National Park and the adjacent coastal seas of South Albania. Available photos [here](#).

The findings were also breathtaking. Important Mediterranean Marine Habitat Types were detected, among which extensive Posidonia seagrass beds and Reefs covered by rich coralligenous assemblages, while singular biogenic reefs and lush Cymodocea seagrass beds have been detected within the unique lagoonal environment of Butrint, often framing age-long city walls and imposing monuments.

Third Mission in Nessebar, Bulgaria



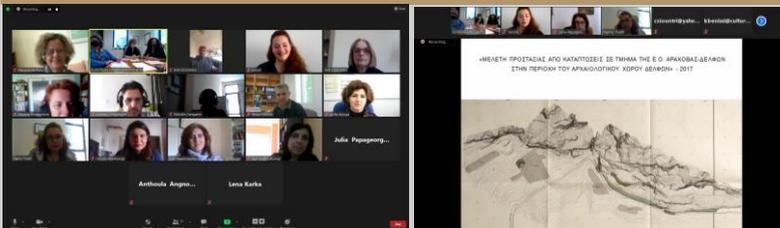
The third and last survey was held at the end of autumn 2020 in Nessebar by HCMR Scientific Diving Team.

During the mission, the scientists had the chance to [look into](#) the biodiversity of this region of the Bulgarian Black Sea.

Inhabited by humans since ancient times, the coastal zone around Nessebar offers a unique opportunity for divers to see most of the typical Black Sea marine plants and animals in the same locations, where submerged underwater artefacts and ancient city walls are also present.

By the end of summer, the Cystoseira brown algae canopies regain their strength and grow back to their full size and biomass by November, attracting schools of playful wrasses and various invertebrates.

Webinar on “The integrated management of the cultural and natural heritage”



On 26th February 2021, a Webinar was held through the Zoom platform with the EKBMM’s initiative.

Twenty-two participants attended the meeting, out of whom, there were representatives from the Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy, Ministry of Culture and Sports, several Ephorates of Antiquities, stakeholders relevant to cultural and natural management of sites and climate change, etc.

The webinar had two sections:

- i. Integrated cultural and natural heritage management, where the legislative framework, experiences from cultural monument protection actions and natural environment etc. were discussed.
- ii. Joint management of UNESCO protected sites in NATURA 2000 protected areas, where four case studies were examined and presented: Olympia, Dephi, Delos and Meteora.

The webinar was very successful, as all members agreed to continue and further discuss on issues related to the joint management of

Initiatives for the environmental-cultural management of the Santorini’s Caldera

The Ephorate of Antiquities of Cyclades undertook activities for the systematic recording, the photographic-bibliographic documentation, and identification of the monuments consisting the diachronic cultural wealth of Santorini’s Caldera.

57 points of interest have already been recorded in Thera (mainly churches of the Byzantine and Post Byzantine period, and some prehistoric sites).

NEXT EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Workshop in Cyprus "Initiatives for natural and cultural management and protection-The Kykkos Forest as an exemplary model" as a Webinar	March 2021
Workshop in Nessebar "The sustainable and creative co-existence between natural and cultural heritage: the experience of Nessebar" as a Webinar	End of March 2021
Workshop in Santorini, as a Webinar	Third week of April 2021
Mo.Na's Conference	7 th – 9 th July 2021, Athens
Forum in Istanbul	September 2021

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