



Routes on the Islands Landscapes

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Cyclades

are one of those places
that resonate with a rich historical feeling,
as “each island alone and all of them
together”, belonging to an entity and in
the same time being unique.





So every island
by virtue of its individual physical and
cultural environment,
offers a different experience
to the visitor.







The background of the slide is a photograph of a traditional stone wall, likely made of local grey stones, running across the upper portion of the frame. Below the wall is a lush green field with some taller grass and small plants. The sky is a pale, overcast white. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular box in the center of the image.

The impact of environmental learning in schools and lifelong learning

Educational hikes on a continuous basis at places of cultural interest to form bonds with nature and culture, should be the most appropriate measure promising the formation of lifelong relations in children and adolescents, as members of the natural and cultural environment of their country. Such a strong and imminent experience would indisputably hold a decisive role in any form of sensibilisation.











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Social solidarity .Creating spirit of community

In previous years until the previous century, solidarity among members of the community was particularly strong. Nowadays, social cohesion of society is rapidly getting lost. It is vital need to revive the values of the old Cycladic society, such as solidarity, brotherhood, humility, equality and common action with respect to the diversity of each individual.



Revival of farming with new activities

In times, like the ones we are currently experiencing, as the stability of a good life quality in Cyclades is unsure for an indefinite time period, the return to agricultural and farming activities that have been neglected for a long time, will certainly prove beneficial.

Namely, it can be of significant importance the production of local products of every island, as biological cultivations of local aromatic and pharmaceutical herbs, with organised promotion.



Alternative tourist facilities and activities based on culture and environment

Practices of alternative tourism should be adopted in a large scale as soon as possible, and if this does not happen, the consequences for the human and natural environment will be destructive.

For example, the establishment of a link between the alternative tourism and the agricultural initiatives is of significant importance. Actions, such as the re-opening of establishments using pre-industrial technology, the production of local goods using the traditional way, the opening of distilleries for the production of raki, etc, with the help of accommodation facilities involved, can fortify the initiative of cultural tourism and eco- tourism.

One significant aspect of alternative tourism, is cultural tourism. In this field, the area of Cyclades has recently implemented a programme of restoration of routes of cultural interest, in order to save, restore and bring to the light, in an organised form, an ancient network of communication, consisting of footpaths and stone- built roads in almost every island of Cyclades.



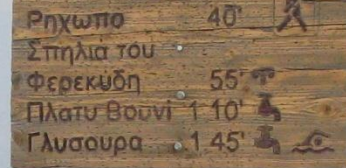






We have over 600 km of footpaths on the islands of the Cyclades. We have fully restored over 50% of them in **Andros, Tinos, Kea and Amorgos**. Also at **Anafi, Donousa** and at **Iraklia**

At the islands of Ios and Thira we are near completion at three path networks, and to the rest of the islands as well.



Most of these actions were completed with special procedures for assignment of works to small local crews, combined with coordinated voluntary actions..

A very important component of these assignments
was the contribution of **Elix**
with volunteers from all over the world.





Φανερωμένη 20'

Κουναρές 30'



Άγιος Σώστης 1.25'

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**They worked at:
Kea,
Andros,
Tinos,
Siros and
Naxos
islands for the last 5
years, during the
summer time with the
support of
Municipalities and
Prefectures.
The achieved results
were very encouraging.**





The assigned works were executed properly with the best ratio of value for money.

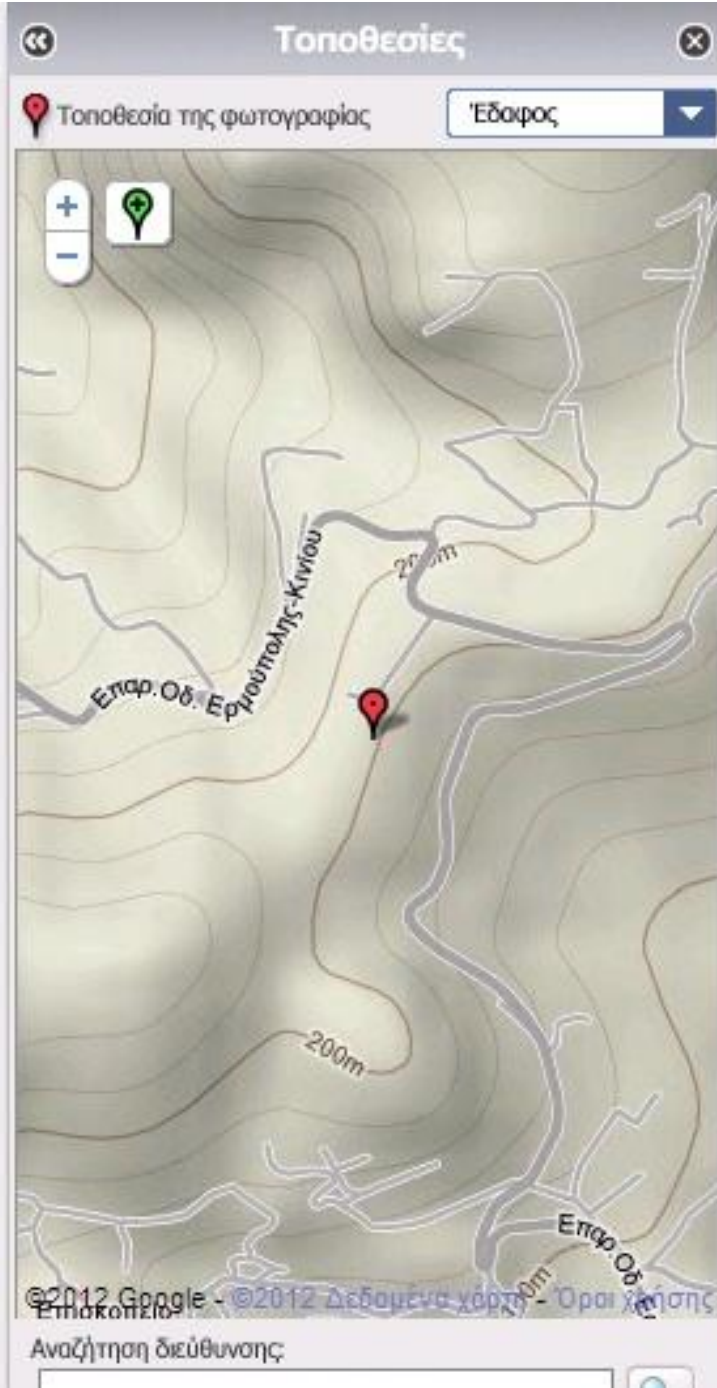
Local crews and voluntary teams cooperated in most cases responsibly and conscientiously, which arised from the direct contact with the area, the local community and the constant presence of the relevant local authority in the field of work.

These contributed to a great result : The programming, the methodology and the amount of work achieved are now considered a model.



Users of paths and government officials have commented favorably and asked for advice for sharing good practice.

In seminars held recently, in various places, like Kea, Amorgos, Sifnos, Naxos etc, it has been stressed out the choice of the above mentioned practice and the implementation of it, has contributed significantly and has created the best conditions for the further development of alternative hiking tourism in the area of South Aegean Sea.



“ Ό, τι σώ σεις μέ σ' στην αστραπή,
καθαρό στον αιώ να θα διαρκέ σει”