



# ENVIRONMENTAL - SOCIAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT ON TAP PROJECT







### **TAP Project**



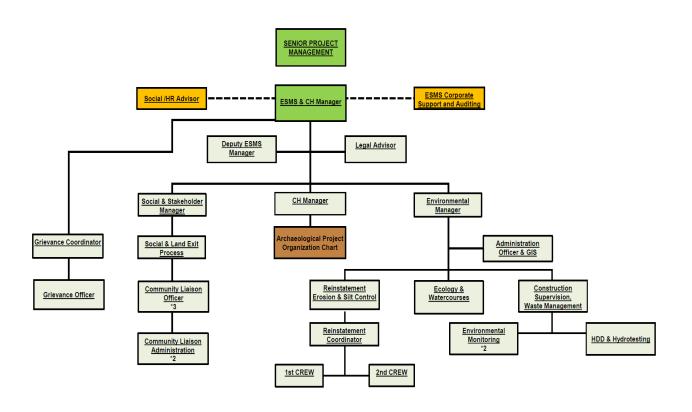
- The pipeline within Greece (Sections 1, 2 & 3) is approximately 550 km long (48 inch Ø), from Kipoi near the Turkish-Greek border until the Greek border with Albania, south-west of leropigi. It includes with one Compressor Station in Kipi (GCS00) including metering facilities and 23 BVSs (Block Valve Stations), spaced at a maximum of ~30 km along the pipeline, including a scraper station at BVS11.
- The TAP pipeline route crosses a total of 13 Regional Units: Evros, Rodopi, Xanthi, Kavala,
   Drama, Serres, Kilkis, Thessaloniki, Imathia, Pella, Florina, Kozani and Kastoria.







## **ESMS** Organization Chart



■ ESMS Department

- ESMS Team:
- 28 full time personnel during construction peak (summer 2017)

#### Personnel Breakdown per Field of Expertise:

- Architectural Engineers
- Civil Engineers
- Environmental Engineers
- Chemical Engineers
- Forest Experts
- Ecology Experts
- Social Experts
- Legal Advisors

#### Total:

- √ 18 Experienced Engineers
- √ 8 Environmental & Social Experts
- ✓ 2 Legal Advisors







### **Environmental Awareness**

ECONEWS - December 2017
Training





- ESMS Induction Training provided to 1204 new employees.
- Bear Training and education material delivered to 174 employees at Kastoria region.
- First ESMS Stand Down held on 05/05/2017 and the second one is scheduled within January 2018.
- ESMS Bear Habitat Areas and TBT Training Session was successfully conducted on Wednesday 13.12.17 at Camp 07 with the participation of 13 Foremen.



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#### <u>Awareness Material - Exhibit 1:</u>

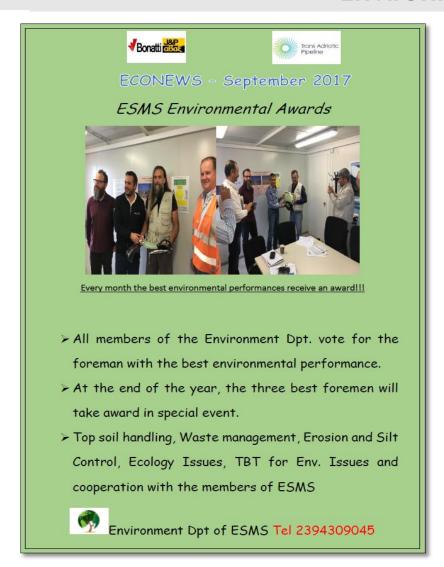
#### **Econews**

 Monthly digitally distributed publication informing about hot environmental topics & critical areas where project is unfolding each month





### **Environmental Awareness**



#### **Awareness Material - Exhibit 2:**

#### **Environmental Awards**

 Rewarding compliance and initiative to safeguard Environmental Commitments of the project - monthly









### **Environmental Awareness**

#### TO ALL EMPLOYEES

#### SUBJECT: WASTE MISMANAGEMENT ON SITE

We hereby inform that several occurrences of bad waste management have been witnessed on

This is absolutely not acceptable and needs to stop immediately, with special attention paid at all sensitive areas with presence of bears and wolves. Waste attracts wildlife causing a high risk for the health & safety of all working personnel.

Each crew supervisor is responsible and accountable for the correct management of the wastes and for the collection and compliant disposal of the waste at the end of each working day.

Any further case discovered on site will be severely sanctioned in accordance with the Discipline Procedure, which can lead up to dismissal from the Project.

ROBERTO BONI - Project Director



#### Memo-Waste management



Notification-Snake issues

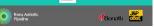
ECONEWS - February 2018

Econews-February '18



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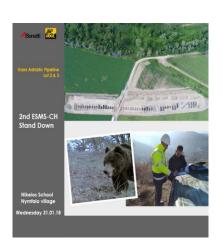


Econews-March '18

#### **Awareness Material - Exhibit 3:**

#### **Environmental Memos & Notifications**

• Raising awareness on environmental topics & critical areas where project is unfolding each month



Stand Down-January '18



Econews-January '18







## Social & Stakeholder Management

### > Community meetings:

Increased level of engagement with stakeholders and local communities through community meetings prior to construction activities locally









## Social & Stakeholder Management

### > Notifications:

Any disruptions caused to **public services** as well as **noise** and **dust** producing activities require **prior notification** from our side well in advance







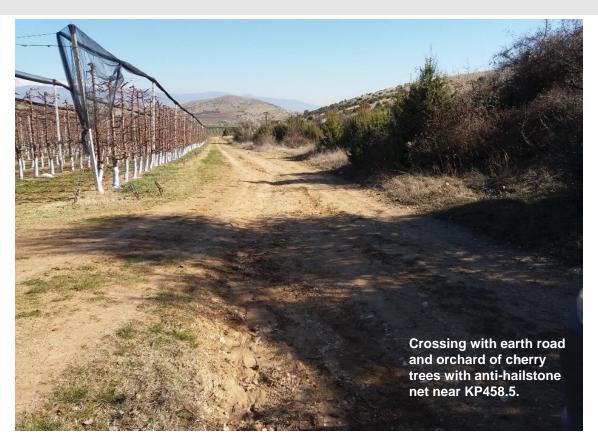


## Social & Stakeholder Management

### Pre – construction surveys:

Social team representatives scan all areas prior to the commencement of construction activities in order to:

 identify and record sensitive receptors and vulnerable individuals along the TAP routing.









## Social & Stakeholder Management

### Internal trainings / TBTs:

Our goal to increase awareness on

**social issues** within our departments and especially to **foremen**, **site engineers & labour**.









### **Waste Management**

- ✓ Waste Segregation Areas in all Camps and Pipeyards
- ✓ Signage in three Project languages: English, Greek and Italian
- ✓ Smaller bins for RoW
- ✓ Consistent housekeeping
- √ Hazardous waste management
- ✓ Dedicated personnel responsible for waste segregation
- ✓ Training through TBTs & presentations to Foremen
- ✓ Continuous ESMS inductions and daily site supervision
  - > Reduce
  - > Reuse
  - > Recycle







Non Hazardous waste Segregation





**Hazardous Waste Management** 





### Hazardous Waste Management – Asbestos Removal Case

During Pre Construction Surveys 10 waste disposal sites were identified – of which 6 contained asbestos soil material

#### Achievements:

- Over 450,000 kg of asbestos were successfully removed
- > No construction delays
- ➤ Upgrading of over **4,000 m²** of land in better condition than before!
- > Asbestos awareness raised for local communities on the risks of asbestos for public health and the environment









### Trees - Row clearing - Tree cutting

Trees need to be cleared within forthcoming working area



#### **ESMS** department ensures that:

- **Permits** are in place
- Ecological restrictions are adhered to,
  - Tree Cutting Protocols are in place

#### Process followed:

- → Trees to be cut are marked.
- → Trees that can be saved are marked.
- → **Subcontractor** is instructed to proceed with tree clearance works.
- Timber is distributed by social criteria under the supervision of the local forestry authorities.
- **34,500m³** cut & distributed (total private cultivations)
- Over 400,000 trees have been planted on cleared RoW and re-forestation areas.











## **Ecological Assessments & Monitoring**

TAP project traverses via areas of **high biodiversity value**:

- Protected Species:
  - ✓ Large carnivores
  - ✓ Fishes
  - ✓ Birds
- ESIA & Studies verified



- > Evaluation of findings:
  - ✓ Ecological Surveys
  - ✓ Daily Monitoring



Area Characterization (High Risk Areas)



Specific Mitigation Plans (Bear, wolf, Jackal, deer, Aquatic species etc.)













### **Ecological Assessments & Monitoring**

#### Tools and Planning timeline:

- √ PCS data Camera Traps
- ✓ Periodical Site Walkthroughs
- √ Eco Surveys Calendar
- ✓ Drone Recordings
- √ Eco Experts Assessments
- ✓ ArcGIS Georeferenced Database
- ✓ Re-Entry Assessment Plan



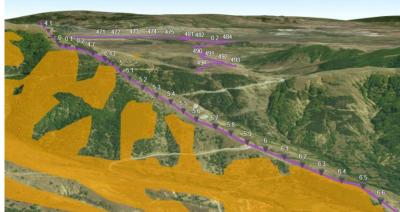
Periodical Walkthrough



Drone Recordings KP547 – Faltsata



Installation of camera traps in ROW



Drone Recordings 3D Data Rendering with visual assessment (Klisoura, KP498 – 502)







## **Ecological Assessments & Monitoring**

Bear Mitigation Plan & Preventive Measures











Installation of Steel Site Fencing





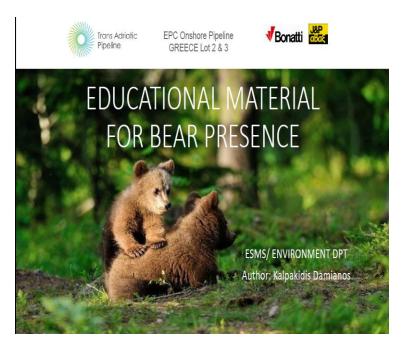


## **Ecological Assessments & Monitoring**

Bear Mitigation Plan & Preventive Measures







**Bear Educational Material** 



Label and Poster installed at Bear Habitat
Areas







## **Ecological Assessment & Monitoring**

#### **Aquatic fauna protection activities**

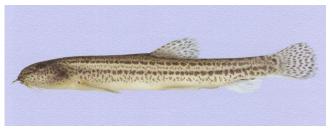


Philippi 9 watercourse crossing during the electrofishing activities

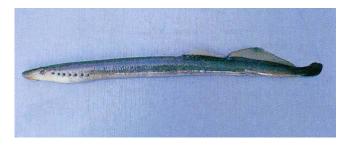


Philippi 9 Return of aquatic fauna

Salvage of protected aquatic fauna of two endemic species classified as Vulnerable (VU) according IUCN criteria in collaboration with Specialists.



**Aggitis Spined Loach** 



**Greek Brook Lambrey** 





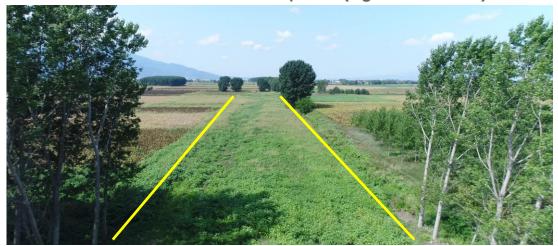
### Reinstatement

### <u>Reinstatement Procedure flow</u>

- ✓ Collection of data:
  - > ESIA
  - > PCS:
    - √ Walkthroughs
    - √ Video (Drone GoPro)
    - ✓ Photos
  - Bio-Restoration/Forestry Studies
- ✓ Land Characterisation:
  - > Standard Areas
  - Special Areas



Reinstatement completed (Agricultural Land)



Reinstatement completed (Special Area)





### Reinstatement

### **Successful Implementation**

- ✓ ESMS Training
- ✓ Topsoil protection RoW Clearing
- ✓ Site Monitoring
- ✓ Departments Coordination
  - > ESMS
  - > Construction
  - Quality
  - Engineering









### **Bio-Restoration Activities**

























### **Cultural Heritage Management**

- ESIA identified sites
- More areas of archaeological or historical value were expected to be revealed during the construction life of the TAP project

### The challenge

The unforeseen nature of the cultural heritage scope was to be managed and communicated to all construction teams in a timely manner, so as to achieved **one common target**:

- √ No impact to Cultural Heritage sites
- ✓ Facilitation of progress of the construction activities





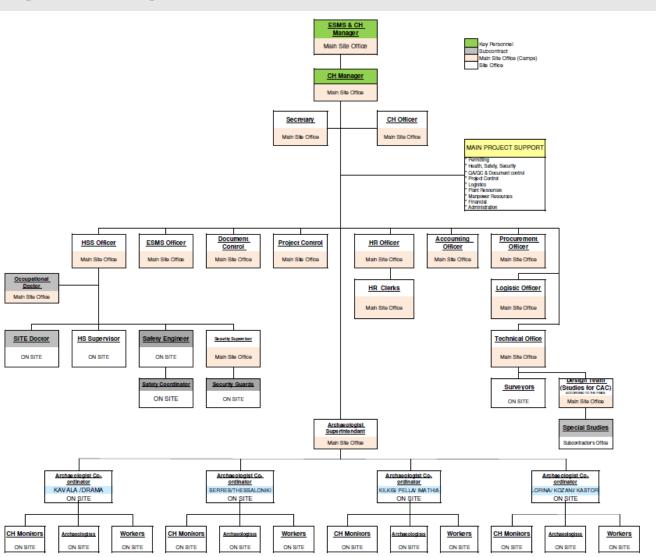


## **Cultural Heritage Management**

- More than 1000 archaeologists, designers, conservators, experienced workers, engineers and CH experts have been involved
- At the peak of the project (May 2017) CH Personnel simultaneously working = 633,
  - Archaeologists: 102
  - Designers: 20
  - Conservationists: 32
  - Labour: 480

1.223.857 total direct man-hours

\* Data up to 06/2019







### **Cultural Heritage Management**

High priority → education and training of all the involved personnel.

The Cultural Heritage training → aims to increase all personnel's cultural heritage awareness via:

- > An **ESMS-CH induction** training course
- > Daily Tool box talks of CH Good Practice
- > CH Posters at all the Camps & Pipeyards of the Project
- > CH informative leaflets
- Periodic ESMS-CH Stand Downs.

#### The results:

- Along 364,250 m of RoW cleared & pipeline trench opened no damage/incident to cultural heritage artifacts.
- 471 archaeological or historical sites extending in more than 30 km of pipeline route have been identified, investigated, rescue excavated, avoided or backfilled for protection





**Cultural Heritage Awareness Material** 







## **Cultural Heritage Management**

### The main principle:

- Avoidance
- protection of the cultural heritage

where that is not possible = archaeological rescue excavations.

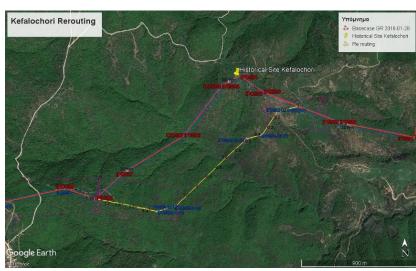
#### Measures for impact avoidance:

- Pre-construction surveys (ESMS & Construction teams)
- Pre-construction archaeological trial trenching
- Full-time CH Monitoring of construction activities
- Fencing, signage and exclusion of CH areas from construction activities
- Backfilling and protection of CH areas
- Archaeological trial trenching
- Rescue excavation
- Rerouting

















### Cultural Heritage Management – Achievements & Findings

In the context of the Cultural Heritage Project, some examples of archaeological significance:

- settlements from prehistoric to Byzantine period,
- remains of ancient workshops and farmhouses mainly from Roman time,
- cemeteries and isolated graves from Hellenistic and Roman periods.



Simvoli, Serres, Roman and Late Roman Cemetery



Karteres, Thessaloniki, Roman Workshop for leather processing







## Cultural Heritage Management – Achievements & Findings

The **Necropolis** at **Isoma**, **Kilkis** has been one of the most important burial findings. It dates back to the Hellenistic and Roman periods and includes burial gifts such as golden jewelry and hoards of coins among others.





Isoma, Kilkis, Hellenistic and Roman Cemetery











## Cultural Heritage Management – Achievements & Findings

Important ancient remains for the Greek history and archaeology were avoided and protected:

- 1 major and 2 minor/slight re-routings of the pipeline axis were agreed
- The ruins of a Late Byzantine Church in Kastoria
- A public structure in Pella capital city of ancient Macedonia
- And an area with a prehistoric cemetery and settlement from Roman times in Serres.











### Cultural Heritage Management – Achievements & Findings

- All archaeological findings from TAP Construction belong to the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports & the Greek State.
- All exhibits are kept within Museums of respective Ephorates of Antiquities per Municipality.
- > It is expected that the most fascinating items will be displayed at existing or new areas of Museums all along northern Greece, where visitors may marvel upon the hidden treasures brought to light by this exceptional construction project!



Archaeological findings (adorned Neolithic potsherds) from Messorachi, Serres, April 2018



Vase Discovered in Pella, September 2017







### Thank you very much for your attention





