

Additional Material

Ecosystem services

Current recreation and tourism:

The wetland is not used for tourism, except small parts of the coastal zone. Hotels and recreation facilities are very limited and controlled recreation activities have not been organised yet.

Current conservation education:

A fully equipped Information Centre is established in Aetolikon, accompanied by constructions for bird watching, guardhouses etc. This infrastructure supports the activities of information - public awareness, environmental education, monitoring etc. Specific actions of information and public awareness are being planned until the end of 1999 which include special publications, video tapes, CD Roms, organisation of workshops and guided tours of visitors and schools.

Scientific research:

A program for inventorying waterfowl and measures for the conservation of *Numenius tenuirostris* are being taken by the General Secretariat of Forests and Natural Environment of the Ministry of Agriculture in co-operation with the Hellenic Ornithological Society. A project for the improvement of the reproduction of sea gulls is ongoing by the Programme Agreement.

There exists a research field station, mainly for bird ringing in Klisova lagoon. Located in the mouth of Acheloos the Fish Culture Centre (IXTHYKA), is also carrying out research on issues related to aqua- culture.