

Butterfly work in Cyprus



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Cyprus Butterfly Study Group (CBSG)

- Group of scientists, amateur entomologists and butterfly/natural history enthusiasts devoted to the study and conservation of Cyprus butterflies
- Formed in February 2012 and a '**Network Partner**' of Butterfly Conservation Europe



Aims of the CBSG

- Promote the study and conservation of butterflies

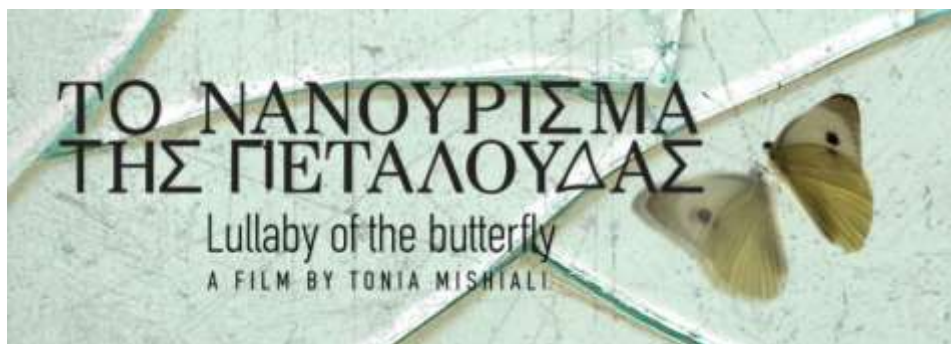


Aims of the CBSG

- Provide a point of contact



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Aims of the CBSG

- Promote environmental awareness



Cyprus butterflies

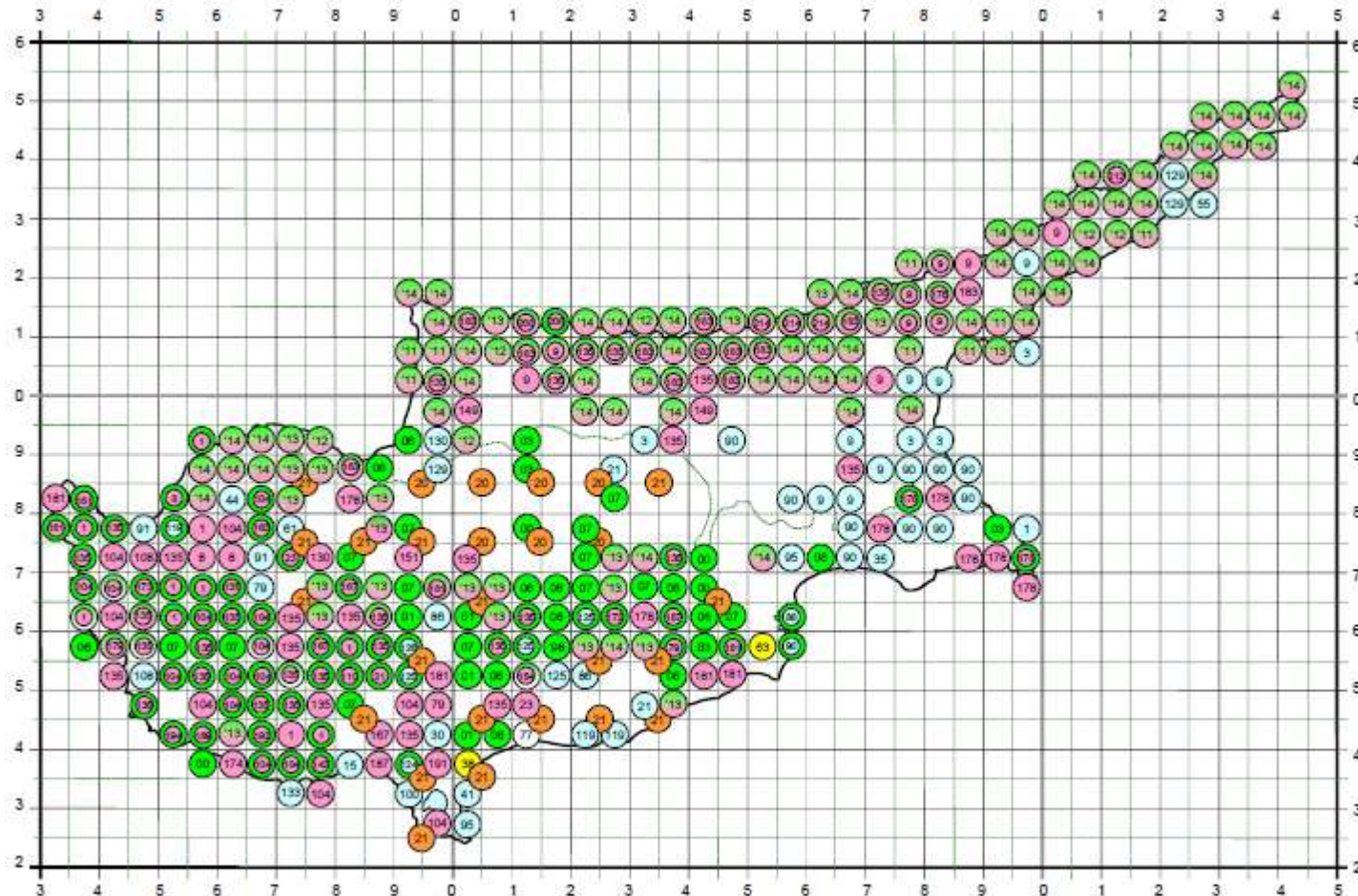
- 53 species
- 3 endemic species
- 3 endemic subspecies
- 2 IUCN Red List species



Recording scheme by Eddie John

- Established in 2000 to collate, store and publish butterfly distributions records (10 km and now 5km UTM grids)
- Send monthly phenograms to CBSG members
- 219 contributors of butterfly sightings throughout the island!

Maniola cypricola

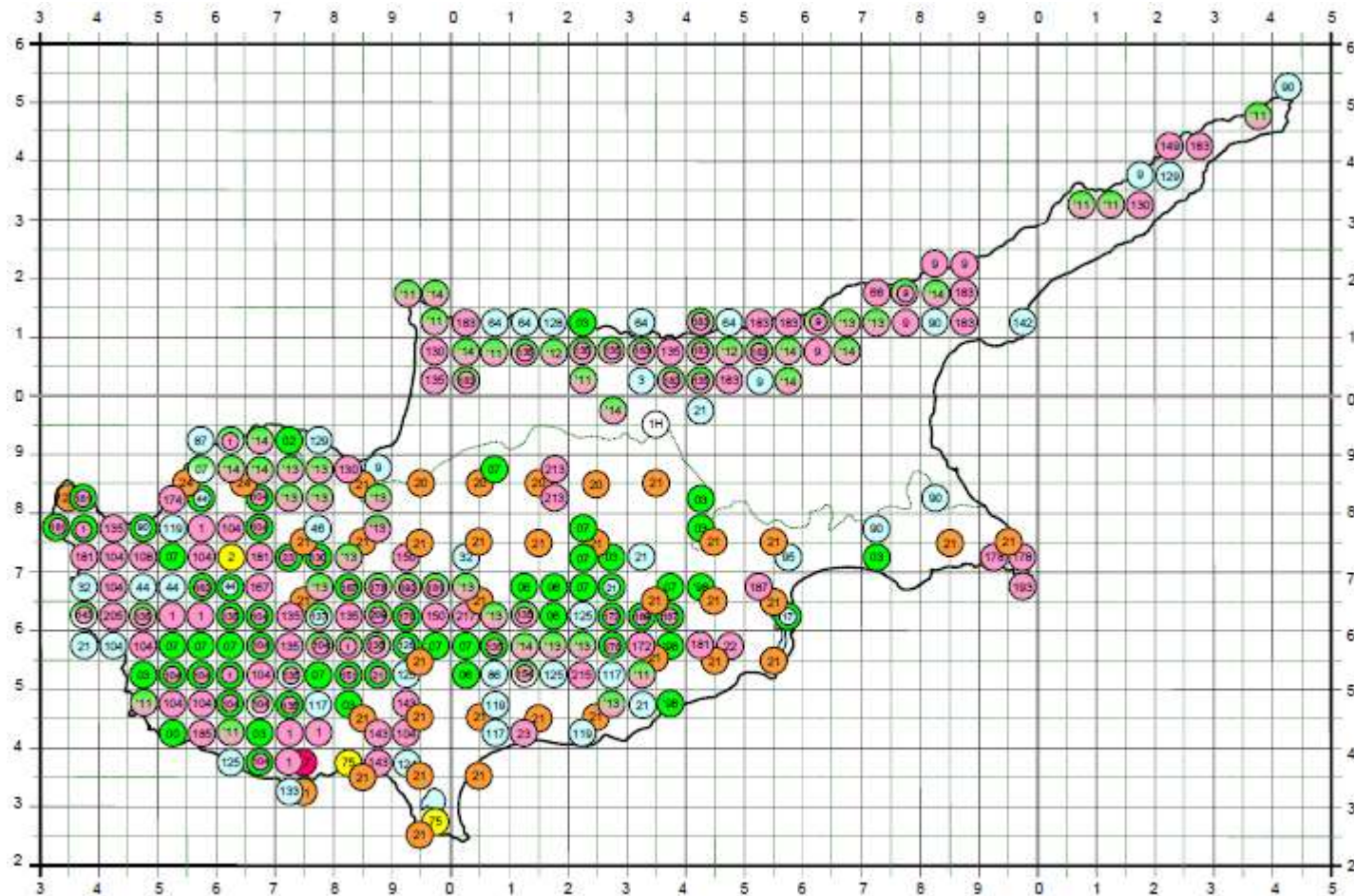


43. Cyprus Meadow Brown (*Maniola cypricola*)

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Map kindly provided by John E.

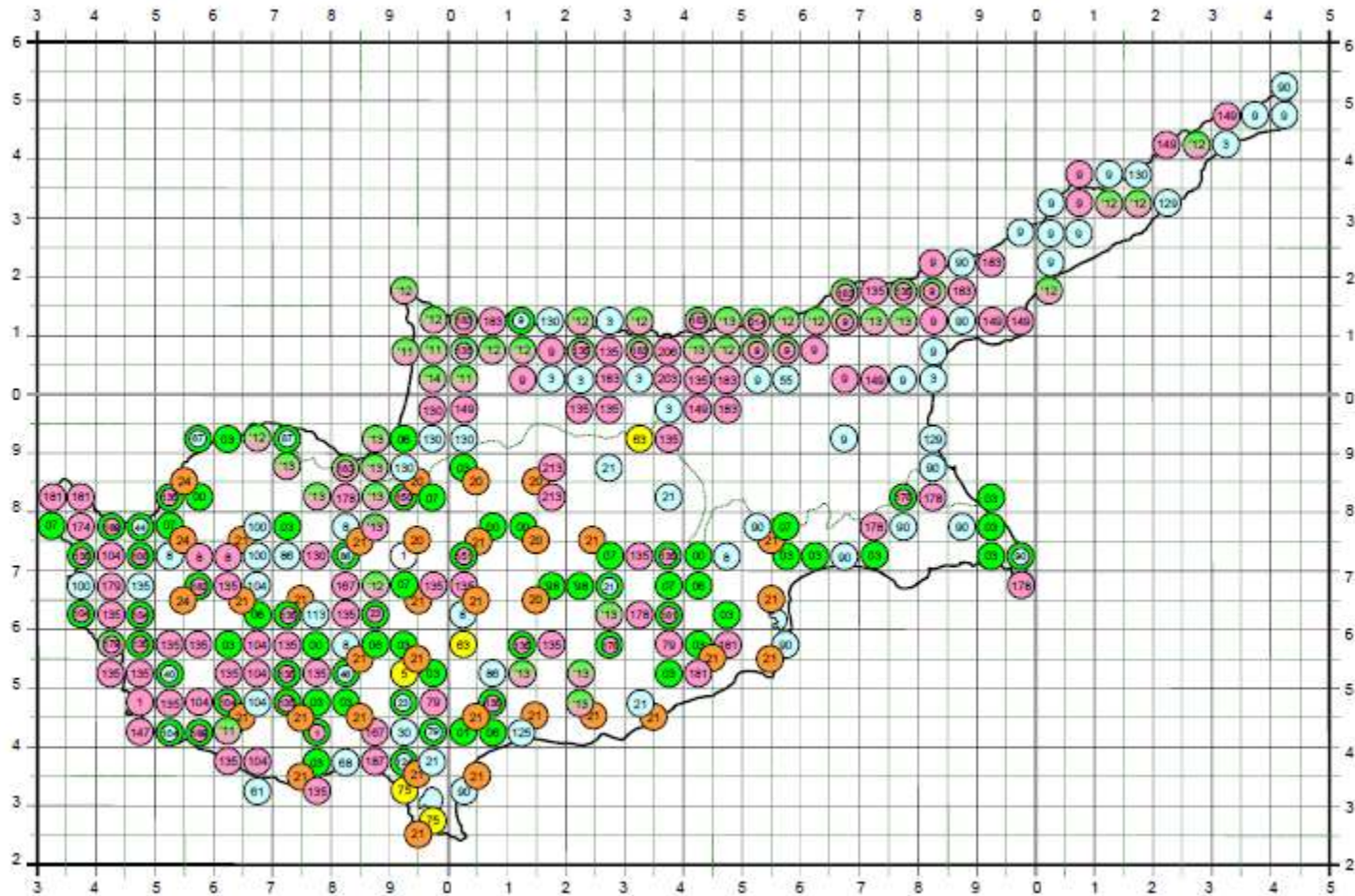
Hipparchia cypriensis



39. Cyprus Grayling (*Hipparchia cypriensis*)

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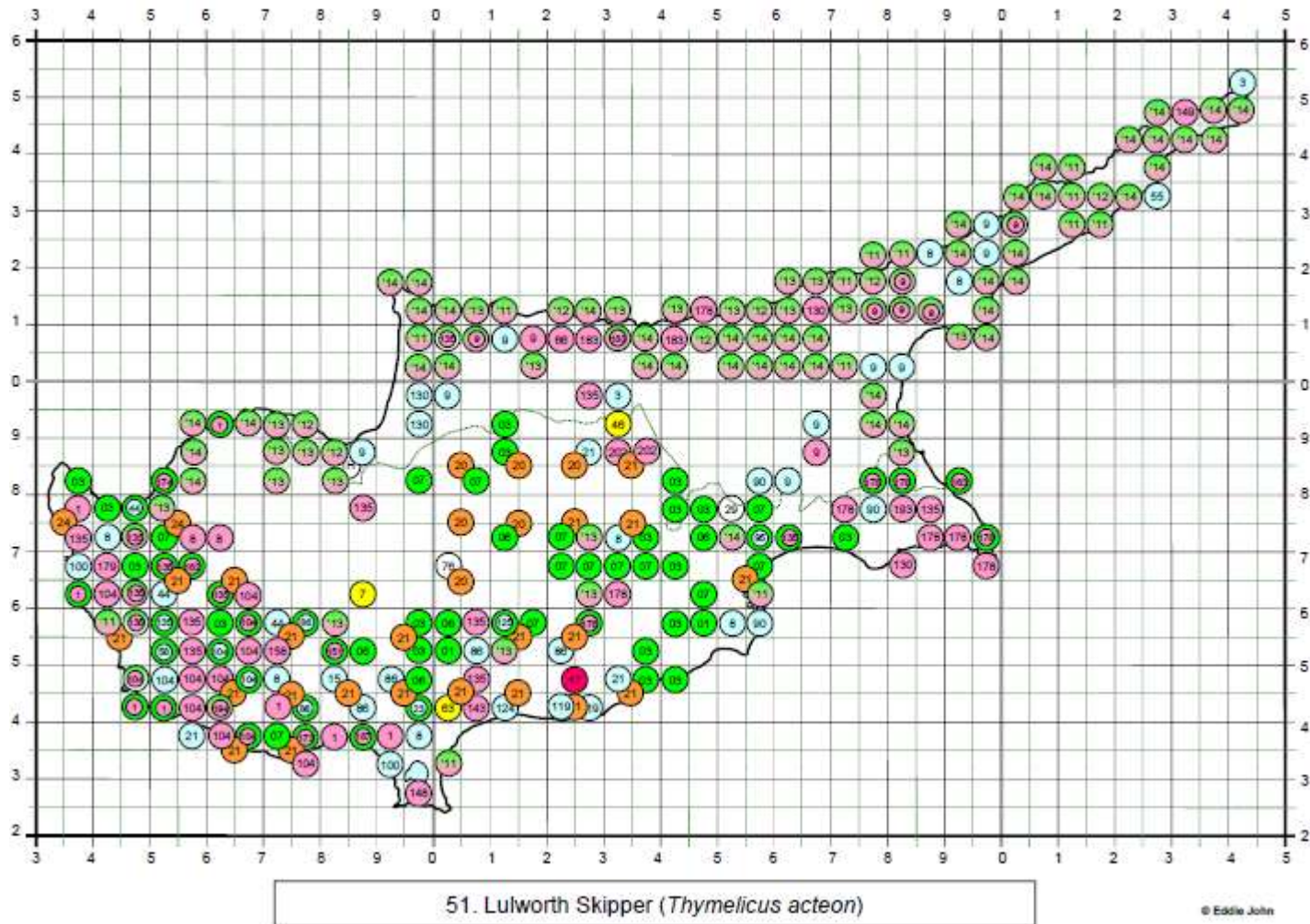
Chazara briseis



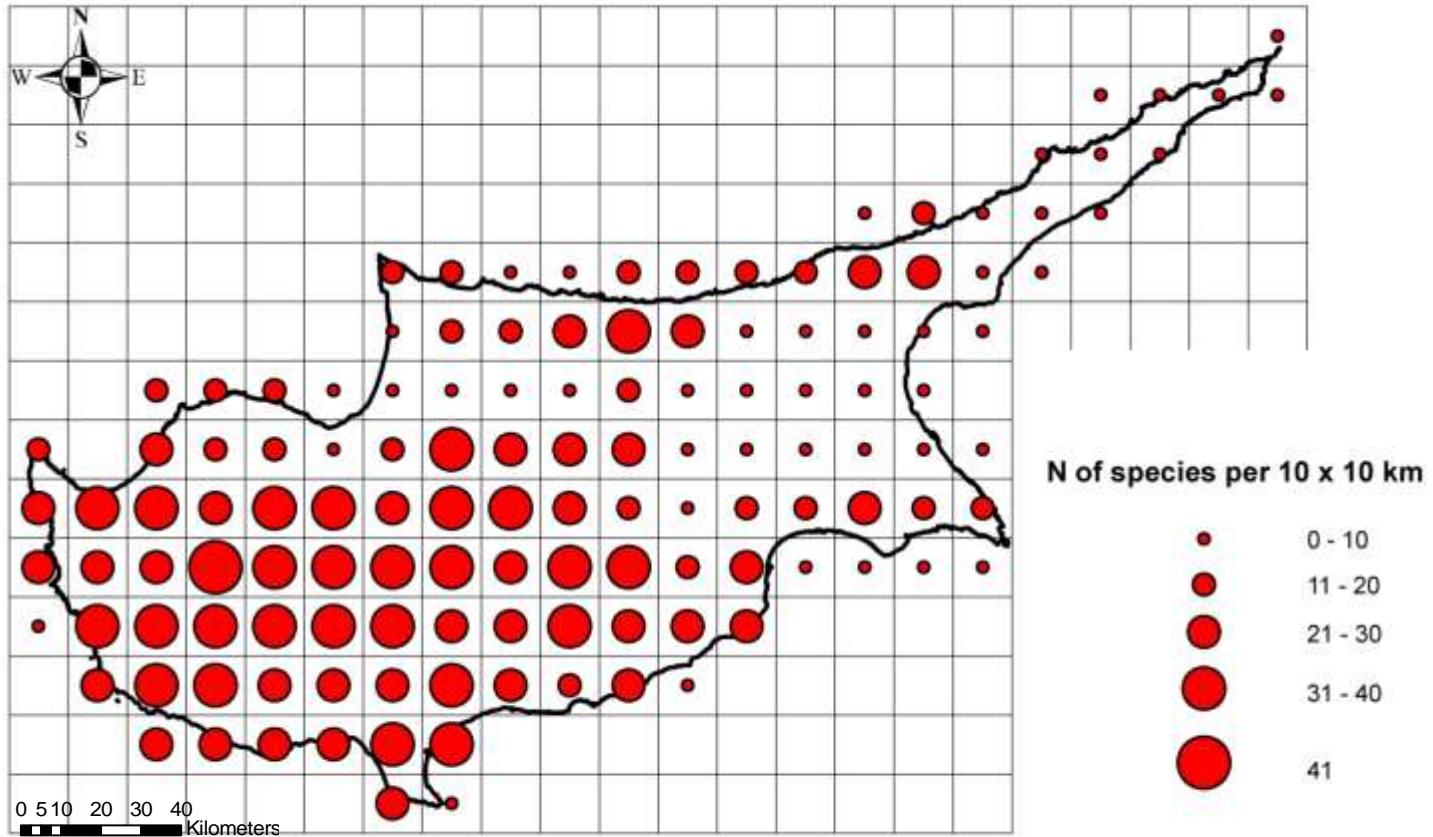
40. The Hermit (*Chazara briseis*)

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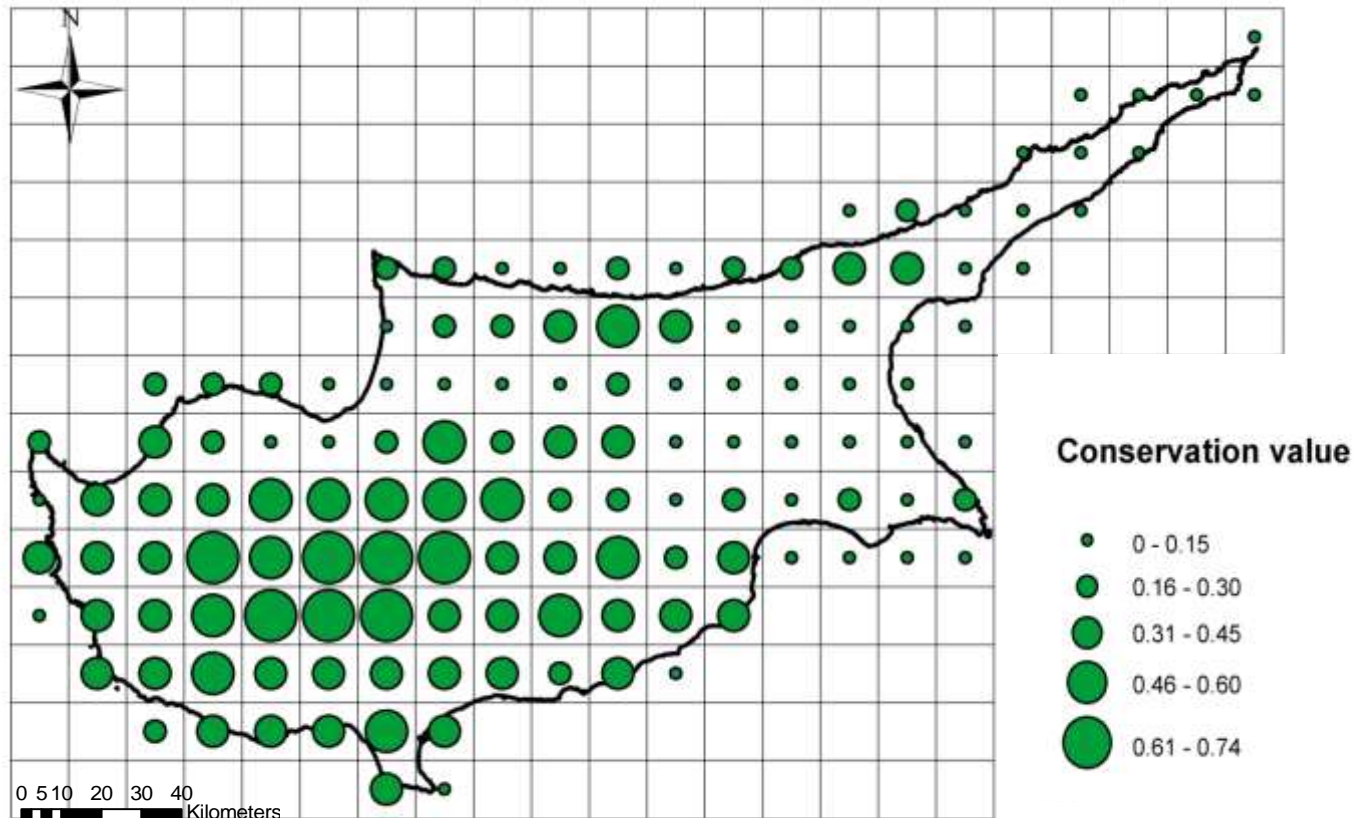
Thymelicus acteon



Butterfly Atlas

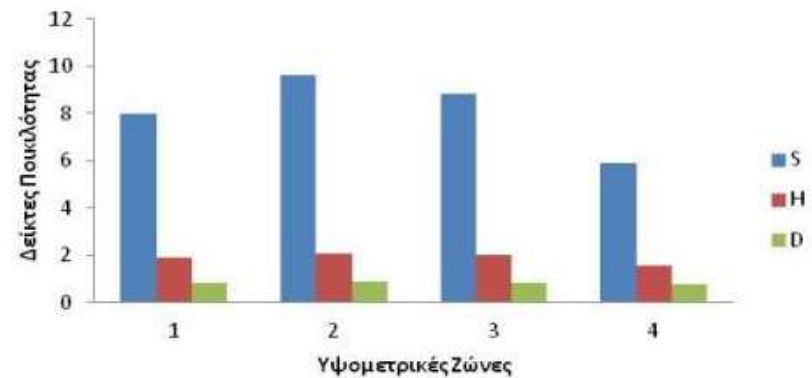
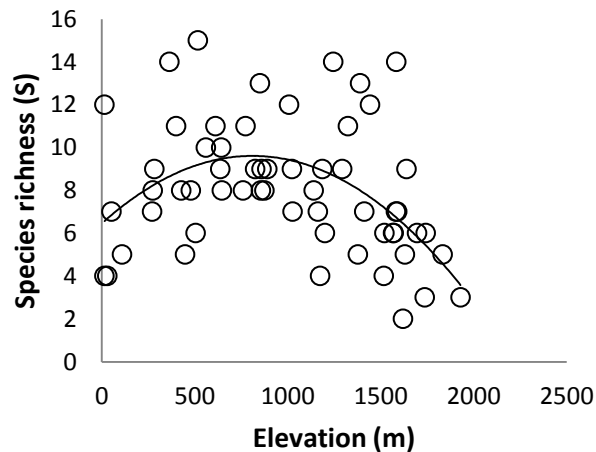


Butterfly Atlas-Conservation Value



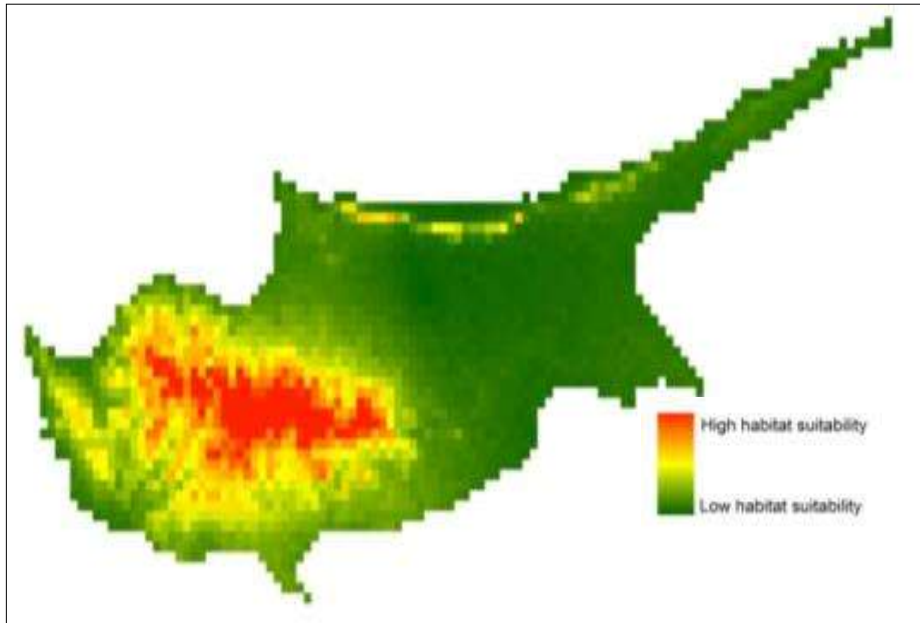
PhD work

- Sampled 60 sites (2011-2013)
- Used 4 elevational zones (500 m band)
- Recorded 38 species
- Butterfly species richness follows the hump-shape pattern



- Species distribution modelling (MaxEnt)

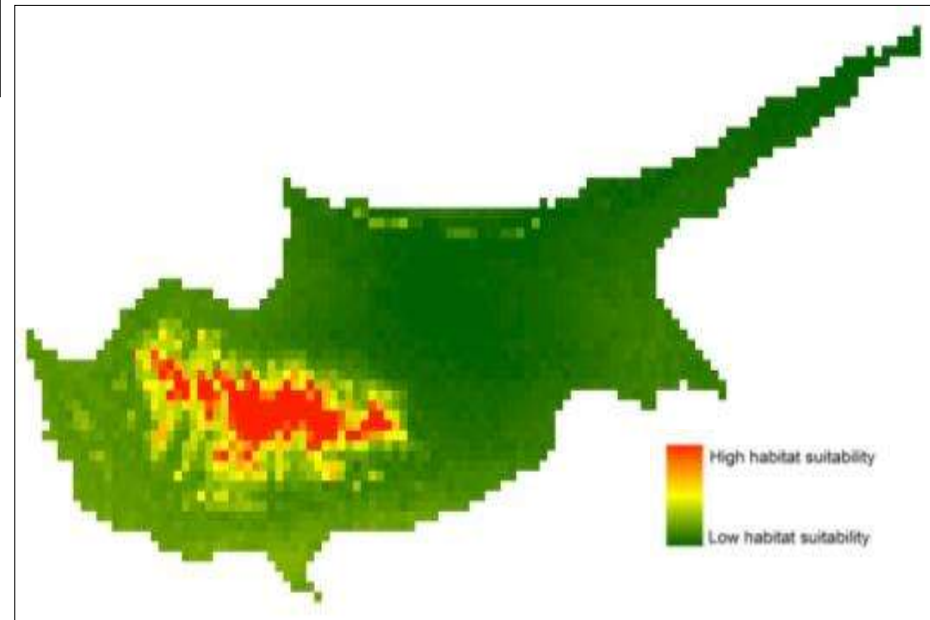
Glaucopsyche paphos



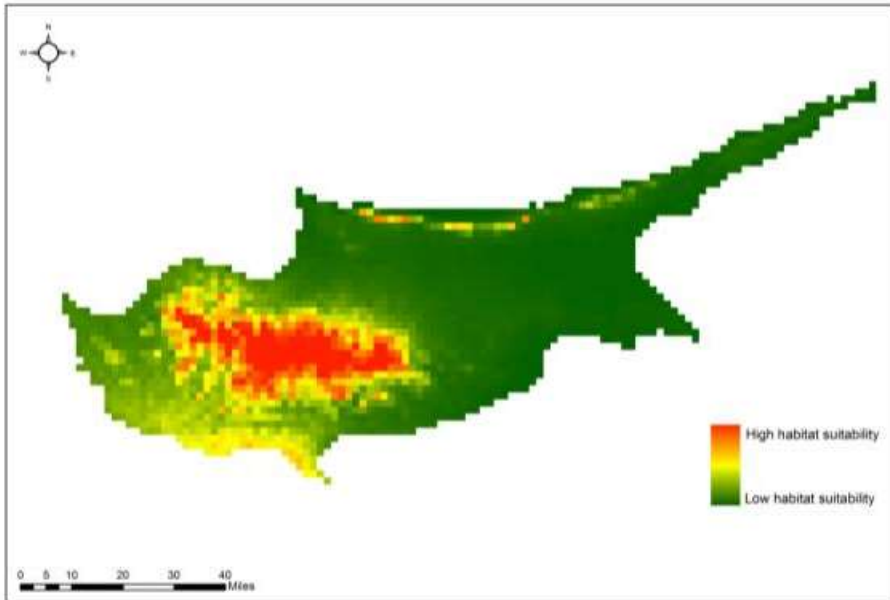
Current potential distribution (AUC > 0.9)



Future potential distribution-2050 (HadCM3)



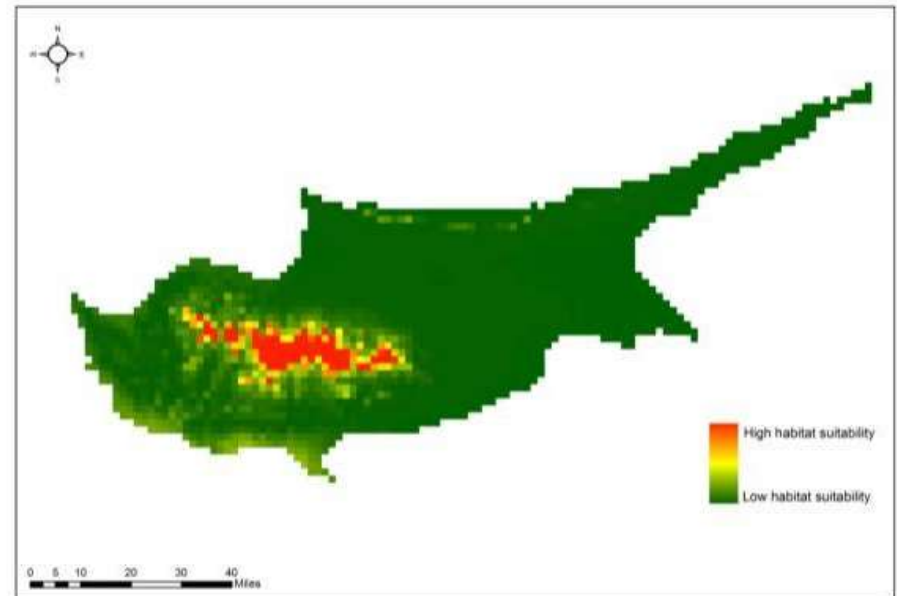
Maniola cypricola



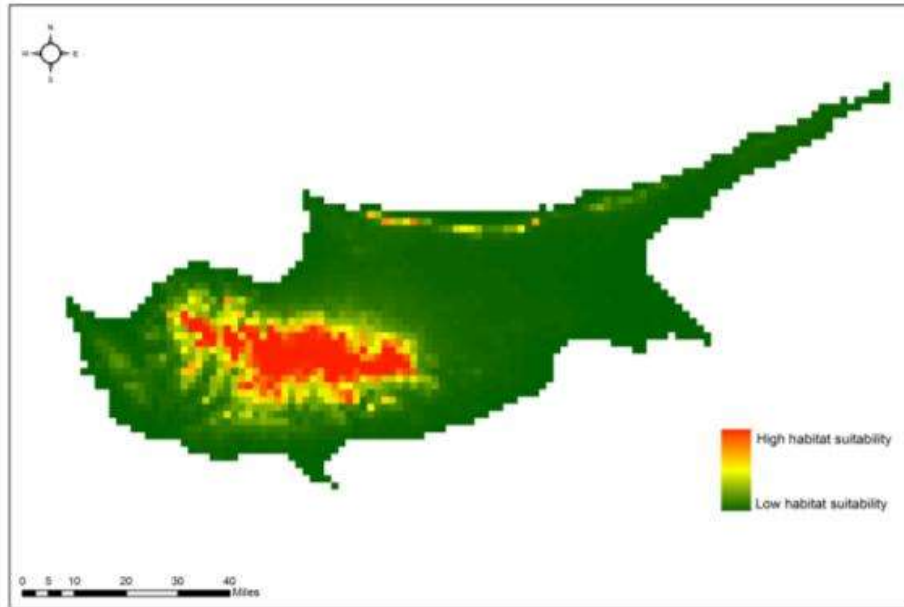
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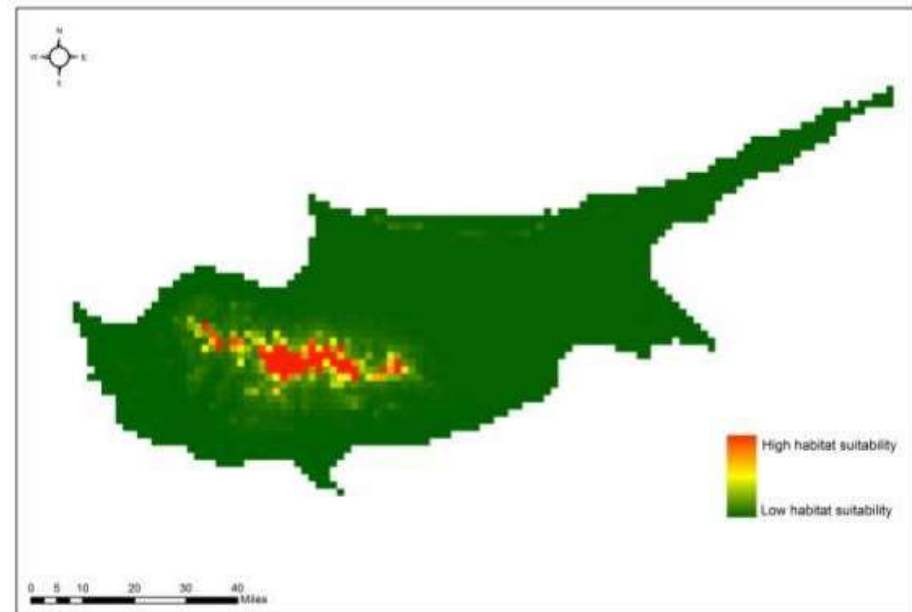
Hipparchia cypriensis



Current potential distribution (AUC > 0.8)



Future potential distribution-2050 (HadCM3)



Future monitoring scheme by CBSG

- Prepare a butterfly monitoring plan
- Establish a network of transect sites
- Find and train volunteers for participation in recording butterfly transects
- Produce an online database for submitting and managing monitoring data

Thank you