

Consortium of Stakeholders of Gyaros: together for the protection and the promotion of the island.

The fifth meeting of the Consortium of Stakeholders took place on Friday the 7th of July 2017 in Ermoupolis, Syros. The aim of the meeting was the design of the proposal for the future Management Body that will be responsible for implementing the Management Plan of the Marine Protected Area of Gyaros by the Consortium of Stakeholders.

During the meeting, WWF Greece, the Beneficiary of the CYCLADES LIFE program presented the possible different bodies/schemes that could design and implement the conservation measures as well as the measures for the sustainable development of Gyaros. The discussion at the Plenary took place taking into consideration the stipulated goal of the Consortium: the body that will be decided will co-decide and co-design the management measures. Some of the issues that were discussed were: Which are the different schemes/bodies and what is their legal framework? What are the options that are allowed by the current legal framework and what are the alternative proposals that require a change in the current legal framework? What is their structure, their function and the responsibilities of its members? Will they only participate in the management of the area or/and will they implement the conservation measures and the measures for the sustainable development of the island?

The Plenary decided that the proposals should be further elaborated and be debated again at a future meeting of the Plenary and that in any scenario, the current way of working of the Consortium of Stakeholders should be maintained: the members should co-decide and participate in the conservation actions and measures for the sustainable development of Gyaros. The final proposal of the Consortium will be the official proposal that will be included in the Special Environmental Study that will be forwarded to the Minister of Environment.

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