

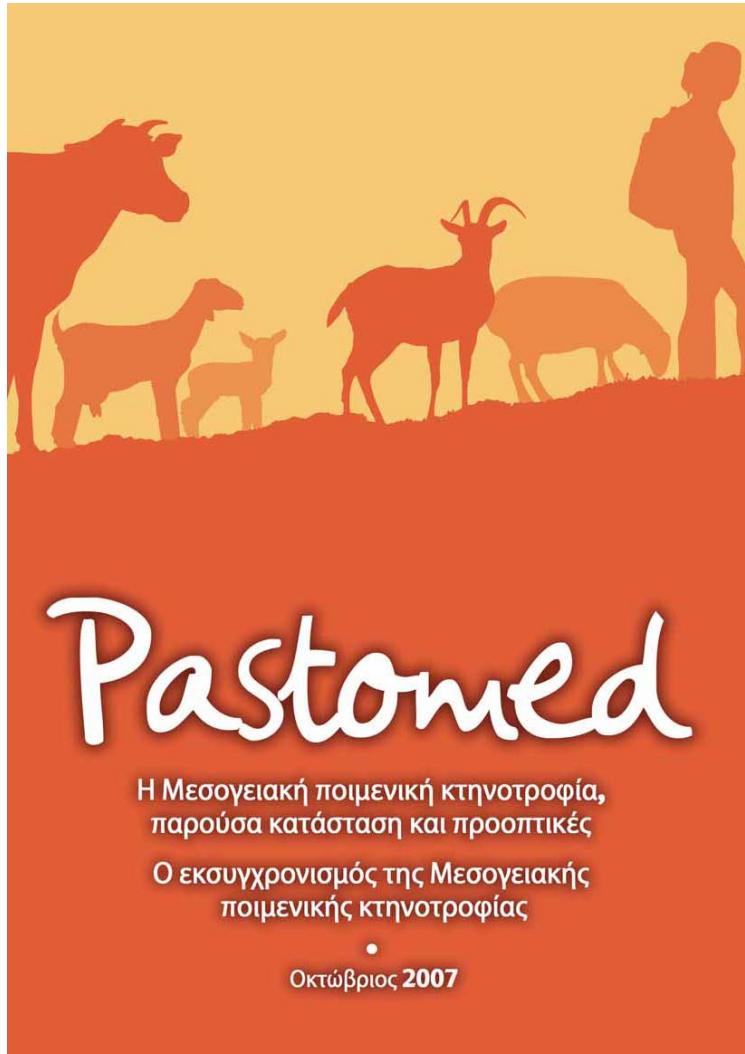
Case study: Epirus, Greece

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Tradition et modernité du pastoralisme : reconnaissance de ses multiples rôles dans le développement durable des territoires méditerranéens



- Define the conditions and characteristics of pastoralism
- Study of the different policies (CAP, national, regional,...)
- Innovative activities related with pastoral systems



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- Introduction à Pastomed
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- Pastomed Technique
- Prochaines Rencontres
- D'autres événements en région
- Divers

Bienvenue à la lettre semestrielle d'information de Pastomed.

Cette lettre a pour objet de renforcer les liens entre les partenaires du projet. Il s'agit de vous informer sur l'avancée du programme technique et sur le déroulement des procédures administratives et financières. Cette lettre voudrait aussi devenir un lieu d'expression des partenaires qui souhaitent faire partager leurs expériences, leurs projets, leurs doutes sur le devenir du pastoralisme méditerranéen. N'hésitez pas à nous écrire car nous attendons beaucoup de cette rubrique d'expression libre.

Cette lettre va paraître tous les six mois. Au delà des partenaires engagés dans Pastomed, elle est destinée à être portée à la connaissance de vos contacts régionaux, qu'ils soient acteurs de l'élevage pastoral, acteurs de l'aménagement des espaces pastoraux, ou élus et décideurs administratifs chargés d'accompagner la dynamique pastorale.

Deux numéros spéciaux seront réalisés à l'issue des séminaires et nécessiteront un effort de chaque coordinateur régional pour une diffusion plus large.

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Pastoralism is a traditional production system, while it is also considered as:

- Active, dynamic and flexible sector
- Ready to incorporate the technological innovations
- Capable to apply new solutions in the production system, the management and the commercialization of the products

HERITAGE SHEEP

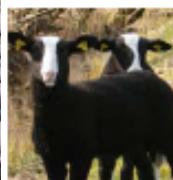
FIRST AGRI GENRES PROJECT TO COMPLETE

EUROPEAN COMMISSION COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 870/2004 AGRI GENRES

a Community programme on the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources in agriculture



assurance for policy review and awareness of opportunities



OUTCOMES OF THE HERITAGE SHEEP PROJECT – POLICY ISSUES

Heritage Sheep Breeds are Breeds at Risk

Geographical concentration urgently needs to be recognised as a major risk factor particularly when disease outbreaks occur. Policy recognition of this risk is essential in order that the economic and environmental opportunities presented by Heritage Sheep Breeds are protected now and in the future. New policies need to address the vulnerability of Heritage Sheep Breeds as much as those of other vulnerable categories such as numerical scarcity.

The opportunity for regional development

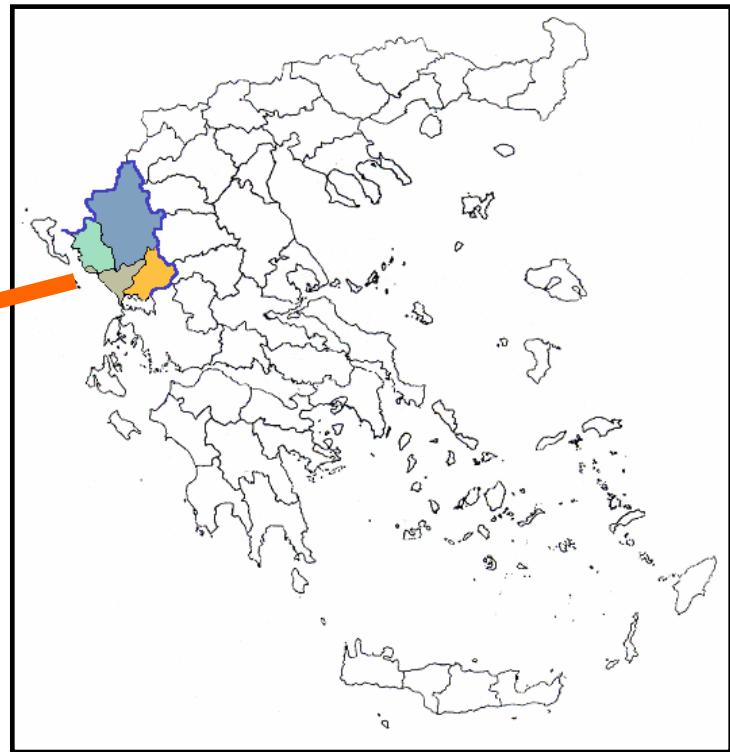
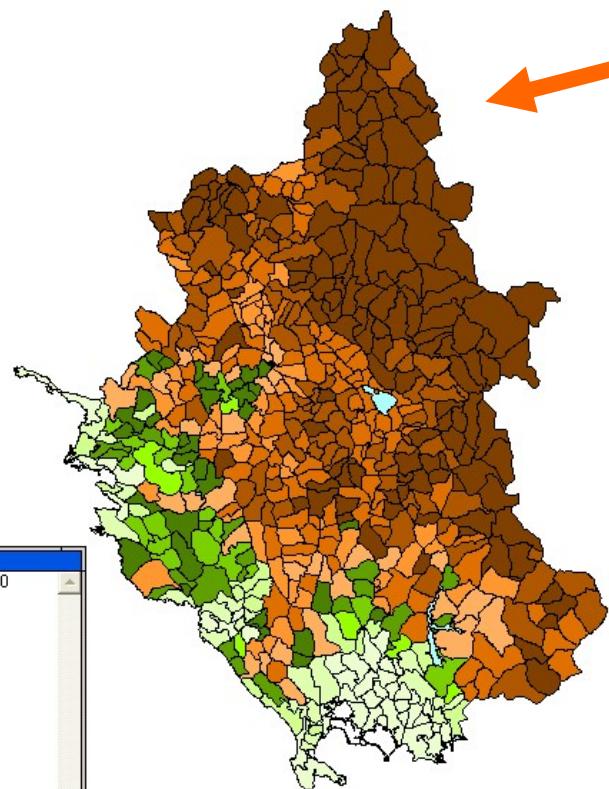
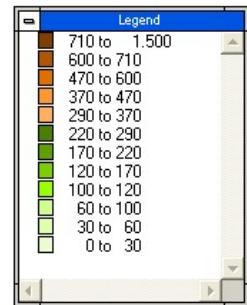
Milk and meat products from Heritage Sheep Breeds are already marketed but the supply chains are not developed and the farmer-based initiatives are fragmented. Funding from regional development mechanisms across Member States is required to pump prime and underpin marketing schemes until integrated supply chains reach maturity.

The opportunity for sustainable farming

Sustainability of agricultural production and the need to achieve food security are key issues facing the European Commission and Member States. Heritage Sheep Breeds offer robust low input farming systems, particularly in the uplands, that have already proven their worth over many generations. There is a continuing need to provide support for these systems given the wide range of benefits they deliver to local communities and strategic objectives.

Conservation of genetic resources

The Heritage Sheep project encompassed the breeds of five Member States of the European Union. A framework has been established by the success of this project that can now be applied to the breeds of other Member States. The European Regional Focal Point of farm animal genetic resources study has demonstrated that all Member States have their own characteristic and important Heritage Sheep Breeds. We now have the tools to precisely geographically map these breeds throughout the European Union and define the diverse benefits they provide for each of their regions. It is essential to realise that Heritage Sheep Breeds contribute to and shape their ecosystem - without the breeds, the environments will be lost forever and farms will disappear. Given the threats to their existence in these challenging regions, support is urgently required for conservation of their genetic resources for future generations.



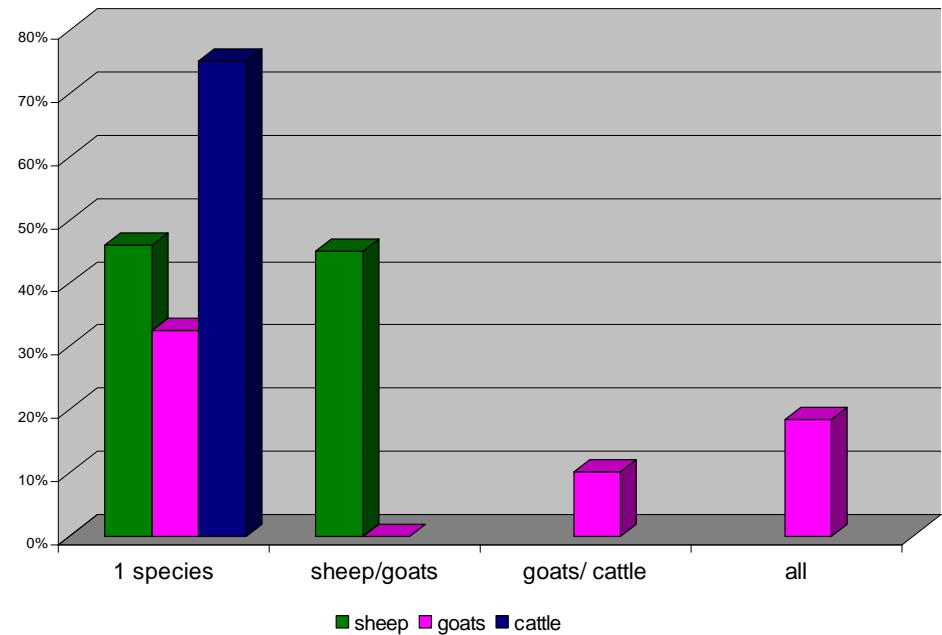
	Exploitations	Heads
Sheep	15.150	866.150
Goats	9.900	257.900
Cattle	1.490	72.050

Data from the Region of Epirus -2010



Data from the Association of Pastoral Farmers

	Exploitations	No of heads
Total	290	77828
Sheep	Sheep / sh-goats/ sh-cattle /all 79 / 89 / 10 /18	52340
Goats	Goats/ sh-goats/ goat-cattle /all 21 / 89 / 7 / 18	17450
Cattle	64/ /18	7912



Current situation

- Sheep
 - Mountainous and semi-mountainous regions
 - Large flocks (>500 heads in the mountainous areas)
 - Transhumance
 - Medium milk production + milk fed lambs
- Cattle
 - Suckling cows
 - Increasing trend
 - Incentives
 - Less working power requirements
- Goat
 - Decreasing
 - Low productivity
 - Ageing of farmers
 - Difficult social conditions





- Strengths

- Quality products (milk and meat)
- Conditions for the production of certified products
- Rich biodiversity
- Local breeds adapted to the environment

• Weakness

- Lack of commercialization structures
- The product is not linked with the producers
- Lack of organizations of professionals
- Not wide application of certification procedures
- Difficult living conditions



- Opportunities

- Improvement of living conditions and infrastructures
- Innovations / modernization
- Increasing demand of certified and quality products
- Diversification of the activities



Threats

- The continuation of the movement of farming towards the plain zones
- Lack of strategies of professionals organisations
- Need to adapt to the new requirements of CAP



- The products should be differentiated from the mass production
- The farmers who preserve local traditional farm animal breeds and farm animal biodiversity, contribute to rural development
- The consumers should recognize that when they buy these products they contribute to the environment

Aims to be achieved in the frame of DoMEsTlc

- ✓ Increase the adding value of the products
- ✓ Productivity, organisation of the management
- ✓ Reach an accordance between the objectives of the production sector and the objectives of the environment



Key point is the active contribution of farmers that will take the lead with the support of scientists and technicians in order to achieve the target of the sustainable development

MEiterranean bio**D**iversity, a tool for the sustainable development ... from **T**radition to **I**nnovation - **DoMEsTlc**

A photograph showing a large flock of sheep and goats grazing on a green hillside. In the background, there are several mountain peaks, some of which are covered in mist or clouds. The sheep are white, and the goats are various colors, including black, brown, and white. The terrain is hilly and appears to be a mix of grass and small shrubs.

*Thank you for your
attention!*