

Transactional Environmental Support System

Case studies results

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Introduction

Local case studies consisted of two projects:

- a) the mapping project and
- b) the socioeconomic project

Objectives:

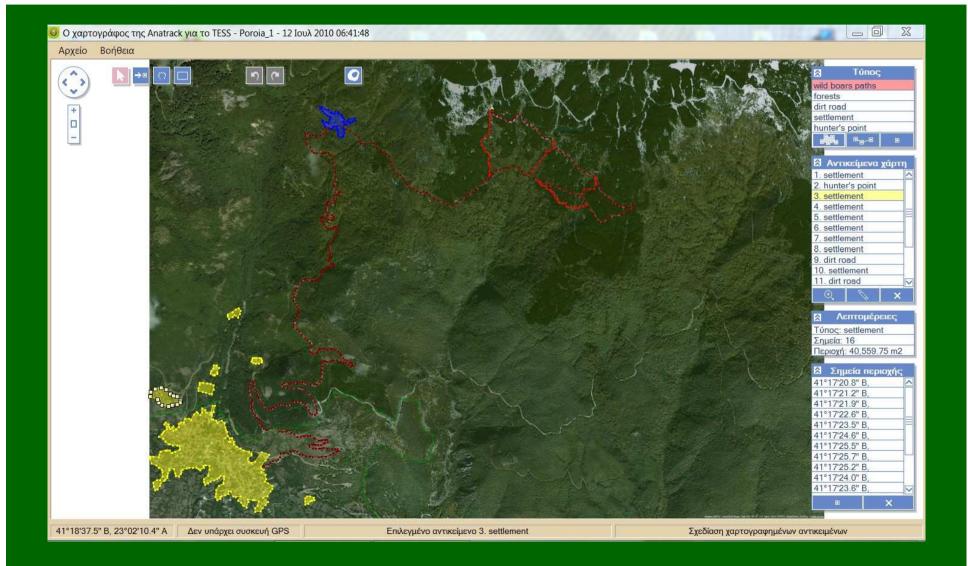
- a) test how best to meet local decision support needs in exchange for local monitoring that meets central policy requirements
- b) whether local monitoring can meet government requirements
- c) assess local attitudes and capabilities

Such information requires mapping of ecological information, for combination with socio-economic information.





Mapping





Mapping







Hardware

Needs: Screen readable in sunlight, robust, low weight, GPS, camera, mobile internet, 5 h battery, low cost.

Anatrack provided software support for the **Motion J3400** at ca. **22000**.

Also used: Algiz 10/7: operating temperature – 10 to +60 ca. 30/455

New on the block: 7" < 10000 tablets for consumers (Samsung Galaxy runs Android)



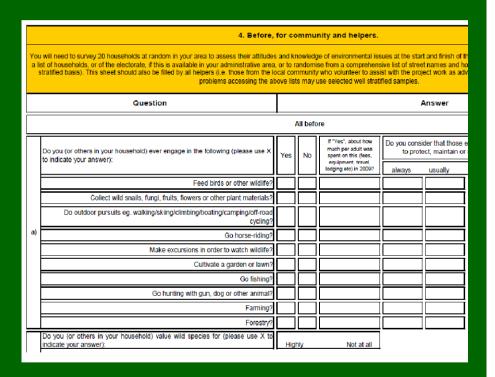




Questionnaire

A five-part questionnaire was developed:

- Administrative area background
- Case study project planning engagement with the local community - for administrators
- End of the case study implementation
- Before, for community and helpers
- Helpers after







Questionnaire

- Feed birds or other wildlife
- Collect wild snails, fungi, fruits, flowers or other plant materials
- Do outdoor pursuits
- cycling
- Go horse-riding
- Make excursions in order to watch wildlife
- Cultivate a garden or lawn
- Go fishing
- Go hunting with gun, dog or other animal
- Farming
- Forestry





- Wildlife-related recreation
- Tourism
- Other biodiversity-based source of income
- Aesthetics and other intrinsic value
- Environmental security such as flood protection
- Other benefits
- Damage from pest species to household food or property
- Damage from pests, predators or weeds to livestock, crops or woodland
- Increasing the risk of fire
- Increasing the risk of flooding
- Transmission of disease to humans or livestock
- Other issues

Benefits





List of Case Studies

10 case studies from 9 countries

Partner	Study area
AUTH	Municipality of Kerkini (Greece)
IST	Laulasmaa Landscape Protection area (Estonia)
PBS	Zator (Poland)
ERENA	Southeastern Alentejo (Portugal)
DDNI	Sfantu Gheorghe commune (Romania)
WWF-Turkey-1	Egirdir lake, Isparta (Turkey)
WWF-Turkey-2	Firtina Valley, Rize (Turkey)
BU/Anatrack	Frome Catchment (UK)
FACE	Municipality of Gehrden - Leveste (Germany)
SZIU	Bózsva (Hungary)





Case Studies







Zator (Poland)

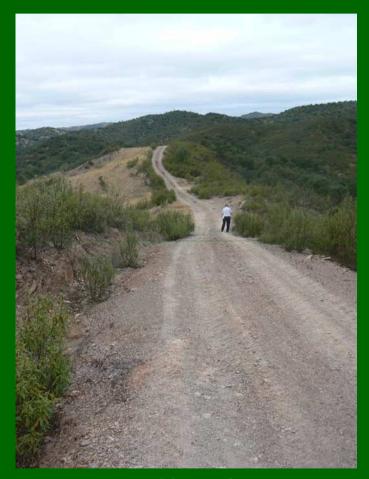








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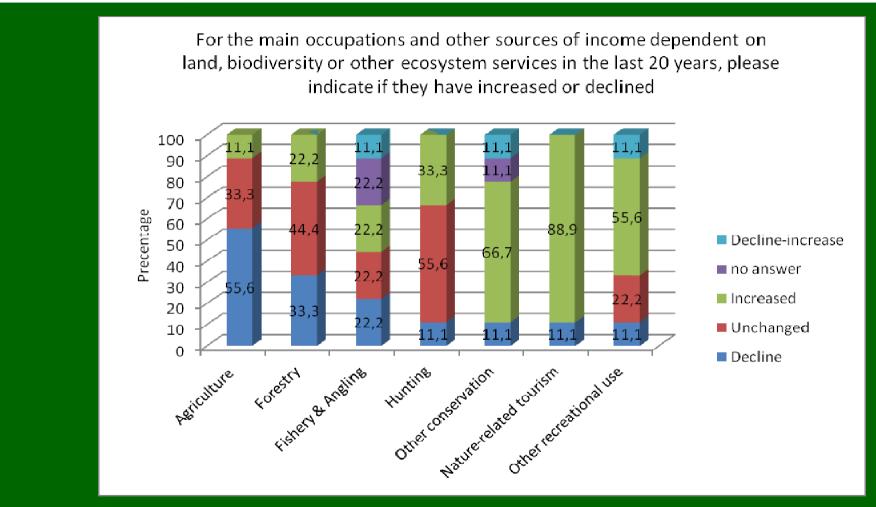




Firtina Valley (Turkey)

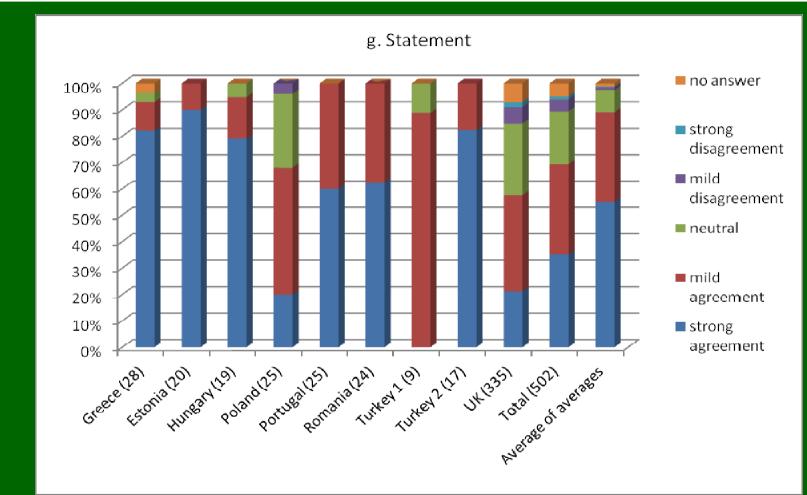








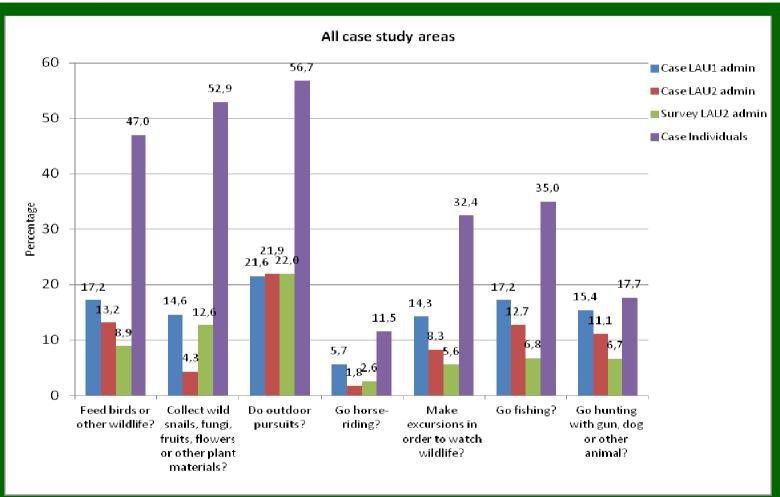




"It is time for all those who benefit from the richness of nature (biodiversity) and the services of ecosystems, not just those who wish to protect the environment, to contribute to its conservation"



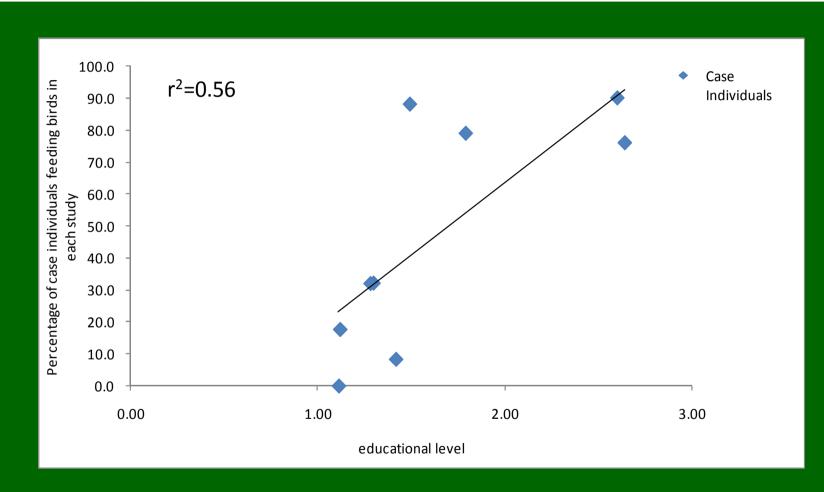




Percentages of people involved in particular activities in all case studies according to estimates from LAU1, LAU2, averaged LAU2 and Individuals



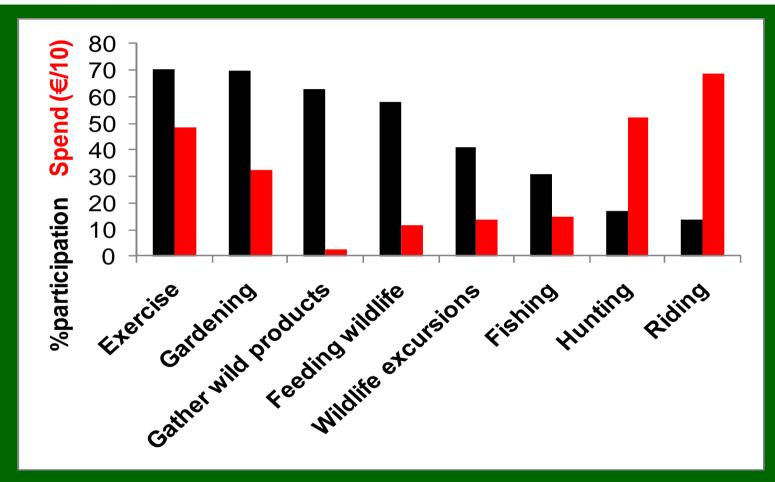




Variable: Feed birds or other wildlife





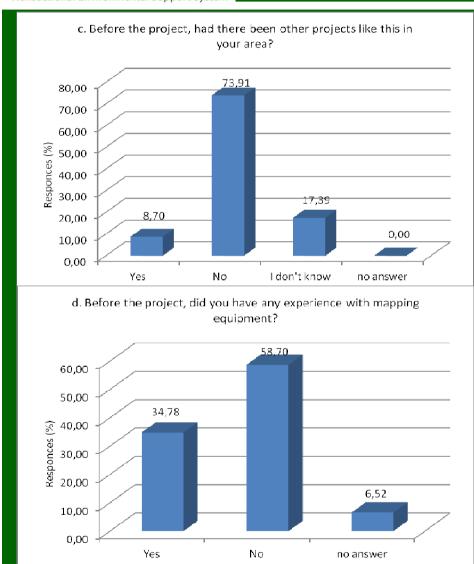


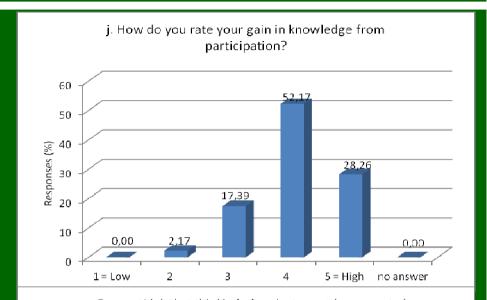
The percentage of rural households sampled across 8 EU states participation that participated in various activities in the countryside (black bars) and their average annual spending on it (red bars).

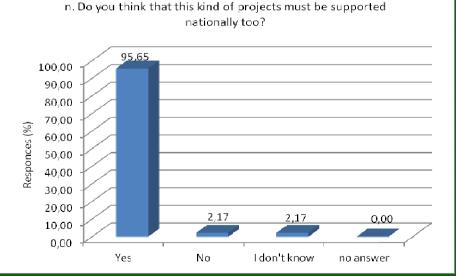




Helpers











Conclusions

- local residents' motivations to participate in both the socio-economic and mapping project vary
- it is a common desire for locals across case studies to have more data
- continually updated and easily and freely accessed databases would be very welcomed
- the case studies' implementation teams recorded a genuine interest of the local populations' willingness to participate voluntarily in such projects









Conclusions

Local people appeared to be in position to provide:

- a)data regarding mostly previous mapping and other relevant projects, if any,
- b)some data on species/habitats and c) on main occupations and economic activities.

Local participants encountered problems during the socioeconomic project planning:

- lack of IT education and training,
- mistrust between the locals as well as towards authorities,
- lack of necessary data,
- complicated decision making processes
- and the fact that local people are not fully aware of the opportunities for activities related to biodiversity.





Conclusions





- A very strong proportion of the local residents across case studies have a rather positive and pragmatic attitude towards biodiversity
- Estimates of participation in the activities at LAU1 and LAU2 in the case studies generally underestimated the actual participation of individuals quite strongly.
- Knowledge and data shared by local residents could be integrated from the regional and local level into environmental decision making and support sound elaboration of EIAs and SEAs.





End of presentation



Thank you!









