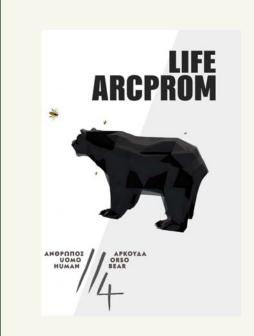
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Action C.6. Mobilisation of volunteers





About the Action

The main goal of the action is the mobilization of volunteers who will participate in activities that contribute to the effort of minimizing the illegal use of poisoned baits in the Project area.

For the year 2021, the action was implemented in the Rodopi Mountain-Range National Park and in the National Park of Prespes.

The program lasted 10 days, with 4 volunteers participating in each National Park.



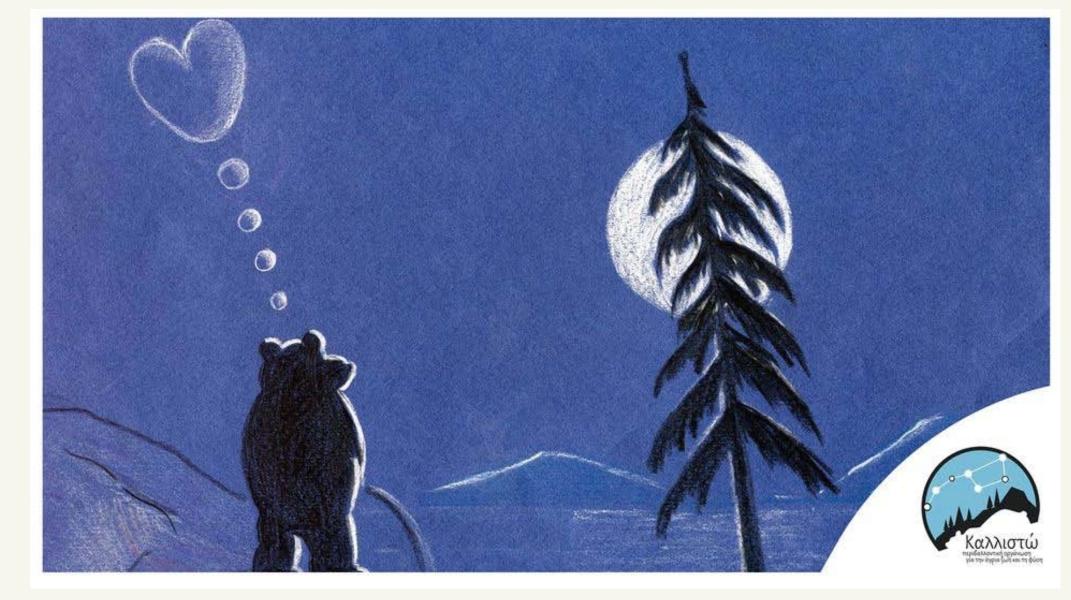
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- Meetings with the Working group of the Action to set the goals and all the necessary for the implementation of the Action.
- Meetings with the Management Bodies of the National Parks for planning the Action.
- Election of the paths where improvement work will be done.
- Planning of the necessary work need to be done.
- Procurement of necessary equipment.

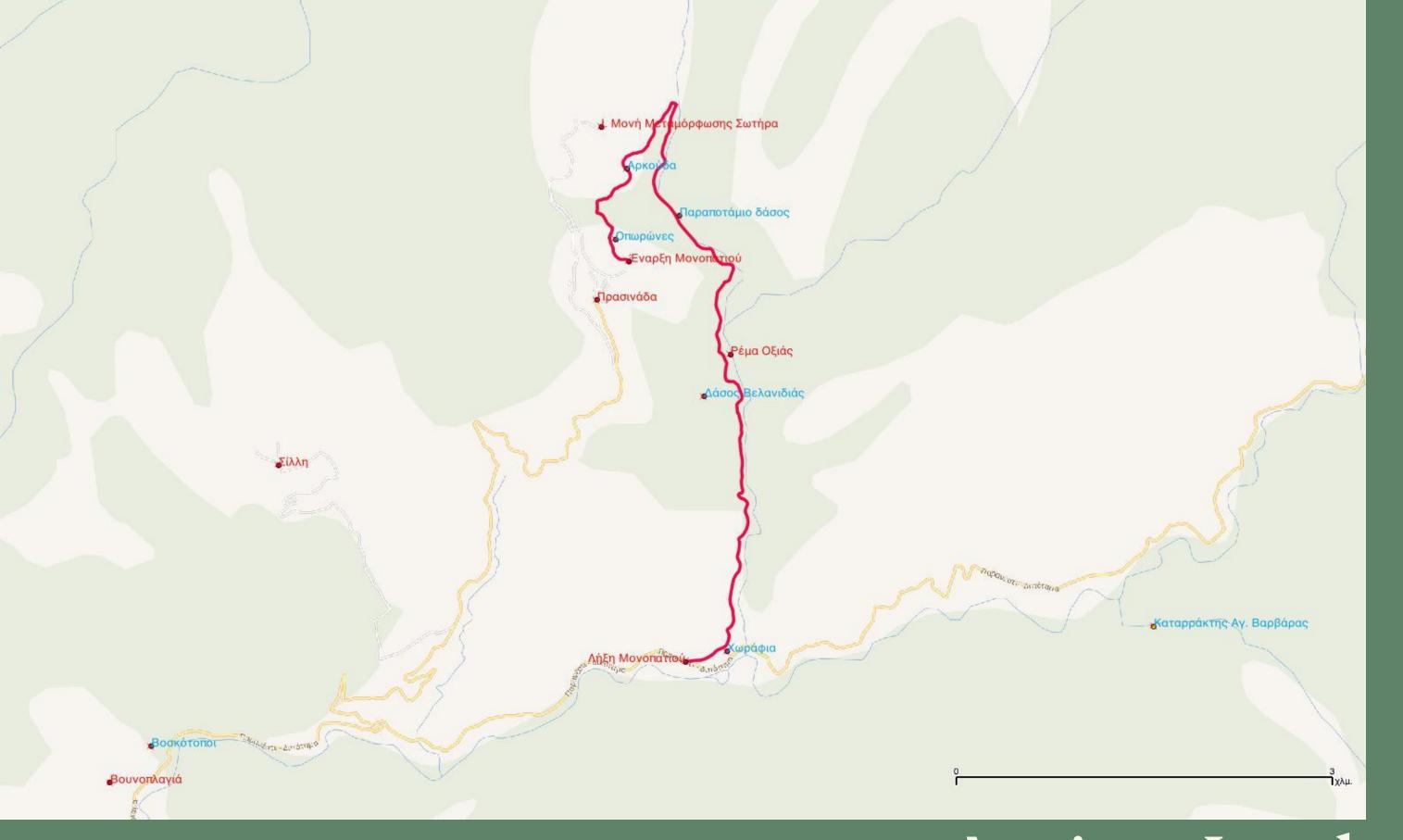
Preparation of the Action

- June 2021: announcement of action to attract volunteers.
- 22 people applied to participate.
- 8 volunteers participate (4 per National Park).

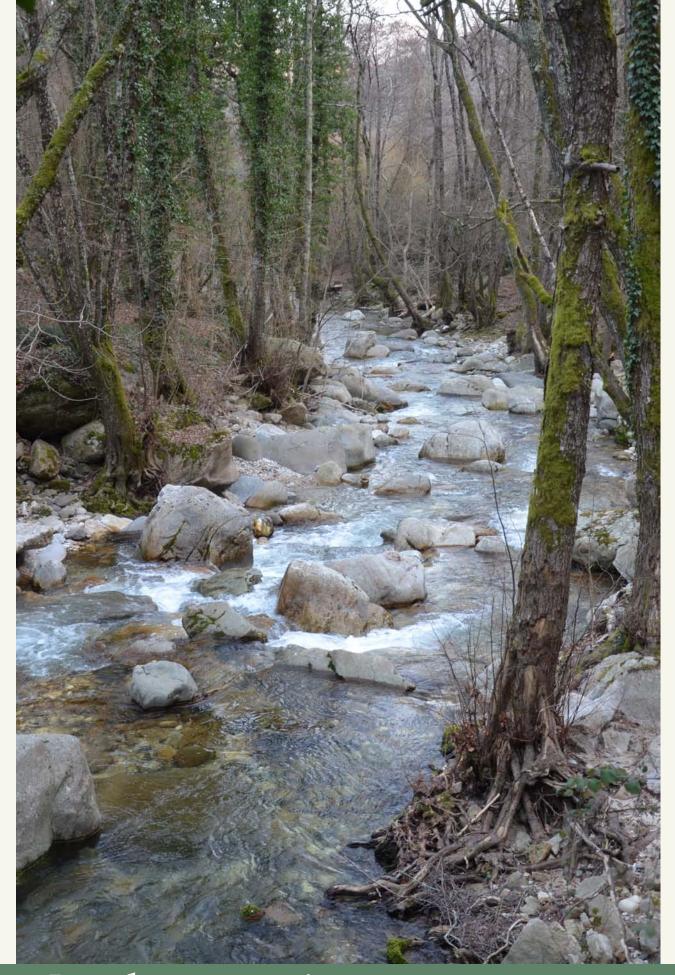


- Rodopi Mountain-Range National Park, program period 16 till 25 July.
- National Park of Prespes, program period 23 July till 1 August.

Attracting volunteers



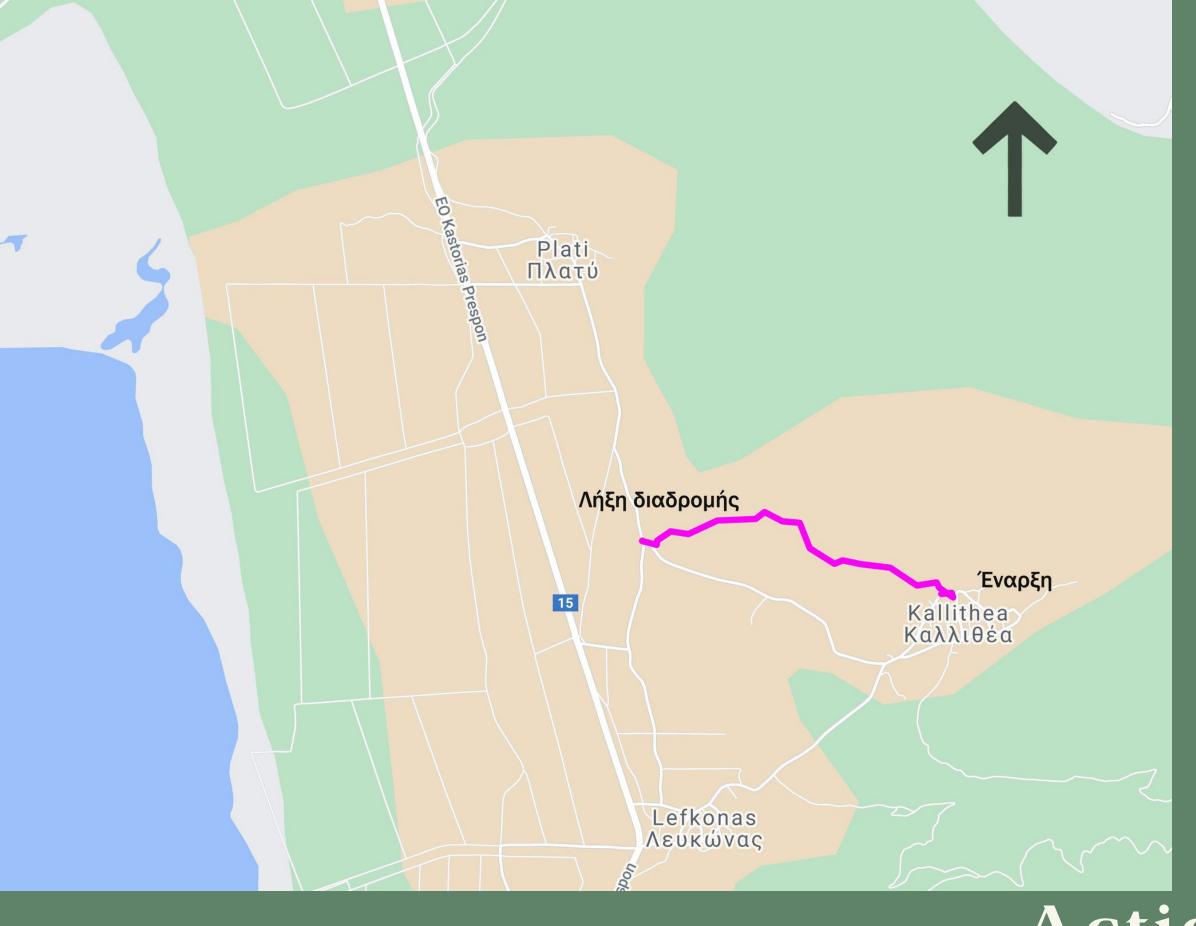
Action Implementation_Rodopi Mountain-Range National Park



- Restoration activities in one path.
- Information and training about the illegal use of poisoned baits.
- Raising awareness activities.



Path length: 6 klm.



Action Implementation_ National Park of Prespes

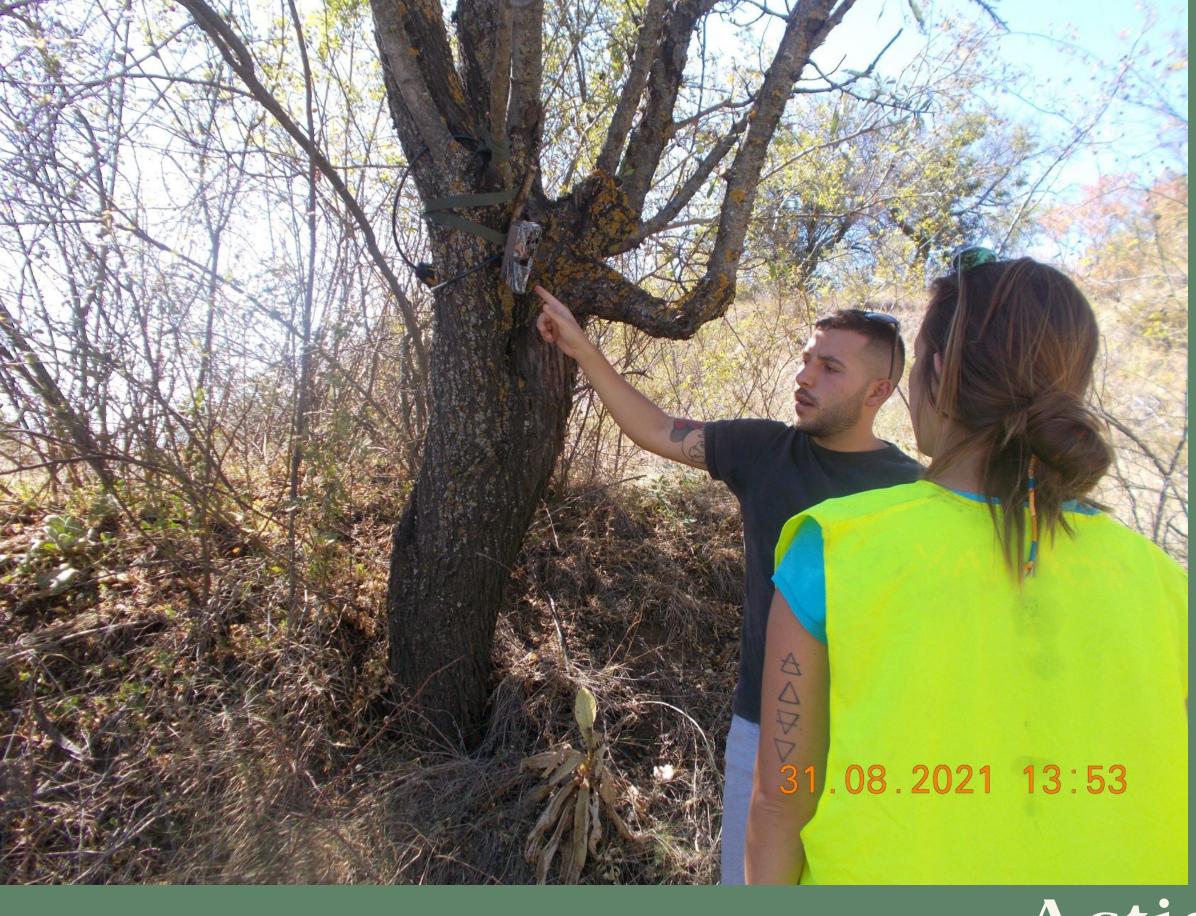


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- Information and training about the illegal use of poisoned baits.
- Raising awareness activities.



 Close collaboration with the Management Body of Prespes National Park for activities related to dead animals found in the area.

Action Implementation_ National Park of Prespes



Action Implementation_ Long term volunteer

Participation in the Action from 26/08 till 5/10/2021

During this period, she focused on conservation of large mammals with emphasis on the brown bear:

- monitoring brown bear population by using photo-traps.
- informing the database (IR camera field data).
- monitoring the brown bear through line transects for collection of signs of presence.
- participation in Bear Emergency Team interventions in situations of bear-human interactions.











Next year plan

Main goal is the elimination of the use of poisoned baits.

Training of the volunteers.

Raise awareness to locals (citizens, farmers etc) and visitors.

Implementation in the Rodopi
Mountain Range
National Park and
National Park of
Prespes.

Collaboration for anti-poison patrols.

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Collaboration with all the Project Team.

Challenges

Collaboration with the National Parks

- Volunteer's evaluation of the Action
 - Collaboration for the "anti-poison patrols"
 - Changes in the operation of the Management Bodies.

Possible measures to address Covid-19.

