

Description of Funded Research Projects

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Research Project Title:

**Establishment of a Monitoring
Network and a web-based
platform of Non-Indigenous
Species in Major Ports of Greece
- AlienPorts**

Principal Investigator:
Giorgos Chatzigeorgiou



Popular Title:
Alien species in Ports

Scientific Field:
Environment and Climate Change

Host Institution:
Hellenic Centre for Marine Research



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Alien species significantly change the structure of Mediterranean habitats by restricting the distribution of native species, degrading the local biodiversity and altering the habitat functioning. AlienPort project has as a target to create a monitoring network among the Major Ports of Greece and a web-based platform including information for NIS located in the ports and their distribution through Greek waters. In addition, this project will propose a sampling protocol specially focused on NIS species in port. Project results will be available to the port and management authorities and will potentially be used as a base for developing management tools.

Through program actions, the stakeholders and local communities will be informed about alien species located in port ecosystems. More specifically, in ports of particular interest there will be placed information points indicating the hazards of alien species for human health and their impact on the ecosystem.

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By funding the research proposal, it will be possible to produce scientific work while at the same time securing research team member salaries. In this way, the AlienPorts research team will focus primarily on research work in order to provide high-value scientific data / results.

Meanwhile, the scientific team will gain considerable experience through the entire management of the project, which is essential for the submission of future research programs. Finally, exported results will be used as a basis for future collaborations.

*The Principal Investigator,
Giorgos Chatzigeorgiou*

Funding

Amount: **140,000 €**

Duration: **36 months**

Foundation: **H.F.R.I.**





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