

La biodiversité, un défi pour demain



Endangered animals of Greece – 3rd Grade

In the 3rd Grade we chose to do research on 4 animals which are in the Red book of Endangered Animals in Greece. We studied the animals, learned their habits, created the identity of each one, painted them and made a collage of their figure with brochures.

The animals we studied are:

- The Testudo graeca Linnaeus or Greek Turtle
- The Mediterranean monk seal Monachus monachus
- The Capra aegagrus creticus or Kri Kri ibex or the Cretan goat
- The Vulture.

The main source of our work was *The Red Book of Endangered Animals of Greece*. The Red Book is more than just a list of names. It is a rich source of data on the animals of our country, the threats they face, their ecology, their population trends, as well as information about the conservation actions that exist or are required and that if implemented can prevent or even, to reduce the risk of further population decline or extinction.

The fauna of Greece

According to recent censuses (Fauna Europaea 2004), 23,130 species of land and freshwater animals have been recorded. To these we can add another 3,500 species of sea. However, it is known that the fauna of Greece is not well studied. Thus, it is believed that, if fully studied, the Greek fauna should include about 50,000 species.

