

**THE BARRIER ISLANDS- LAGOONS SYSTEM OF LEFKAS ISLAND
SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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ABSTRACT

On the north part of the Lefkas Island, there is the formation of lagoons, demarcated by barrier islands. The area is an important natural ecosystem of the Ionian Sea not only for the preservation of wild life but also for the local economy, since 15% of the island's population make their living exclusively from fishery, aquaculture units, cattle- breeding and other similar activities. For all these reasons it is necessary, the establishment of an integrated management plan to cope with any kind of environmental threats that come up and deteriorate the study area.