

# WETLANDS NATIONAL PARK



The Amvrakikos Wetlands National Park was founded on March 21, 2008 by Joint Ministerial Decision 11989/2008 (Government Gazette 123/D'/21-03-2008). The declaration of the area as a National Park and the definition of uses, conditions and limitations, has been the result of a long effort in connection with the environmental protection of the region on a national level. The significant biological, ecological, aesthetic, scientific, geomorphological and educational value of the area has been internationally recognized with its inclusion on the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention, 02/02/1971), the division off our areas of the Network Natura2000 (with codes: GR2110001, GR2110004, GR2310006 and GR2310014), as well as the Bern Convention (09/19/1979), Bonn (06/23/1979) and Barcelona (02/16/1976).

We can identify four levels of protection in the Amvrakikos Wetlands National Park subject to conditions and limitations which grow gradually as we move towards the core. Specifically, we have the peripheral area of the National Park which is called "Environmental Control Zone" and covers a region of 177.990 hectares, the transition zone towards the core of the National Park which is called 'Zone B' Area of Special Settings" and covers a region of 10.522 hectares, the 'Zone A1' Area of special Water Management " region of 457 hectares and finally the 'Zone A' Areas of Conservation" which is the heart of the National Park, occupying a total surface of 18.246 hectares.