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## Mission

The mission of the Centre is to contribute to the information and public awareness, regarding the natural functions and values of coastal zones. Strymonikos Gulf and the Gulf of Ierissos are characteristic of the coastal zone diversity in Greece. It is the first Information Centre in Greece exclusively devoted to coastal zones.



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## Establishment

The Information Centre for the coastal zone of Strymonikos Gulf and the Gulf of Ierissos was established in 1998, in the frame of the Life project "Concerted actions for the management of the Strymonikos coastal zone", implemented by the Fisheries Research Institute (FRI) of the National Agricultural Research Foundation and the Greek Biotope/Wetland Centre (EKBY) of the Goulandris Natural History Museum.



## Location

The Centre is located in Asprovalta village (Prefecture of Thessaloniki). The building was renovated and equipped with funding from the Life project and the Community of Asprovalta (nowadays Municipality of Agios Georgios). It is situated on the coastal road that links Asprovalta to the Vrasna Beach, only 100 metres from the town square, near the national road Thessaloniki-Kavala. Access is easy either by car or by the intercity buses of Thessaloniki, Serres and Kavala. There is an ample parking area in front of the Centre and easy access for disabled people.







Admission in the Information Centre is free.

#### **Working hours**

Winter time (October - March):

Wednesday-Friday: 10.00-14.00

Summer time (April - September):

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday: 10.00-14.00

Friday: 10.00-14.00 and 18.00-20.00

Visits to the Centre can also be organised during other days of the week following to previous arrangement.

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THE COMMUNITY OF ASPROVALTA,  
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THE GOULADRIIS NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM,  
THE FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE,  
"KLIMALEVITOTEHNIKI".









## Brief presentation of the interior of the Centre:

Visitors of the Information Centre have the opportunity to learn through various approaches the structure, natural functions and values of the coastal zone. The exhibition consists of 10 thematic units each with easy to understand texts and a rich photographic material, in order to clarify the term "coastal zone", to reveal the secrets of marine life, to inform about plants and animals of the area, to show the historic and cultural features and to highlight the environmental problems that arise from human activities.

The three aquaria host local fish species, while the shell exhibition presents the shell diversity of the area and of the entire Greek territory.

In the centre of the exhibition hall 3D models present the basrelief of the area, the estuary of the Strymon River and a characteristic rocky shore of the area.

There is also a projection room with a capacity of 20 people, where visitors can see a 25-minute film about the coastal zone of Strymonikos Gulf and the Gulf of Ierissos (1998 production).

At the reception desk, printed material (posters, brochures, etc.) providing information in Greek and English is available to visitors.







THE GOULANDRIS NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM  
GREEK BIOTOPE / WETLAND CENTRE



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