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Description :

Greece hosts the largest monk seal population in the European Union, but the status of this species is precarious. The LIFE project's actions seek to maintain the monk seal in four targeted areas in the Ionian Sea, the Dodecanese islands, the eastern Aegean Sea and the Cyclades islands. These areas include a number of sites included in the Hellenic National List for the NATURA 2000 network, and the project will prepare, promote and establish Special Areas of Conservation.

The actions seek to contribute towards halting the decline of the monk seal in Greece, and to promote the implementation of effective conservation measures within important monk seal habitats included in the NATURA 2000 network.

The project's action plan aims at the reduction of the main threats and at the conservation of important habitats for the species. This will be achieved through the implementation of internationally agreed recommendations: in particular, monitoring of the species' habitats, formulation of a management strategy for each of these four areas, public awareness campaigns, development of management plans and direct protection through the designation of Special Areas of Conservation.

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