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# Living Fire Lab: Greece (or ...Some like it hot 😊)

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FIRE-RES: Innovative technologies and socio-ecological-economic solutions for fire resilient territories in Europe



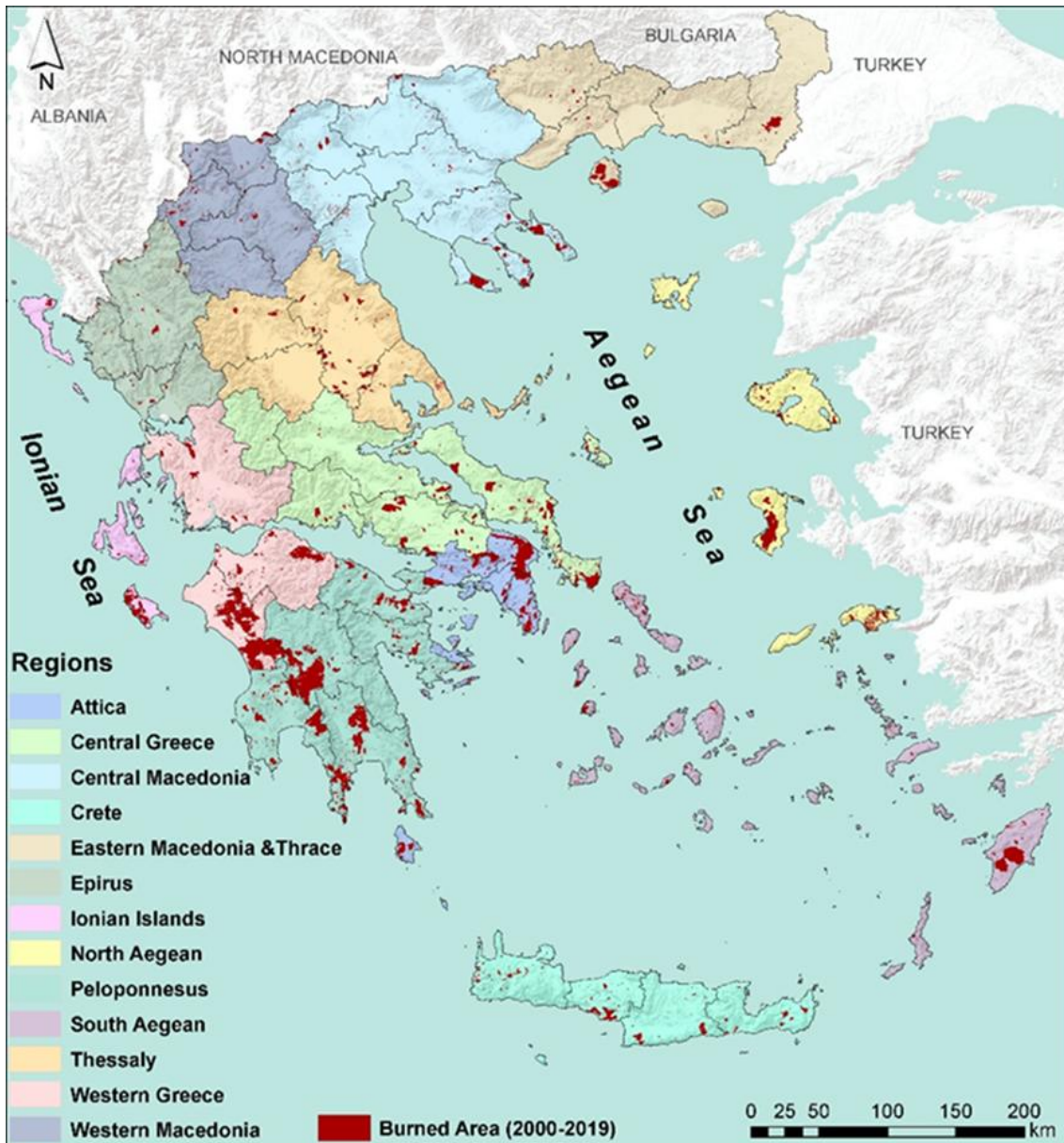
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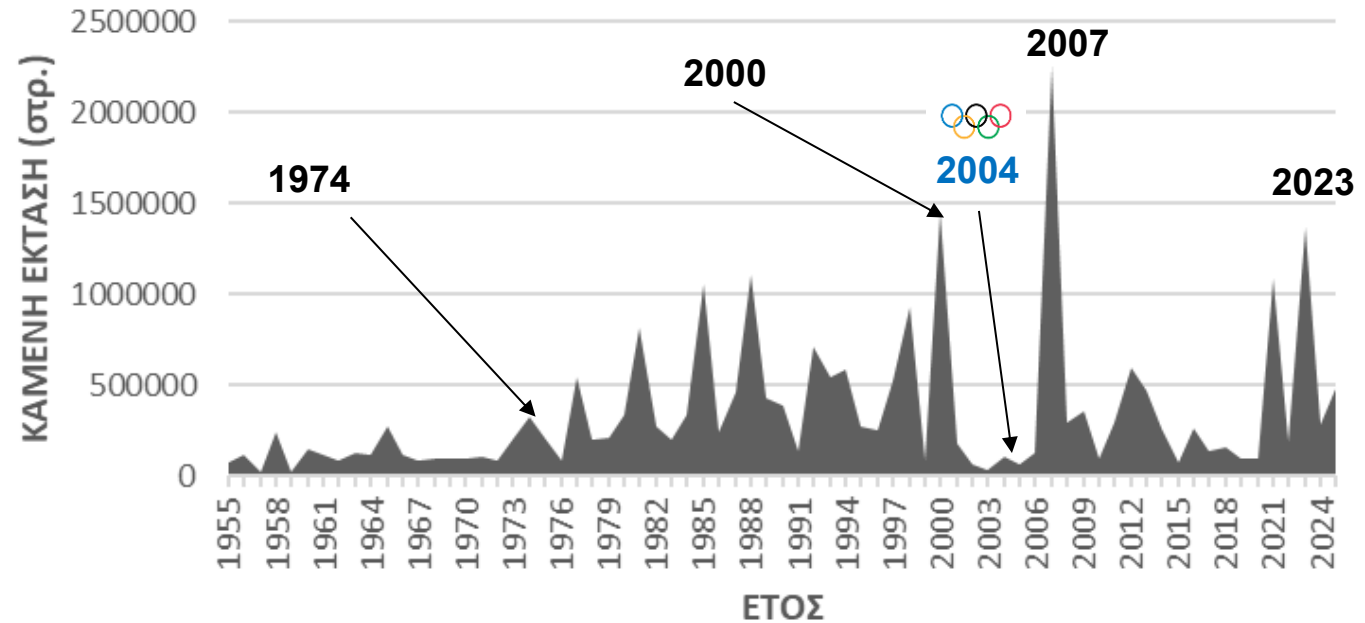


# Burned area mapping (>100-ha fires; 2000-2019)



**~ 20% of Greece burned in the last 70 years**

**(~ 80% forestlands)**



**Annual Avg. Burned Area -- EFFIS**

**~ 43,000 ha (1974-1999)**

**~ 42,000 ha (2000-2025)**

# Fire management in Greece

- Fire management is being coordinated centrally by the upgraded General Secretariat for Civil Protection in Athens
- Fuel management efforts in natural areas is done by the Forest Service, while fuel reduction in and around settlements is the responsibility of Local Government entities
- Fire suppression is mainly carried out by the Fire Brigade, in cooperation with the Air Force, Army and volunteer firefighters



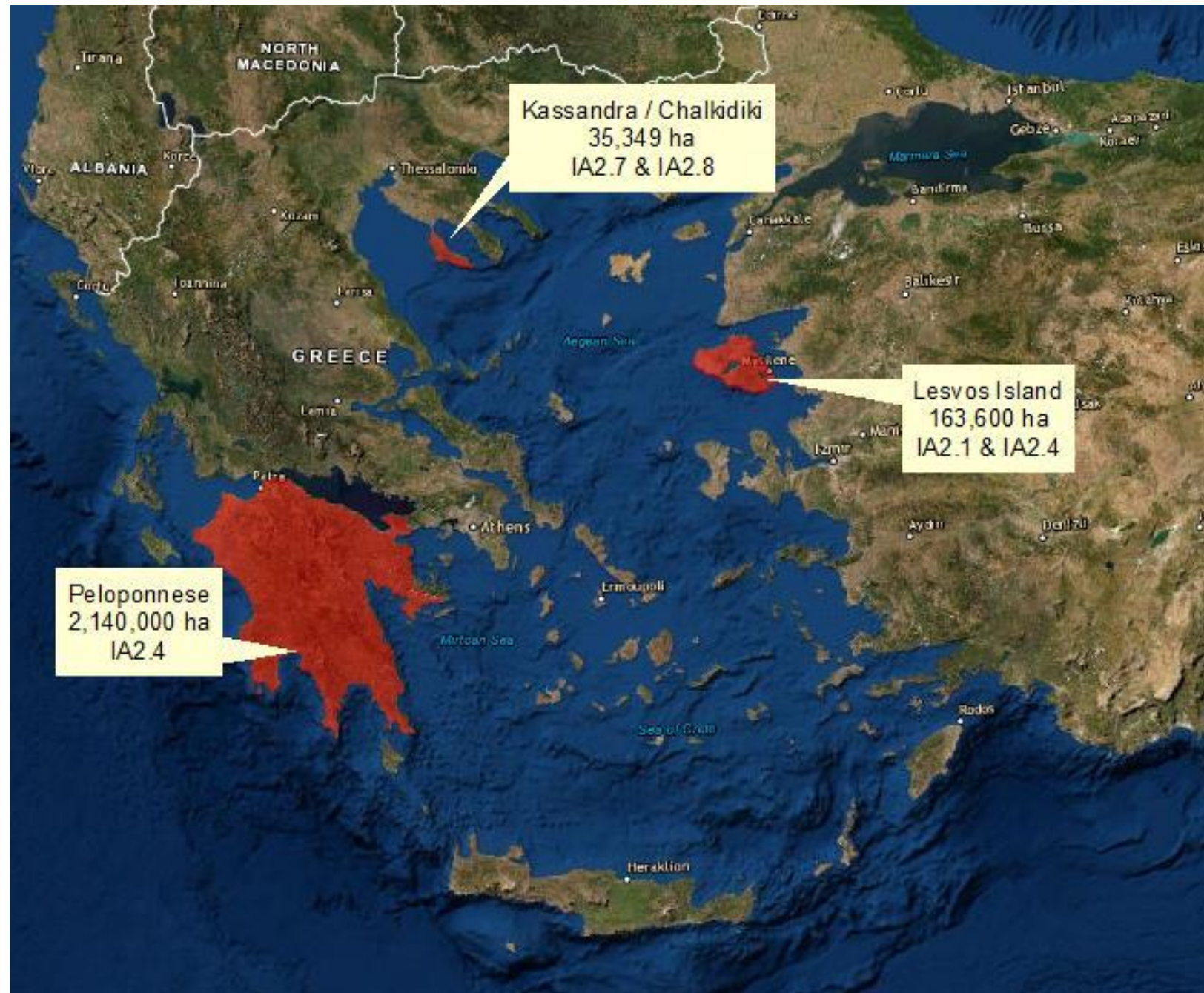
# Challenges

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- Socioeconomic conditions (rural/ urban interface, urban sprawl, land abandonment, population size/ density, resource-values, human-caused fires)
- Environmental factors (climate change, unmanaged forest areas, mountainous topography, geographical distribution)
- Special conditions regarding forest fire management on the islands, WUI and high-elevation forestlands



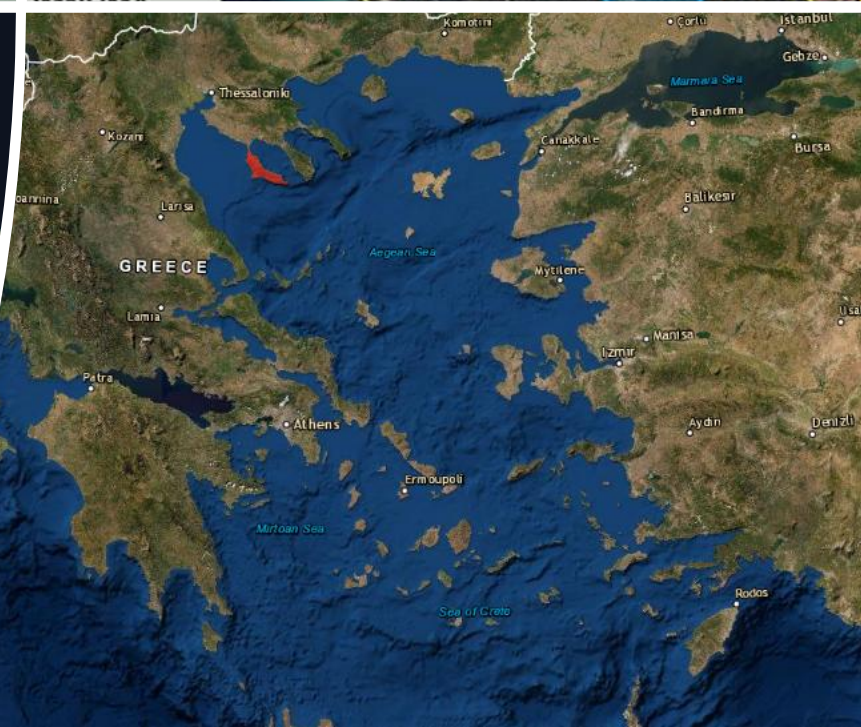
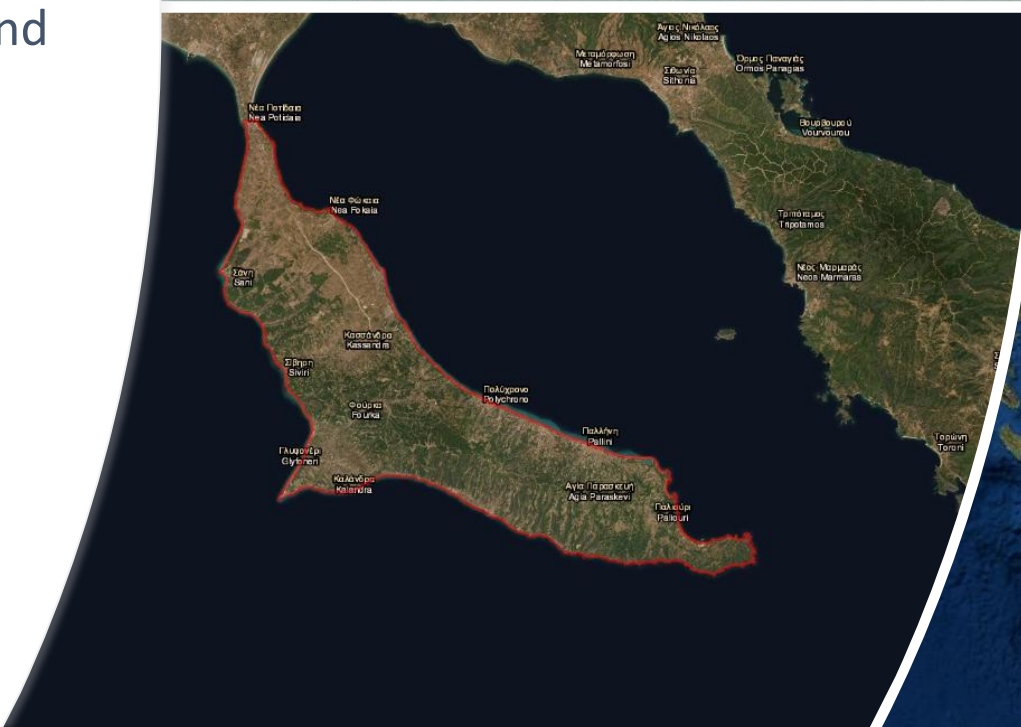
# The Greek Living Fire Lab; examples



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# 1. Chalkidiki (Coastal Greece)

- The region is a highly intensive touristic WUI, covered by pine, oak and beech forests around olive cultivations, vineyards and fertile farmlands inland and by the coast.
- High pressures on the landscape from tourism.



## 2. Lesvos Island (Aegean Greece)

- Pine forests and olive groves dominate almost half of the island's area, making it one of the most tree covered islands of Greece.
- Other fire-prone species include phrygana or garrigue-type shrubs in grasslands, evergreen-sclerophyllous or maquis-type shrubs, deciduous oaks and other agricultural lands.
- Mostly agricultural or livestock related fires (land clearance to improve forage or clearing of fields from unwanted vegetations). Smaller pressure from development, WUI and tourism compared to other Greek areas.

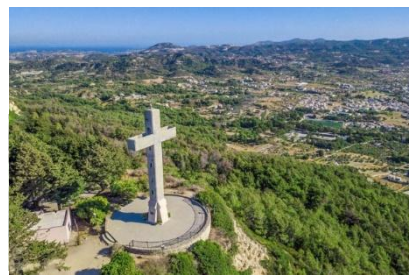
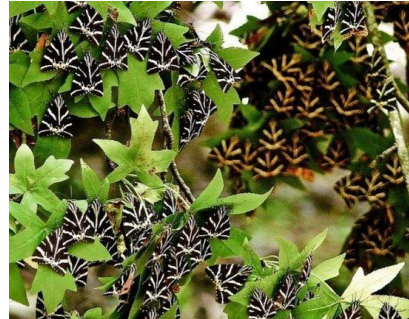




### 3. Peloponnese Region (Mainland Greece)

- The region is covered by evergreen shrublands, grasslands and phryganic ecosystems, oak woodlands, fir, broadleaf forests and pine forests. Olive and other tree cultivations dominate the agricultural areas.
- The extensive WUI and rural-urban interface areas around towns, villages and touristic communities, and in conjunction with land abandonment and reforestations, increase the risk of human casualties from wildfires -- i.e. the region where the 2007 disastrous mega-fires occurred in Greece (worst in history).

NATURAL HAZARDS  
GEOGRAPHY



Focus on socioeconomic & biophysical causes of risk pathology (*Natural Hazards Geography*) rather than trying to treat the symptoms

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Need to develop and apply novel policies towards a vision of integrated fire management (5-Rs of IFM) to mitigate risks from *EWE* and to protect values-at-risk in relation to socio-ecological objectives

*Sunset over Mt. Taygetus – Messenia*

Fuel treatment plans have profound effects on reducing fire behavior (e.g. *ANTI-NERO* program in public forests and high-use *WUI*)

*Clouds over Mt. Athos Gulf – Chalkidiki*

Adapting to a climate resilient future with strategic wildfire risk governance

*Mt. Olympus – Lesvos Island*



# Our approach: Integrated Fire Management

Integrated Fire Management is a planning and operational approach that includes **social, economic, cultural and ecological dimensions**.

Its objective is to minimize the damage caused by wildfires and maximise its benefits. To move towards an Integrated Fire Management approach, FIRE-RES adopts 4 main pillars:

Extreme Wildfires' behaviour and drivers



Landscape and economy



Emergency management

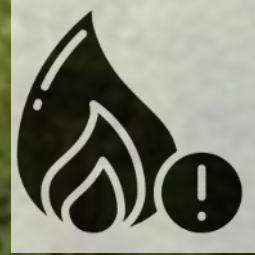


Governance, society, communication and risk awareness





**Prevention & preparedness**



**Detection & response**



**Restoration & adaptation**



**FIRE-RES preliminary results**



# Innovation Actions in FIRE-RES

The **34 Innovation Actions** are organized in 5 groups:

1. Emergency, Risk Mapping and Sustainable Fire Management Models
2. Ecosystem Conservation and Landscape design
3. Economic drivers, Incentives and Insurance Solutions
4. Governance, Society, Communication and Risk Awareness
5. Advanced Technology Solutions - Support Tools for Integrated Fire Management



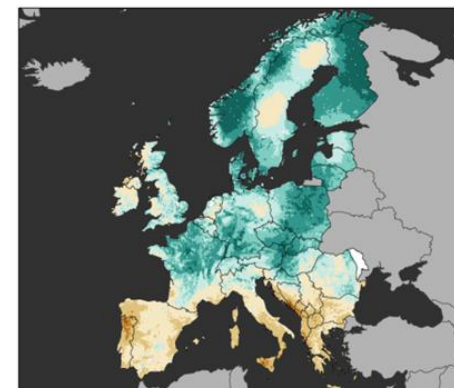


# 1. Emergency, risk mapping and sustainable fire management models

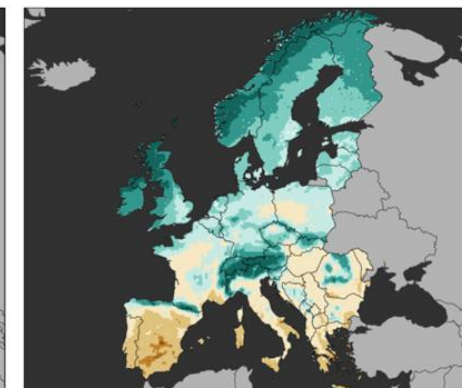
## ➤ IA1.3: Piloting early-warning indicators of EWEs incorporating fire-weather and vegetation conditions

- ❑ Development of a spatially explicit model for **daily forecasts of EWE occurrence** at the European level.
- ❑ Prototype model for **Large Fires occurrence**.
- ❑ Enhance **short-term wildfire response planning and resource allocation**.

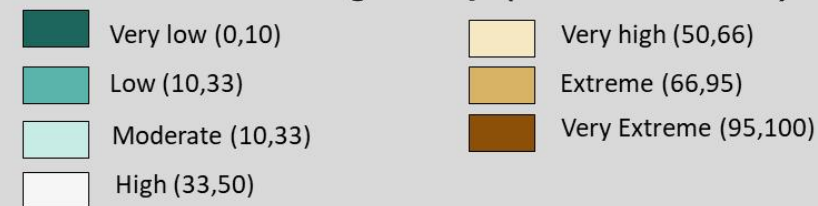
INRAE model



Fire Weather Index



**Mean EWE danger map (Fires > 1000 ha)**



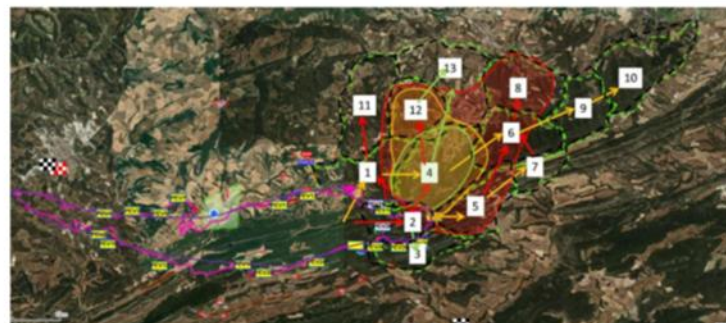
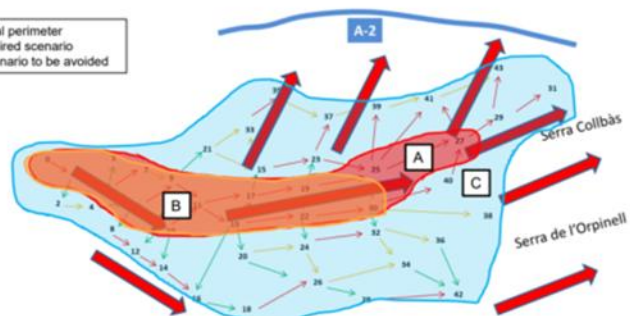
4. Three scenarios and one leap in scale



9. New strategy and change of potentials with PyroCumul and the transition to PyroCb on day 25



A: Final perimeter  
B: Desired scenario  
C: Scenario to be avoided



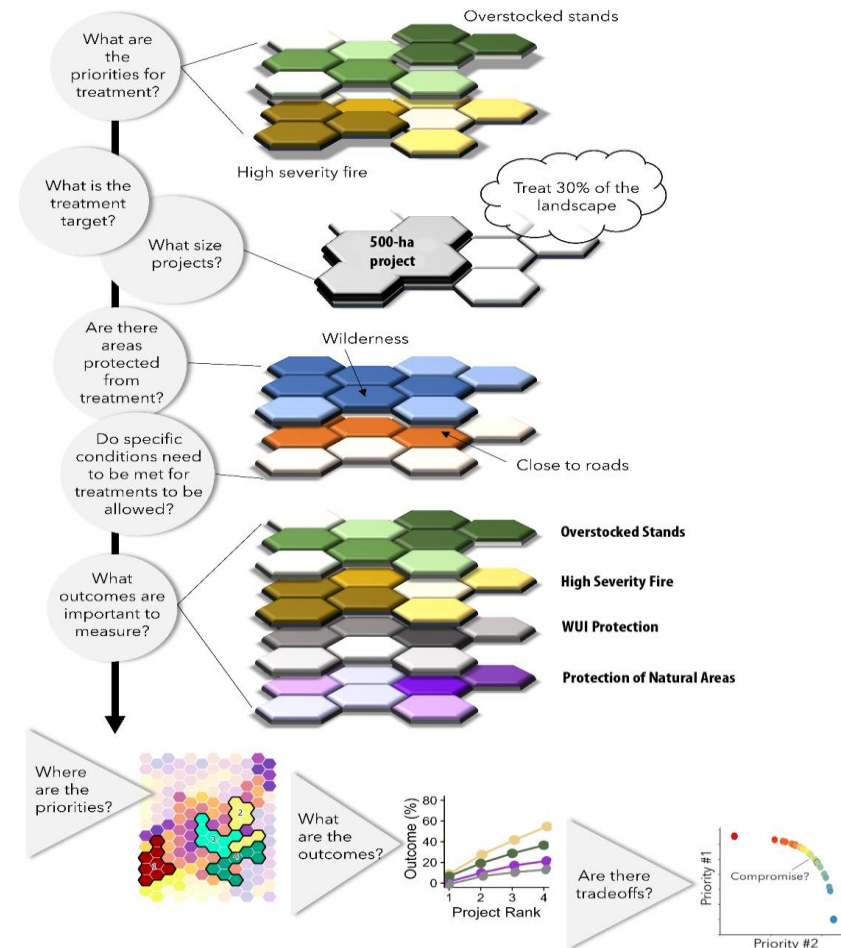


## 2. Ecosystem conservation and landscape design

### IA2.4: Landscape configuration and fire management policies to minimize expected losses

#### 1. Prioritizing **investments and allocation** in forest and fuel management projects and measuring expected outcomes

- Combine fire simulators and fuel management evaluation systems
- LTD/ForSysX Tool, developed by the USDA Forest Service to provide a platform for prioritizing risk reduction and restoration investments using spatial optimization methods that are widely used in conservation planning and the forest industry
- LLs: Greece, Catalonia, Portugal, Chile and Aquitaine



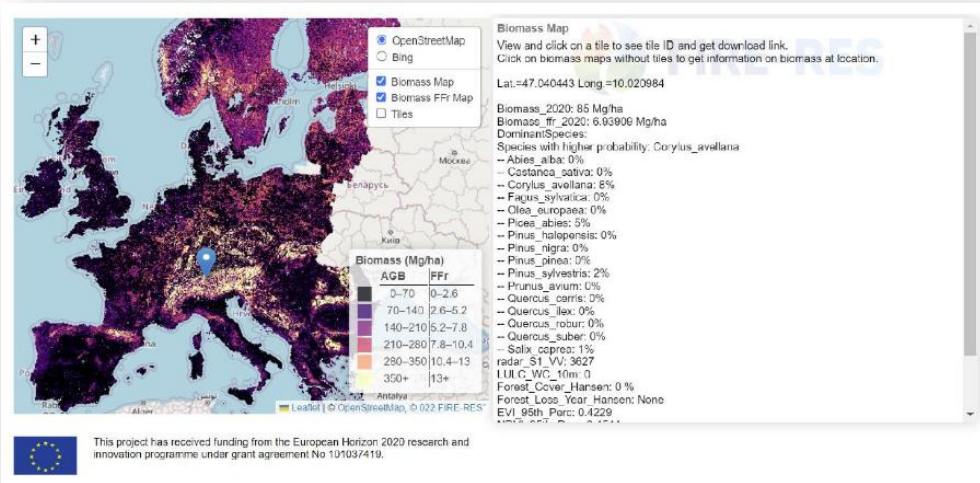






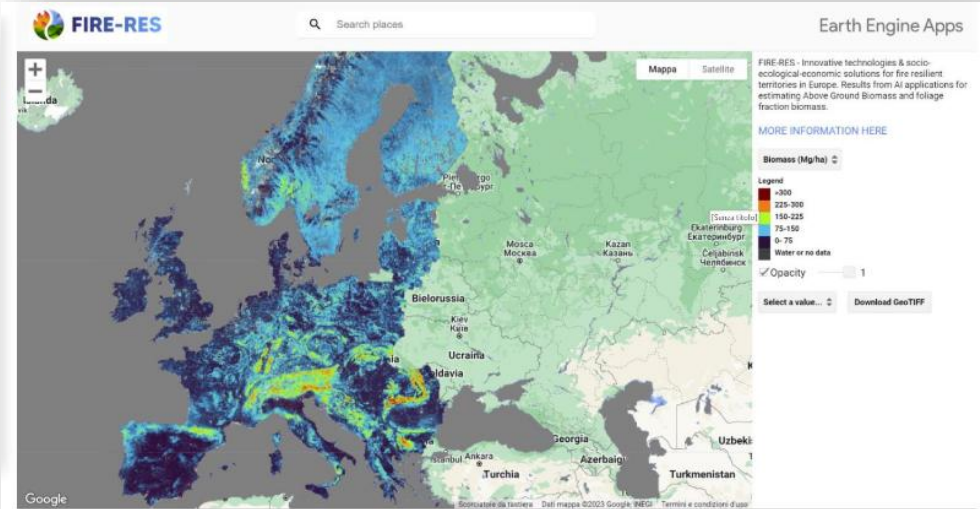
# 5. Advanced technology solutions – support tools for integrated fire management

## ➤ IA 5.10: Development of a Pan-European system to define management priorities to mitigate fire impact



Web-based portal for access, query and download of custom polygons:

- Fuel map at EU level at 100 m scale.
- Canopy fuel layers (also intermediate products and uncertainty maps) in Zenodo.



zenodo.org/records/8420046

**zenodo**

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**Fuel model input raster data EU**

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The layers available in this dataset are in a WGS84 geographic coordinate reference system (EPSG:4326) where latitude and longitude coordinates at 0.0008983 degrees ground sampling distance per cell, which corresponds to about 1 ha, i.e. ~100 m x ~100 m at the equator, but decreases in area with increasing latitude as the coordinate system is not equal-area, e.g. ~70 m at 45° latitude and ~50 m at 60° latitude.

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- CanopyBaseHeight.tif - Height of lower canopy from the ground (m)
- CanopyHeight.tif - Total height of canopy from the ground (m)
- Fuel Model
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# **INTERIM QUERIES and RESULTS**

**Community of Wildfire Innovation—CWI**

**Open Innovation Campaign—OIC**



# OIC to support Integrated Fire Management (IFM)

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## OPEN INNOVATION CHALLENGE

### Seeking Innovative Solutions for Extreme Wildfires

Be a part of the solution and help tackle the challenges of Extreme Wildfires in Europe and beyond. Participate in the FIRE-RES Open Innovation Challenge and help us build more resilient landscapes and safe communities: submit your proposal by 19 November at 23:59 CET.

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## The Challenge: Extreme Wildfires

In recent years, Europe has experienced a significant increase in the frequency and intensity of wildfires, with devastating consequences, including the loss of life, destruction of natural habitats, damage to infrastructure, and impact on air quality.

We are calling upon innovators, entrepreneurs, technologists, researchers, businesses of all sizes, and citizens to step up and submit cutting-edge solutions addressing the challenges experienced by communities across Europe.

The challenges are organised under the following themes:

- Risk Communication and Awareness
- Engagement and Empowerment
- Training and Education
- Management Before, During and After Extreme Wildfire Events
- Monitoring
- Forecasting and Decision Support
- Policy and Governance

Explore all themes and challenges

Submit your application!

### How to apply?

Review the challenges, prepare a compelling application, and submit your solution through the application form hosted on FES. Visit the submission guidelines for complete information about eligibility, application, and evaluation.

Submit your proposal by 19 November at 23:59 CET.

In more detail, the recommended procedure is:

#### Access Information

Read thoroughly all information and materials on the FIRE-RES Open Innovation Challenge; particular attention should be paid to the eligibility, application, and evaluation. Take note of the Challenges, to which you wish to propose a solution (if your solution addresses more than one challenge, please indicate this in the application form).

- + Create a profile to submit an Application
- + Complete your Application
- + Submit your Application
- + Next steps

### Points of contact

The OIC points of contact available to the applicant are:

**FIRE-RES** INESCTEC

## Submission Guidelines for FIRE-RES Open Innovation Challenge

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**Theme 1**

Any solution to improve risk communication and awareness on wildfires?

Participate in the OIC!

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## Frequently Asked Questions

A list of the most frequently asked questions is available below. For further doubts, please send an email to our Helpdesk. Please carefully read the FAQs before submitting any questions to the Helpdesk. Please consider that your question can be published as a FAQ unless you mark it as confidential.

- + What is the OIC (Open Innovation Challenge)?
- + What are the main challenges addressed by the OIC?



## EUROPE IS READY TO HARNESS INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS EXTREME WILDFIRE EVENTS

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The Open Innovation Challenge initiated by the FIRE-RES project calls for applications that help address key challenges before, during and after large-scale wildfires increasingly faced by landscapes across Europe and the ... Read more

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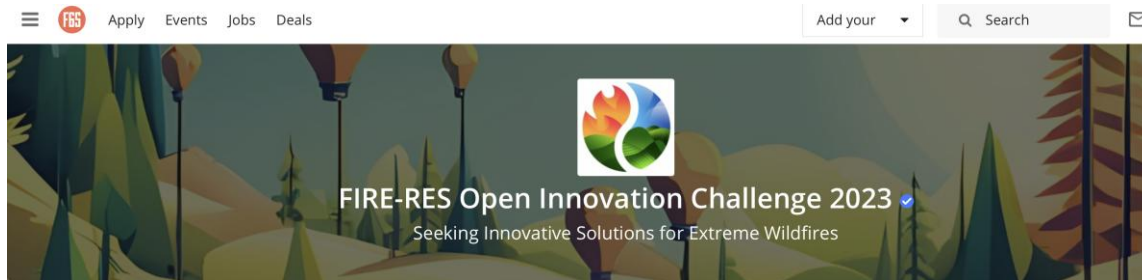
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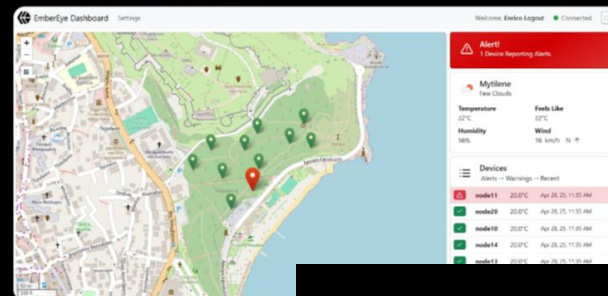
# OIC to support Integrated Fire Management (IFM)

## EmberEye provides **detection times under 1 minute**

By using advanced satellite data analysis and a robust sensor network, enabling the most effective first response.



## User Interface



## TSAMAKIA DEMO



## TSAMAKIA DEMO



## DEMO - Fire 1

Node A (8m)  
Node B (20m)  
Node C (38m)



0 false alarms



# "Fires in Chios: The University of the Aegean is present for a better future"

*US: "...results of an ex-post benefit-cost analysis suggest a net benefit of \$333 million from suppression efforts..."*



❖ large-scale land use changes

❖ control of off-plan urban development

❖ smart fire strategies in wildland-urban interface



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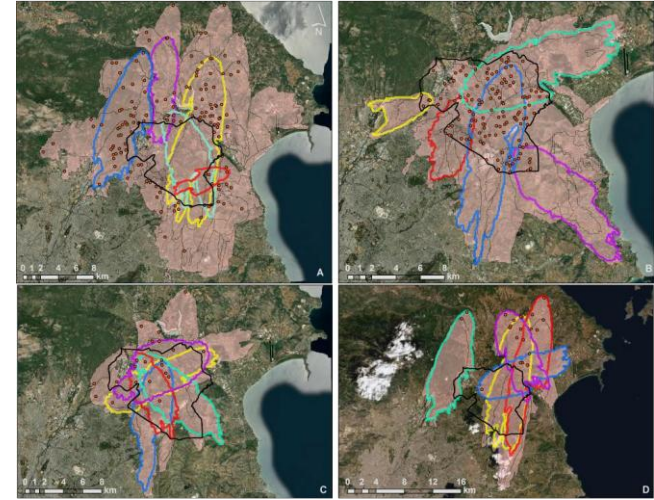
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# 10 WILDFIRE PROTECTION PROPOSALS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

1. scenario planning and stochastic simulation AI models
2. implementation of prescribed fire
3. vegetation management including fuel break zones
4. large-scale land use change
5. control of non-urban development
6. fire-smart strategies in WUI
7. prevention of human-caused fires
8. strengthening of wildfire detection and response
9. investing in fire-resilient infrastructures
10. postfire restoration and adaptation of landscapes



*“...as a good example of a government at a crossroads: Does it begin to invest heavily in proactive large-scale efforts to mitigate the effects of current and future wildfires (i.e., preventive landscape-scale treatments), or does it continue to primarily react with fire suppression and postburn recovery measures?”*

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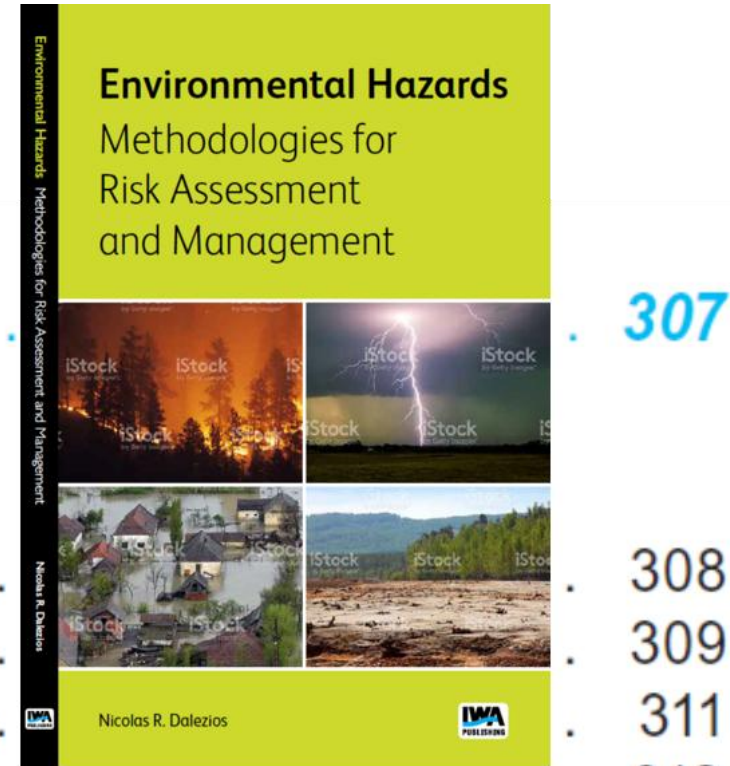


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### Wildland fires

*Alan Ager, Mark Finney, Kostas Kalabokidis and Peter Moore*

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# The Geography of Greece

Managing Crises and Building Resilience



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## Overview

Editors: [Régis Darques](#), [George Sidiropoulos](#), [Kostas Kalabokidis](#)

- Analyses the geography and Greek crisis/crises outside the area of finance, focusing on human and physical geography
- Breaks stereotypes about this country and collects the most relevant and up-to-date information from renown experts
- Contains maps, photos, and tables and provides key insights into the dynamics of change and resilience

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🔥 Europe is the world’s fastest-warming continent, and 2024 was the warmest year on record, according to the latest European State of the Climate 2024 Report published jointly by the [World Meteorological Organization \(WMO\)](#) and Copernicus Climate Change Service.

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Higher temperatures also bring more droughts, which means higher risks of wildfires. “Europe has to learn to live with fire”, says Prof [Thomas Elmqvist](#), EASAC Environment Director. EASAC has brought together leading [#scientists](#) from all over Europe to analyse which options European policymakers have to make Europe more fire-literate and fire-adapted.

The launch of the Report takes place in close connection with the 3rd clustering event of the EU project [Firelogue.eu](#). And we are particularly happy to announce that [Jutta Paulus](#), Member of the European Parliament, will join us as a panellist.

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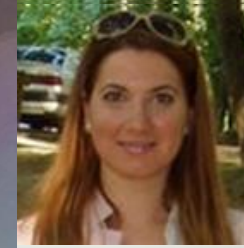
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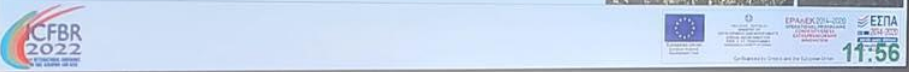


# Thank you



## What Values-at-Risk are in jeopardy from these large scale wildfire events?

- We identified important values-at-risk (or places)
- Each island has unique physiography and properties
- Some values-at-risk are connected to the local economy and well-being of communities
- Others include natural wonders, cultural monuments, or important fauna and flora habitats.



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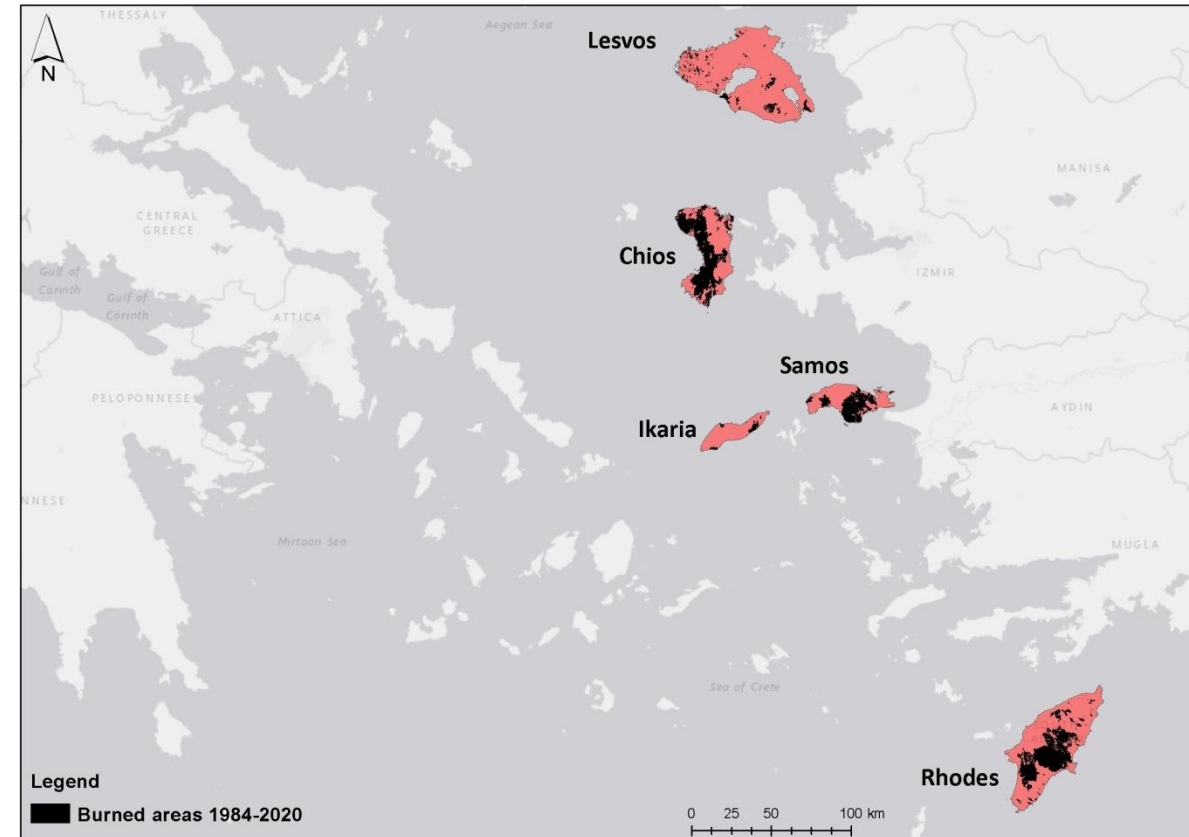
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# Το επίπεδο του κινδύνου πυρκαγιών στα 5 μεγάλα νησιά του Ανατολικού Αιγαίου

Approximately 5,000 ignitions burned 50,000 ha over the last two decades in the large islands (i.e. Lesvos, Rhodes, Chios, Samos and Ikaria).

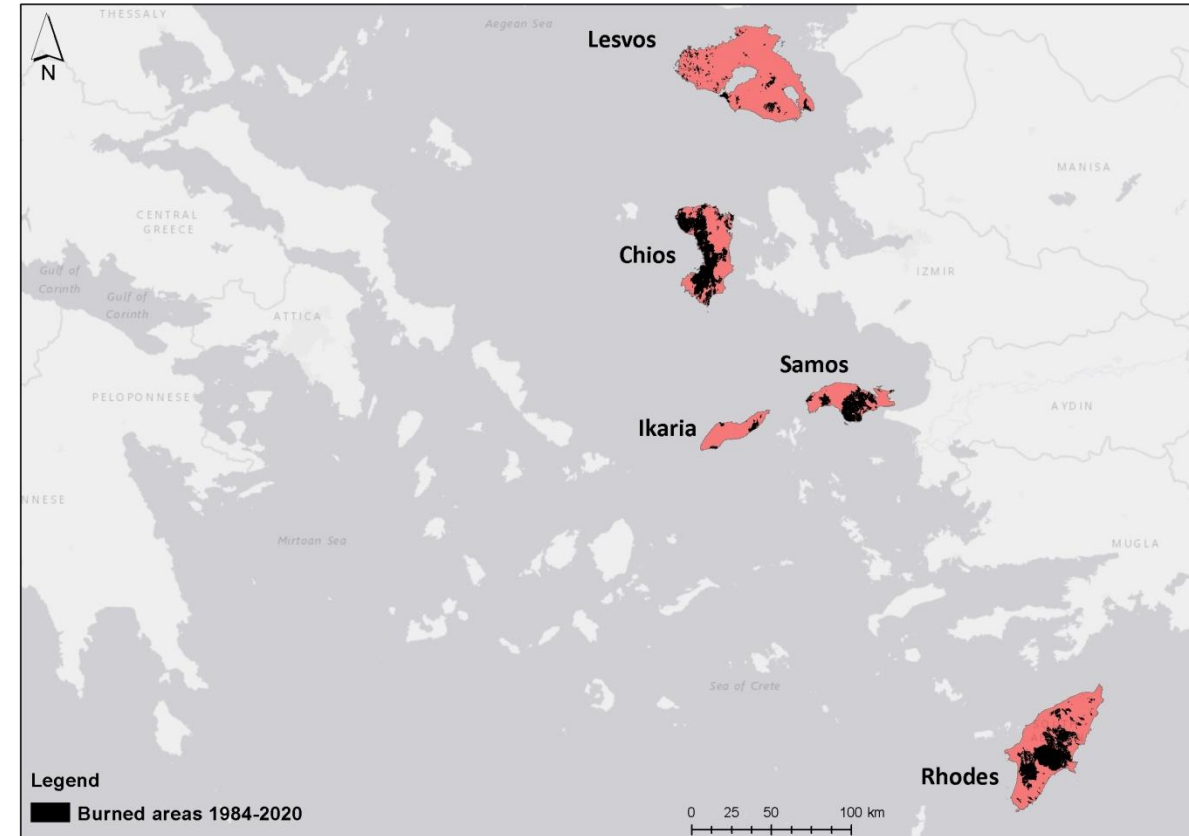
Large islands had extensive areas covered with *Pinus brutia* forests in the past, but after half-a-century of repeated wildfires these forests have receded to a large extent.



# Το επίπεδο του κινδύνου πυρκαγιών στα 5 μεγάλα νησιά του Ανατολικού Αιγαίου

Large wildfires in each of the islands occurred in the summers of:

- 1993 in Icaria (1,150 ha burned)
- 1994 in Lesvos (2,500 ha burned)
- 2000 in Samos (14,500 ha burned)
- 2012 in Chios (15,000 ha burned)
- 2023 in Rhodes (18,000 ha burned)



# Σκοποί της Έρευνας

- Use the Minimum Travel Time (MTT) fire spread algorithm to simulate over 100,000 fires for each of the most forested and prone to large-scale wildfire islands, under varying weather conditions and ignition locations.
- Produce estimates of annual burn probabilities and conditional flame length.
- Use the simulated fire perimeters and ignitions to map the spatial scale and complexity of wildfire exposure.
- Assess the exposure of important values-at-risk in each island.
- Understand where large wildfires are expected to appear in the near future and inform decision-makers to take action there to reduce the vulnerability of these important values-at-risk.

# Νήσος Λέσβος: Το Απολιθωμένο Δάσος

- **What it is:** volcanic materials covered and petrified the forest 20 million years ago. The findings in the Petrified Forest reveal that the area was part of a mixed forest of conifers and angiosperms, an indicator that the flora of the region has been evolved considerably.
- **Why at risk:** Excavations revealed and exposed several fossils – wildfires can harm the findings (smoke and flame damage).

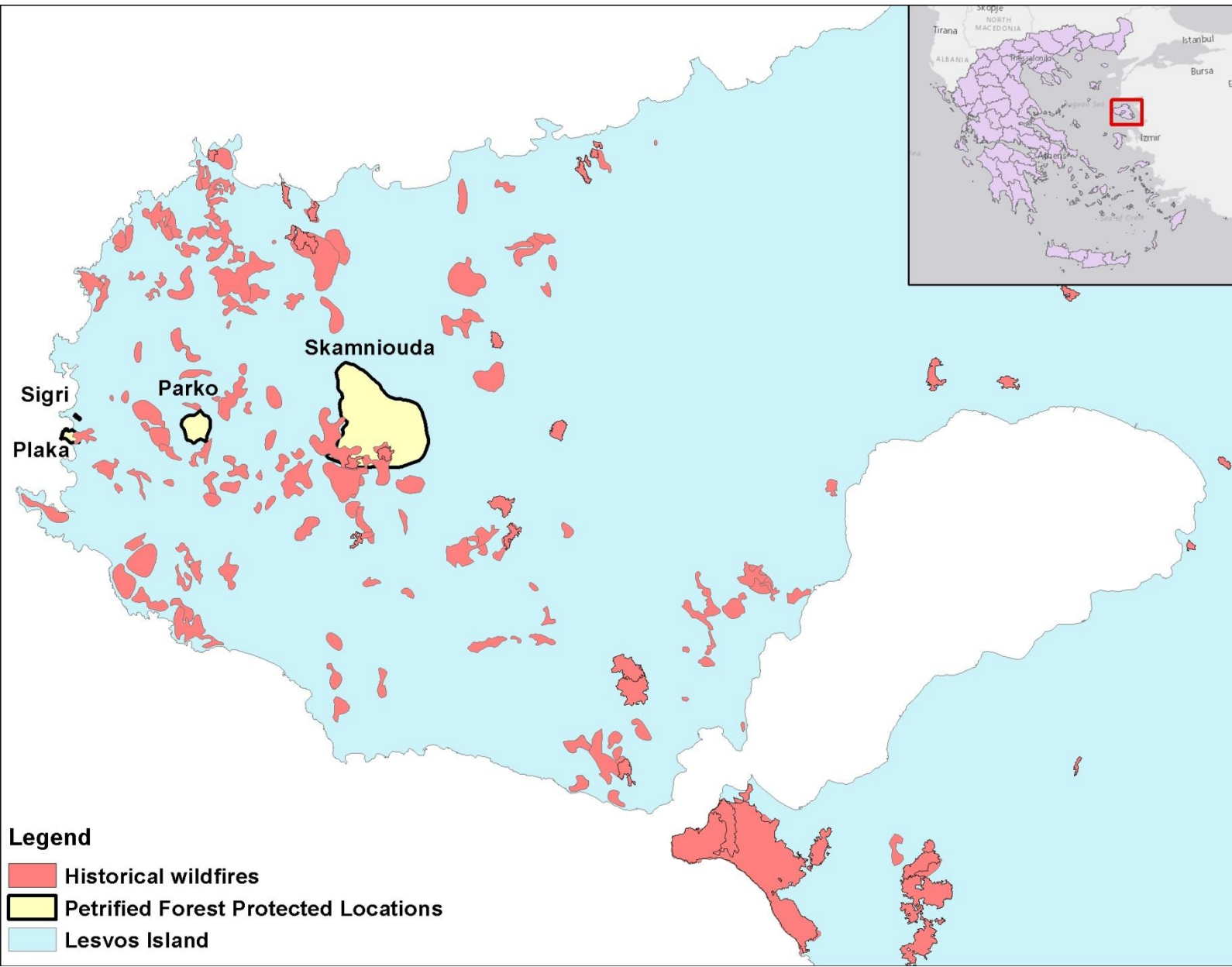


# Νήσος Λέσβος: Το Απολιθωμένο Δάσος

- **Wildfire situation: frequent and repeated fires burn short brush mixed with cured grasses. The origin of fires is mostly related to agricultural-livestock practices, although burning is illegal.**
- **Exposed petrified trunks and roots to flames – vegetation inside or near fossil positions.**



# Νήσος Λέσβος: Το Απολιθωμένο Δάσος



- >120 recent fires burned on average 31 ha, with maximum fire size 270 ha
- We assessed the exposure of the four main excavation locations

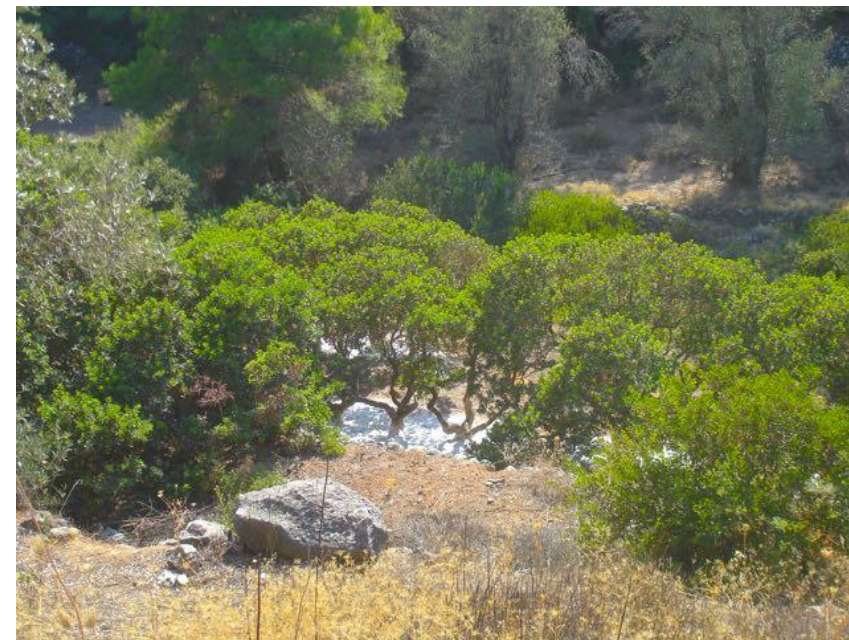
# Νήσος Χίος: Καλλιέργεια Μαστίχας

- **What it is:** Cultivation of mastiha is a laborious and time-consuming process that is faithfully carried out by the 5,000 mastiha growers of the island. The mastic trees must be fertilized, pruned, the soil around them must be cleared and then incisions must be made in the bark of each tree to release and collect the mastiha sap (*Pistacia lentiscus* var. *Chia*)
- **Why at risk:** The plant is evergreen, from 1 to 5 m high, and very flammable due to the resin and other volatile compounds of the leaves and branches



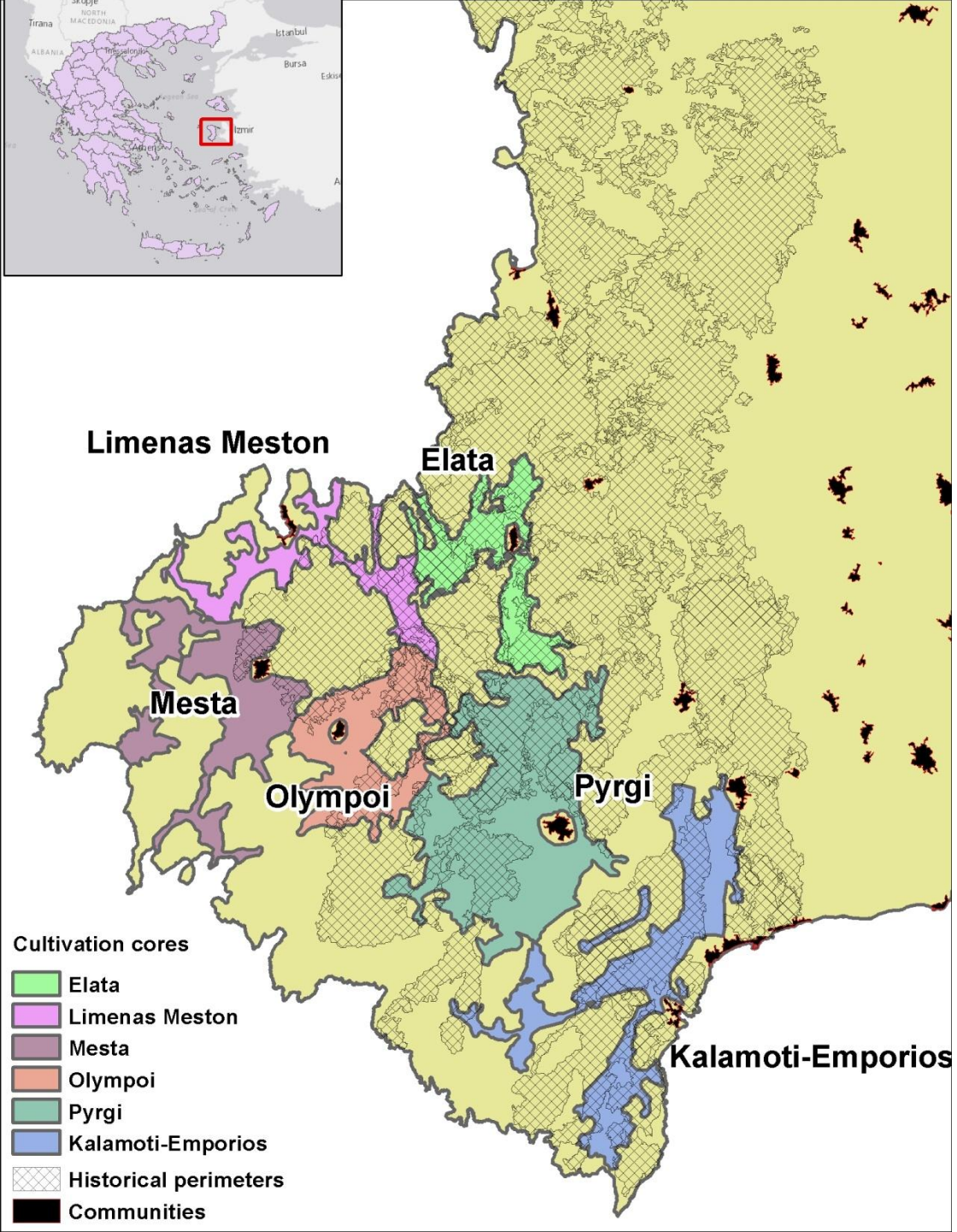
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- **Wildfire situation: large scale wildfires burned twice during the last decade important Mastiha cultivation locations. It is estimated that during the 2012 wildfire, 25% of cultivations were affected. Another fire in 2016 burned 110,000 Mastiha trees.**
- **It takes more than 7 years after replanting to be able to produce again the sap/resin that creates the Mastiha.**
- **Mastiha is a tall shrub – fire can crawl into cultivation through grasses or from neighboring vegetation (trees or shrublands).**
- **Wildfires are mostly incoming, from the northern pine-covered forests or shrublands.**



# Νήσος Χίος: Καλλιέργεια Μαστίχας

- 10 wildfires since 1985 – The largest burned 15,000 ha in 2012
- We assessed the exposure of the six main cultivation cores



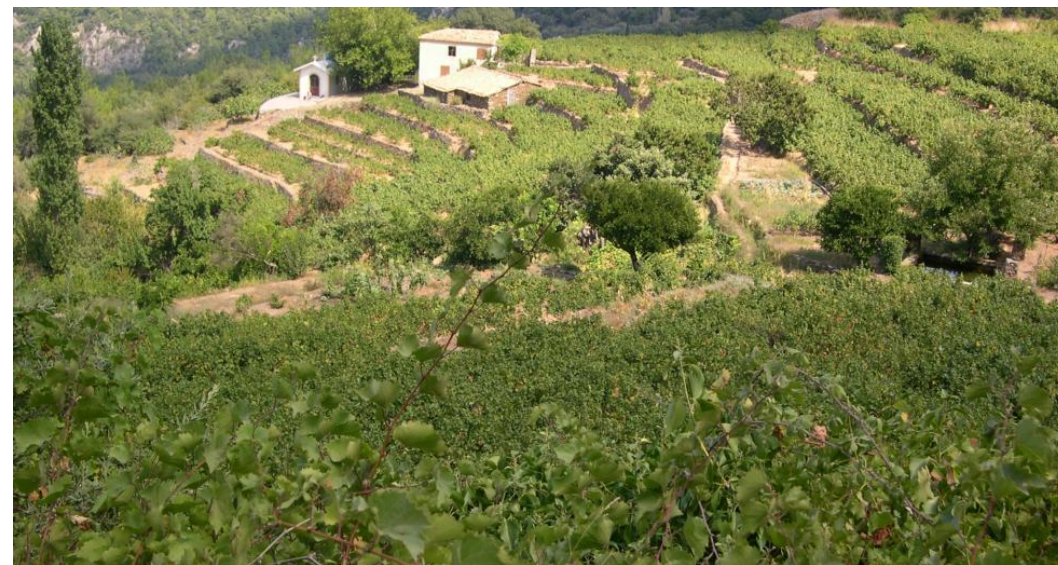
# Νήσος Σάμος: Καλλιέργεια Αμπελώνων

- **What it is:** The area of cultivated vineyards in Samos is about 1,900 hectares. More than 98% of these vineyards are White Samos Muscat, a small-berried variety that is considered the noblest clone of the large family of muscats.
- **The muscat grape is grown on “terraces”** (ancestral dry-stone terraces) built to hold and drain the precious soil, creating successive narrow stripes of land.
- **Why at risk:** Vineyards are important to the local economy and large-scale wildfires can be devastating for the industry. Vineyards are in proximity to natural vegetation.

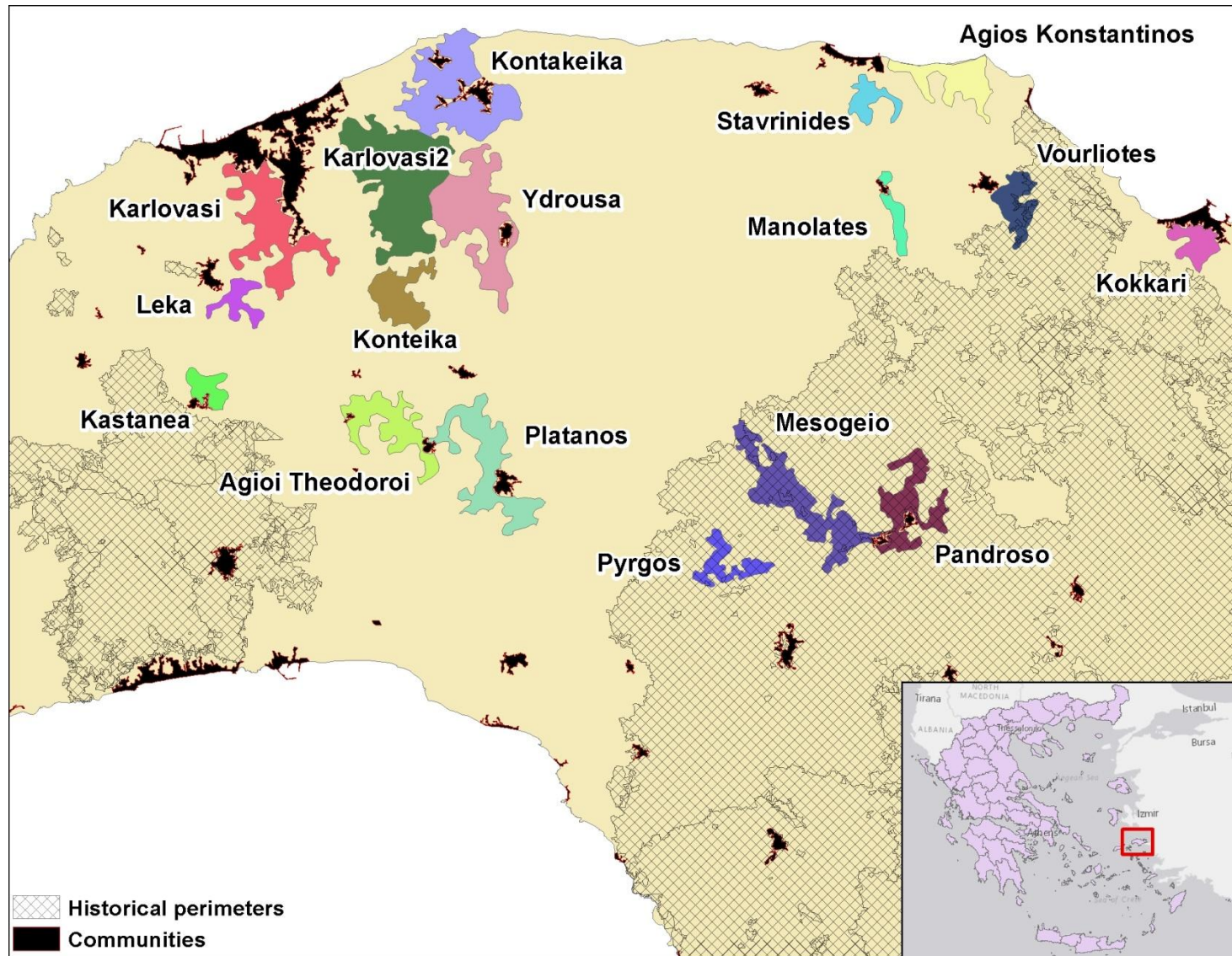


# Νήσος Σάμος: Καλλιέργεια Αμπελώνων

- **Wildfire situation: mostly small fires that are extinguished rapidly. Vegetation expansion into formerly agricultural lands can transit fires into the vineyards. Mostly in proximity to dense shrublands and grasslands, mixed with other cultivations.**
- **Frequent conifer stands at the borders of vineyards.**
- **Landscape fragmentation.**



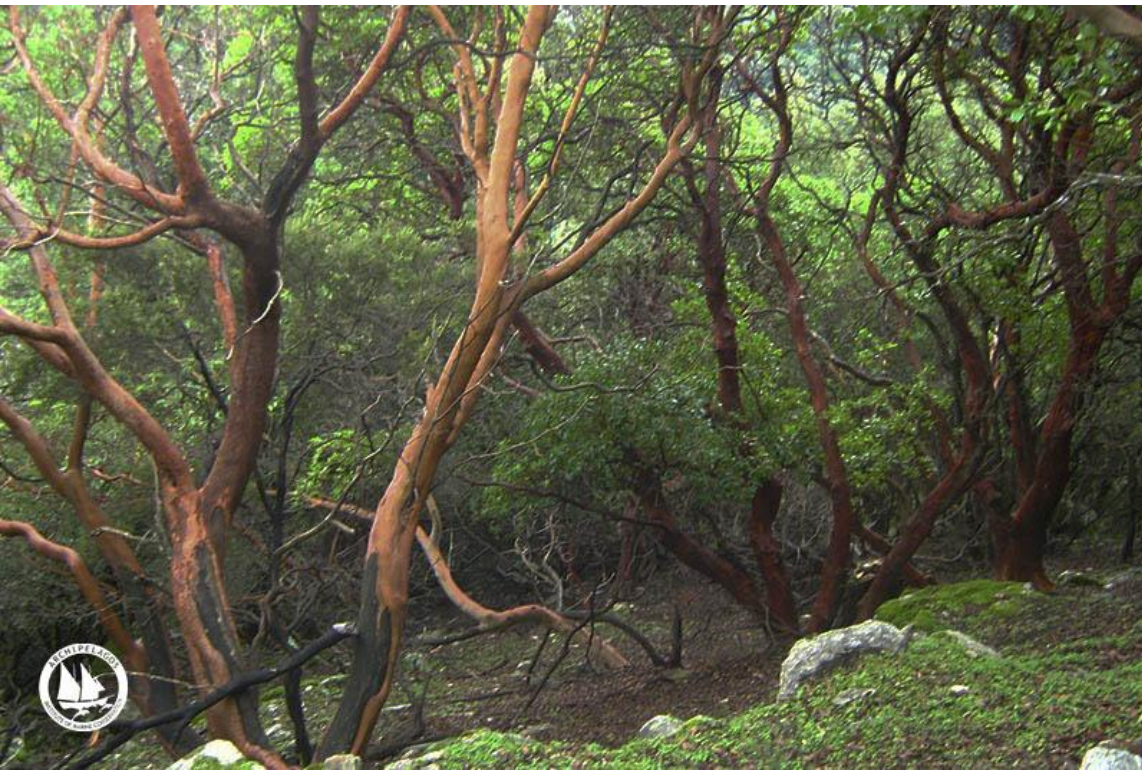
# Νήσος Σάμος: Καλλιέργεια Αμπελώνων



- 30 wildfires between 1993-2020. In 2000, 14,500 ha were burned, mostly inside conifer forests over rugged terrain.
- We assessed the exposure of the 17 core cultivated vineyard areas.
- 4 core cultivations were affected from the 2000 wildfire

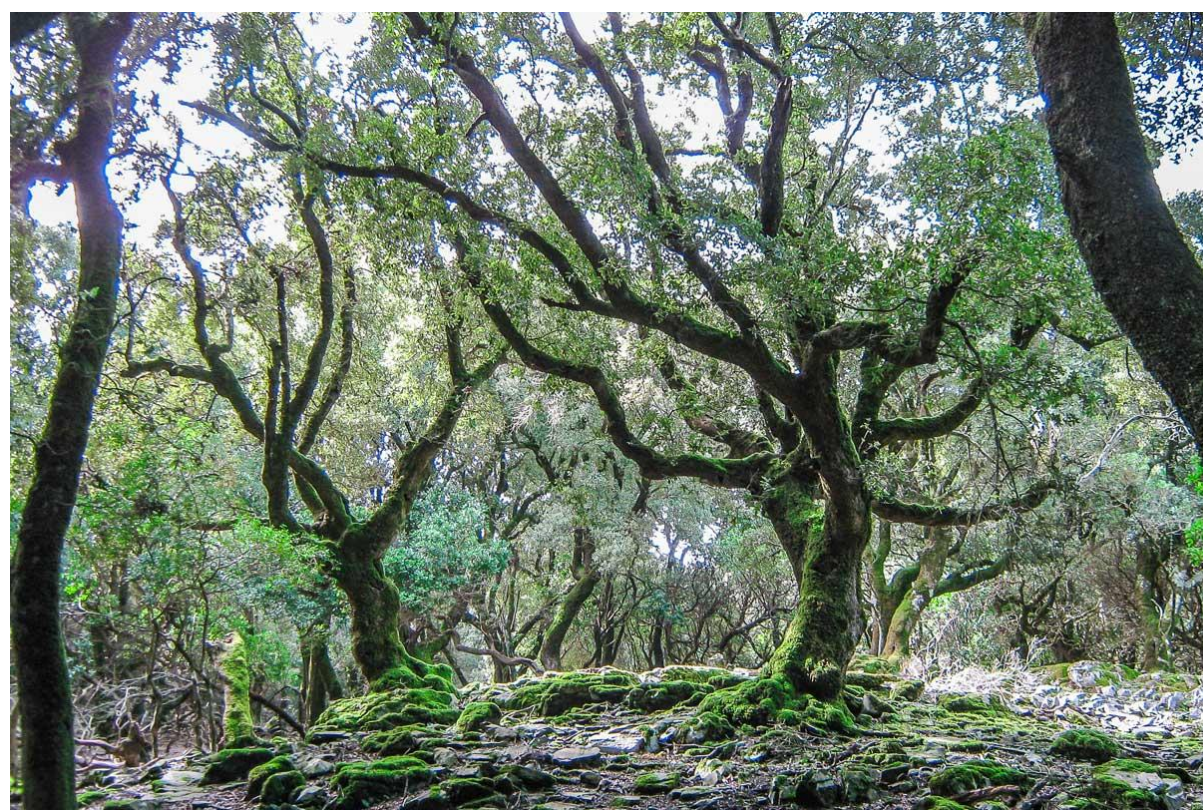
# Νήσος Ικαρία: Το Δάσος Ράντη

- **What it is:** The Ranti Forest lies at the central Ikaria Island and covers an area of approximately 1,600 ha.
- The forest has a legacy spanning over two centuries, with some of the oldest trees exceeding 300 years. A unique *Quercus ilex* (Holm oak) habitat can be found.
- The history of Ranti is intriguing with many dry-stone walls and shelters scattered throughout the landscape, preserving its ancient history.



# Νήσος Ικαρία: Το Δάσος Ράντη

- **Why at risk:** It is the largest un-fragmented area of *Quercus ilex* forest in Greece, while also being the last remaining forest, of this size and age, within the northeastern Mediterranean.
- **As *Quercus ilex*** is rarely found forming forests (mostly are in shrub form) in the Mediterranean region, and hence Ranti Forest has a great significance at an EU level (dense and dark stands, 12-15 m height).

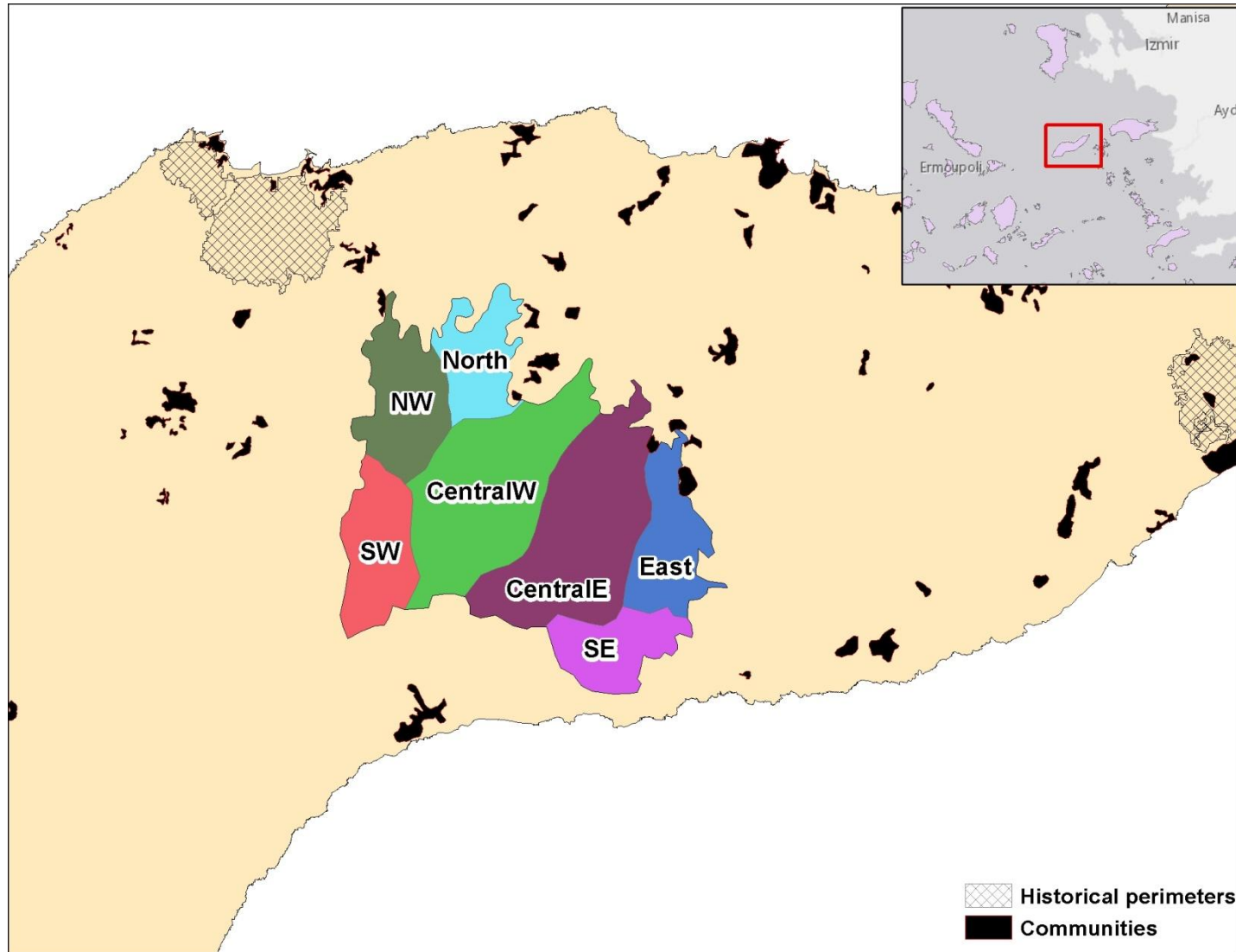


# Νήσος Ικαρία: Το Δάσος Ράντη

- **Wildfire situation:** recorded historical fires are small and rapidly extinguished.
- These fires cleared the understory and allowed *Quercus ilex* to growth tall enough to form forested stands.
- The understory is mostly comprised of dead leaves and grass.
- In areas, shrubs and small trees can be found.
- Grazing is keeping fuel loads in certain parts of the forest, although it increases erosion.
- The ruggedness of the terrain makes the approach to fight future fires difficult and firefighting is heavily relying on aerial means.



# Νήσος Ικαρία: Το Δάσος Ράντη



- **11 wildfires since 1991 – The largest burned 1,150 ha in 1993 and killed 13 people.**
- **We divided the forest into 7 sectors based on sub-watershed boundaries.**

# Νήσος Ρόδος: Περιοχές Φυσικού Κάλλους

What it is:

- **Butterfly Valley:** Apart from its aesthetic value, it is also the site of the only natural forest of *Liquidambar orientalis* or in Greek “Zitia” (Oriental Sweetgum trees) in Europe, and a resting point for the *Panaxia Quadripunctaria* (Jersey tiger), a nocturnal moth.
- **Why at risk:** the number of butterflies is increasingly reduced due to the impact of tourism on their natural environment. The only reproductive habitat of the species on the island.



# Νήσος Ρόδος: Περιοχές Φυσικού Κάλλους

What it is:

- **Monolithos:** This castle was built in 1480 by the Knights of Saint John to protect the island from attacks.
- **Why at risk:** this monument is of very high aesthetic and tourism value, surrounded by dense *Pinus brutia* forests. The lack of fuel management and the steep terrain can create wildfires that will change totally the natural environment of the site.



# Νήσος Ρόδος: Περιοχές Φυσικού Κάλλους

What it is:

- **Profitis Elias:** Surrounded by a scenic Cypress forest, this hill hosts one of the most unique hotels (Elaphos) of Greece. It was intended as a retirement home for Benito Mussolini. In the vicinity, the Eleousa was built by the Italians (Campochiaro was its original name) and loggers from northern Italy settled there. Their goal was not only the utilization of timber, but also the care of the forest for tourist reasons.
- **Why at risk:** Profitis Ilias is covered with forests of pines (*Pinus brutia*) and dense cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*) and maquis shrubland. It is a place of unique beauty.



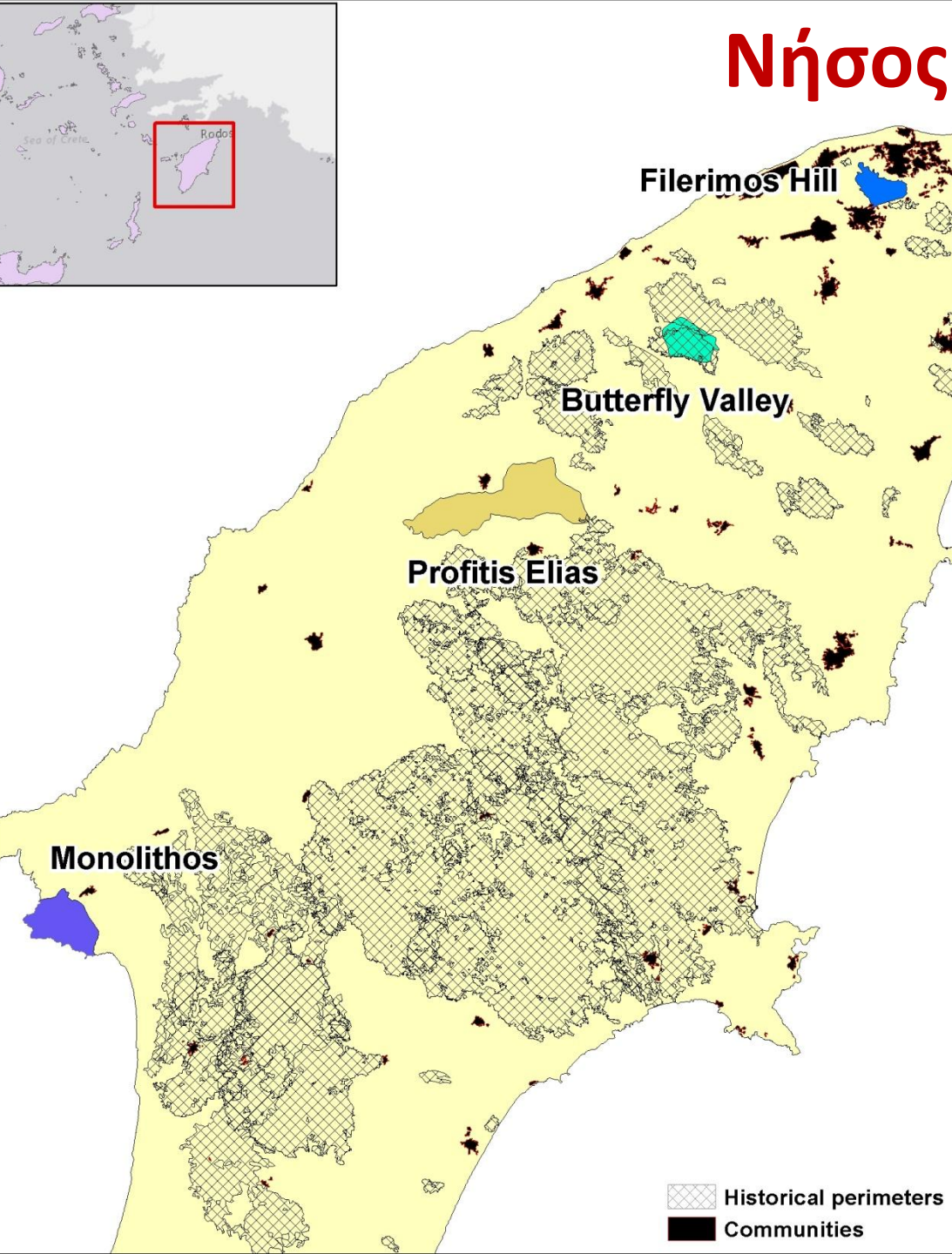
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What it is:

- **Filerimos Hill: Outside the capital Rhodes (15 km), a hill of 267 m altitude, is a thickly wooded area covered with cypresses, pines and shrubs. A Christian Orthodox relic with a temple.**
- **Why at risk: crowded with tourists during the summer, the risk of new ignitions inside this densely wooded area is high. Also, the lack of management increases the probability of large incoming fires.**



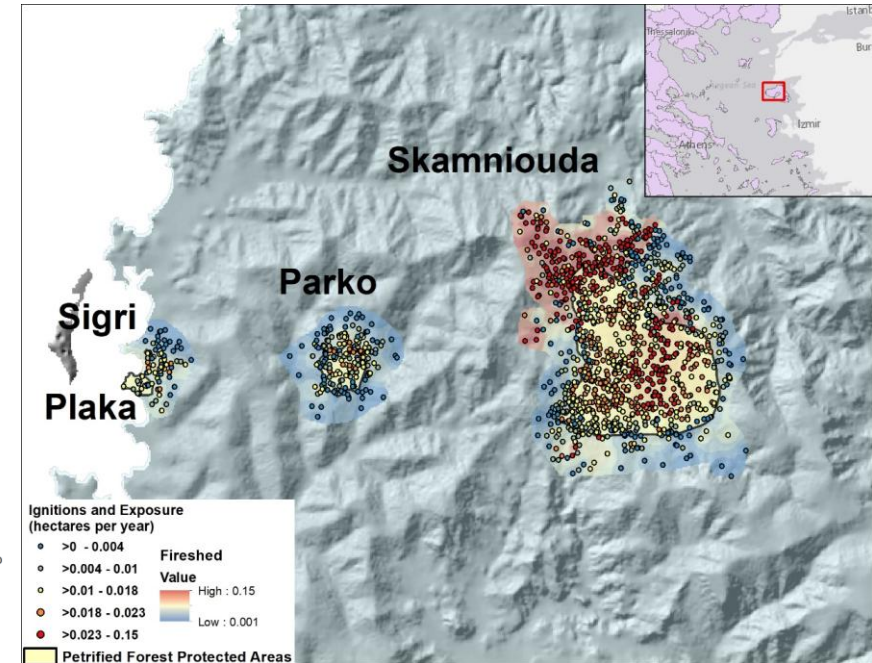
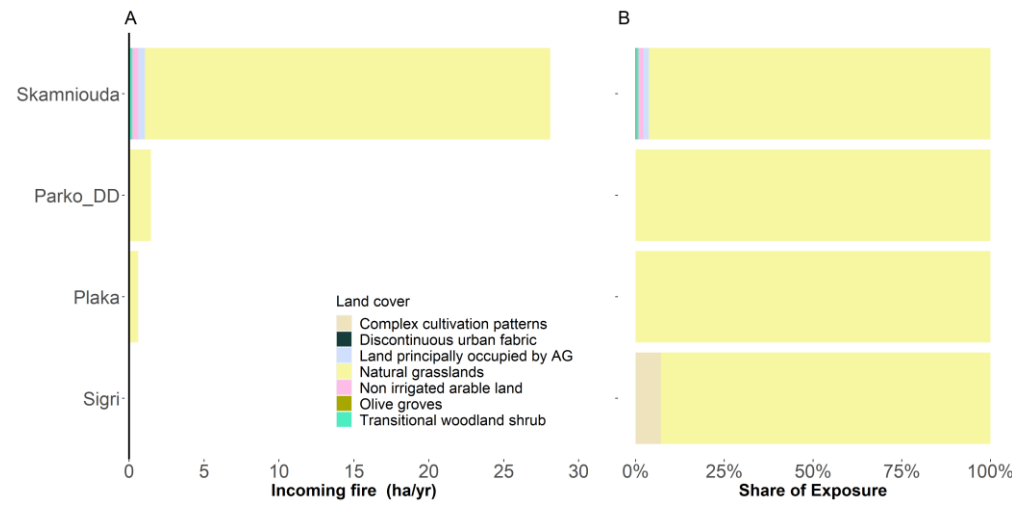
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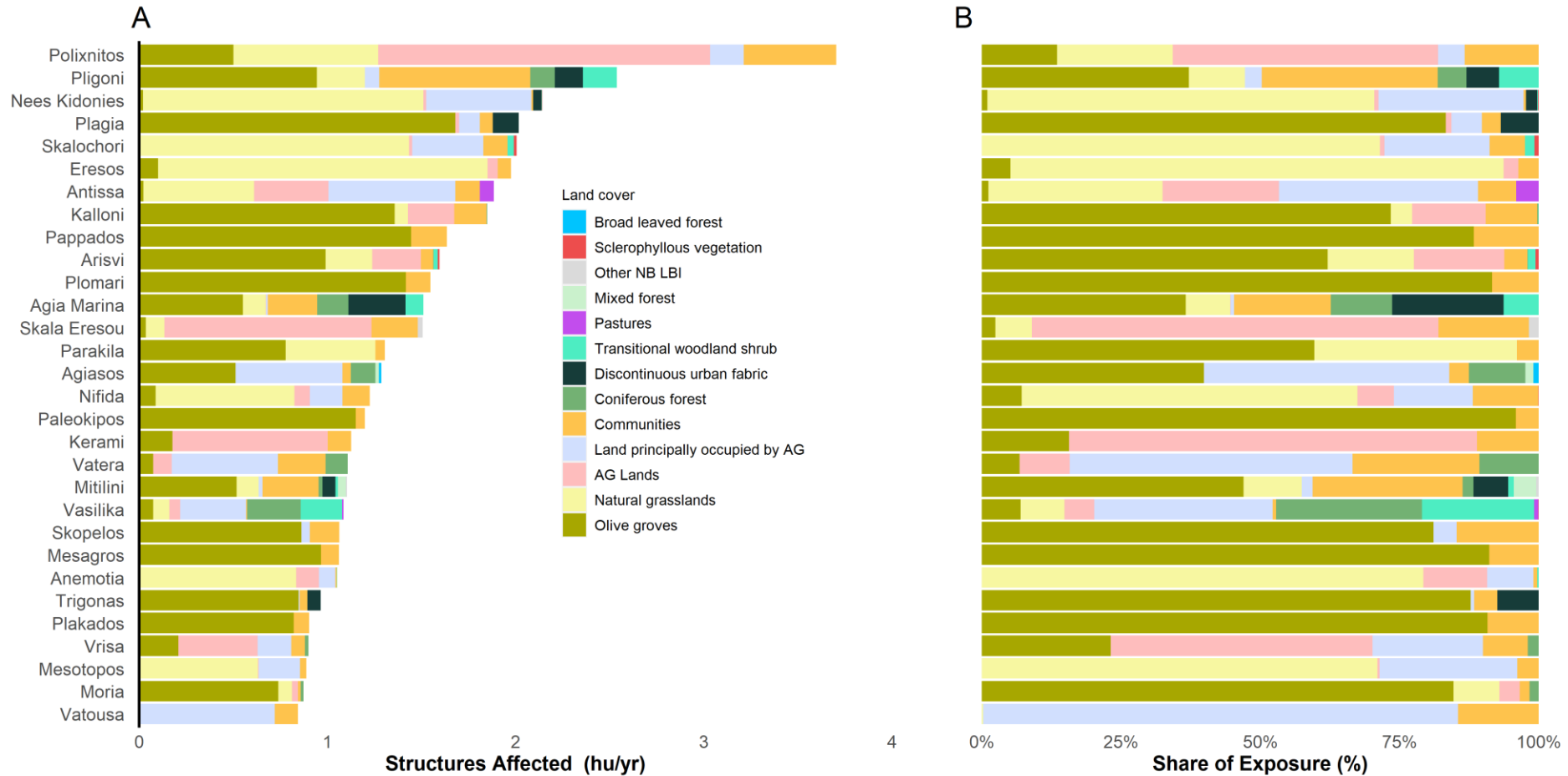
- >65 wildfires between 1984-2021.
- Two wildfires grew >12,000 ha
- We assessed the exposure of the 4 scenic forested areas
- Butterfly valley has been affected twice by past fire events: the 1988 event burned ~300 ha, mostly in the valley, and the 2021 event burned at the north of the previous perimeters (only partially affecting the valley)
- Monolithos, Profitis Elias and Filerimos have not been affected by wildfires during the past 4 decades

# Λέσβος: Το Απολιθωμένο Δάσος

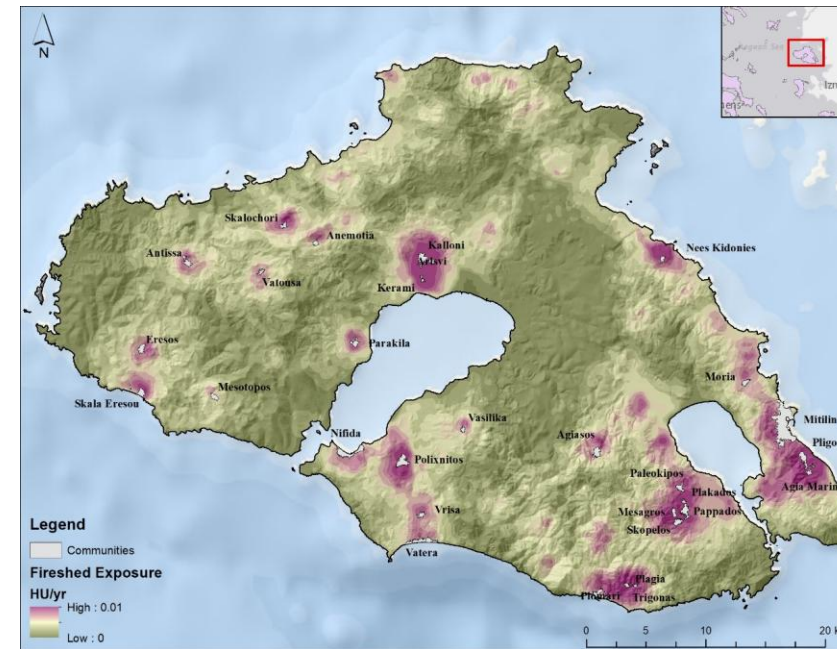
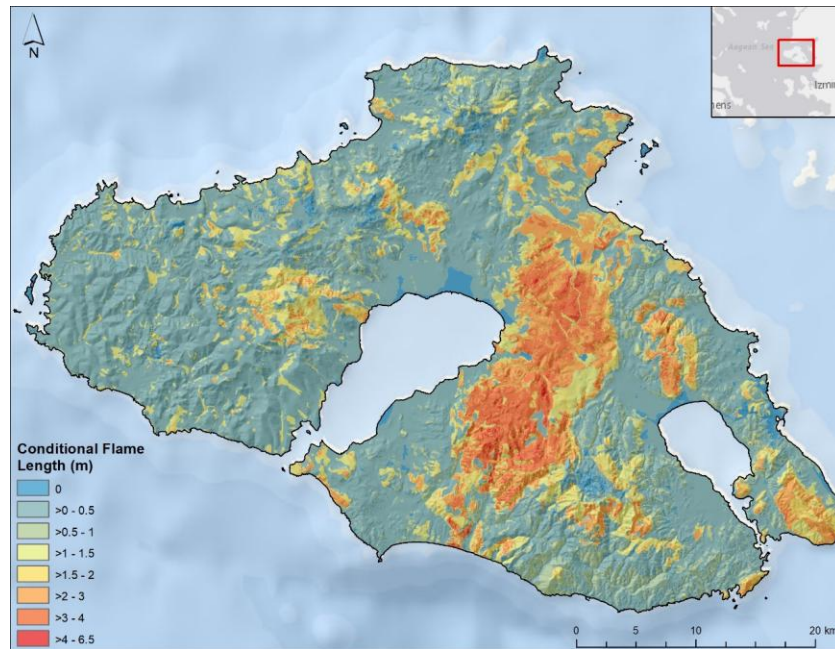
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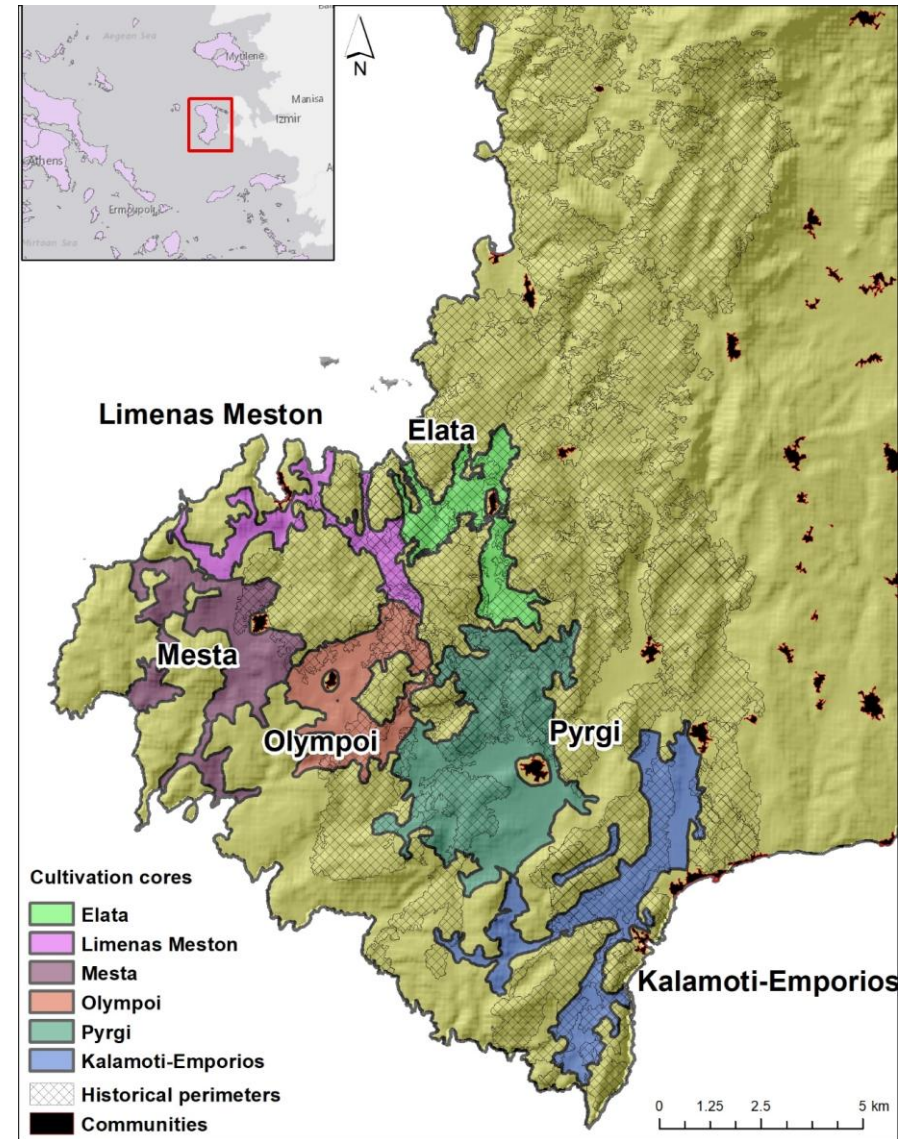
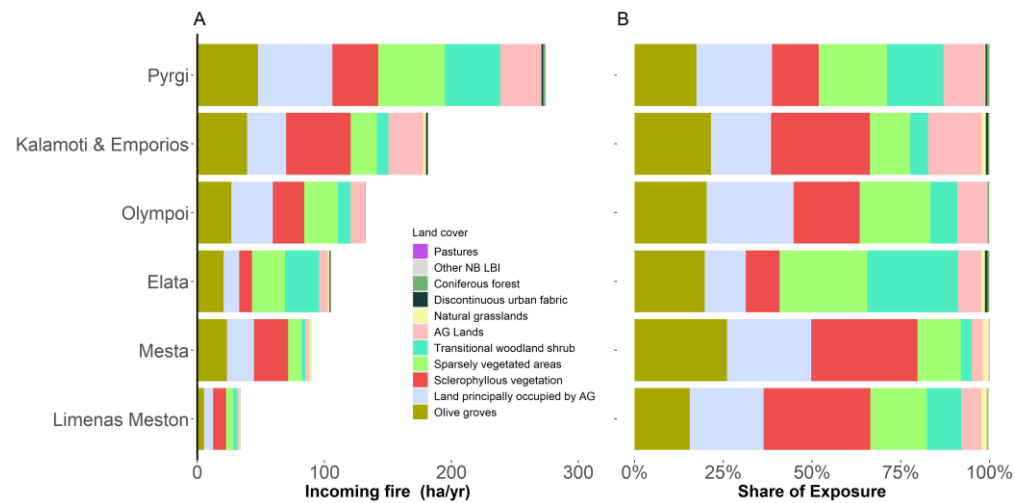


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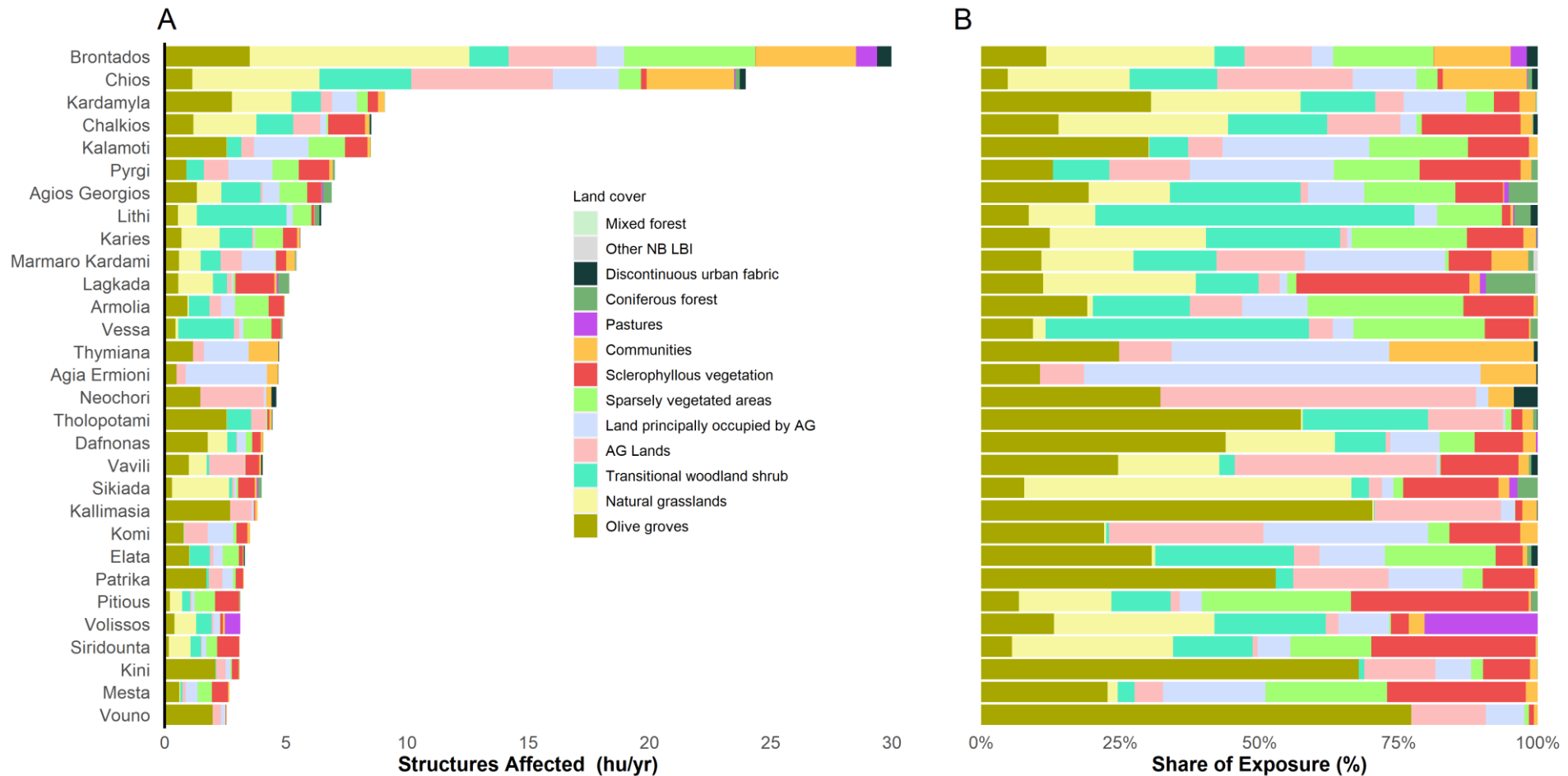


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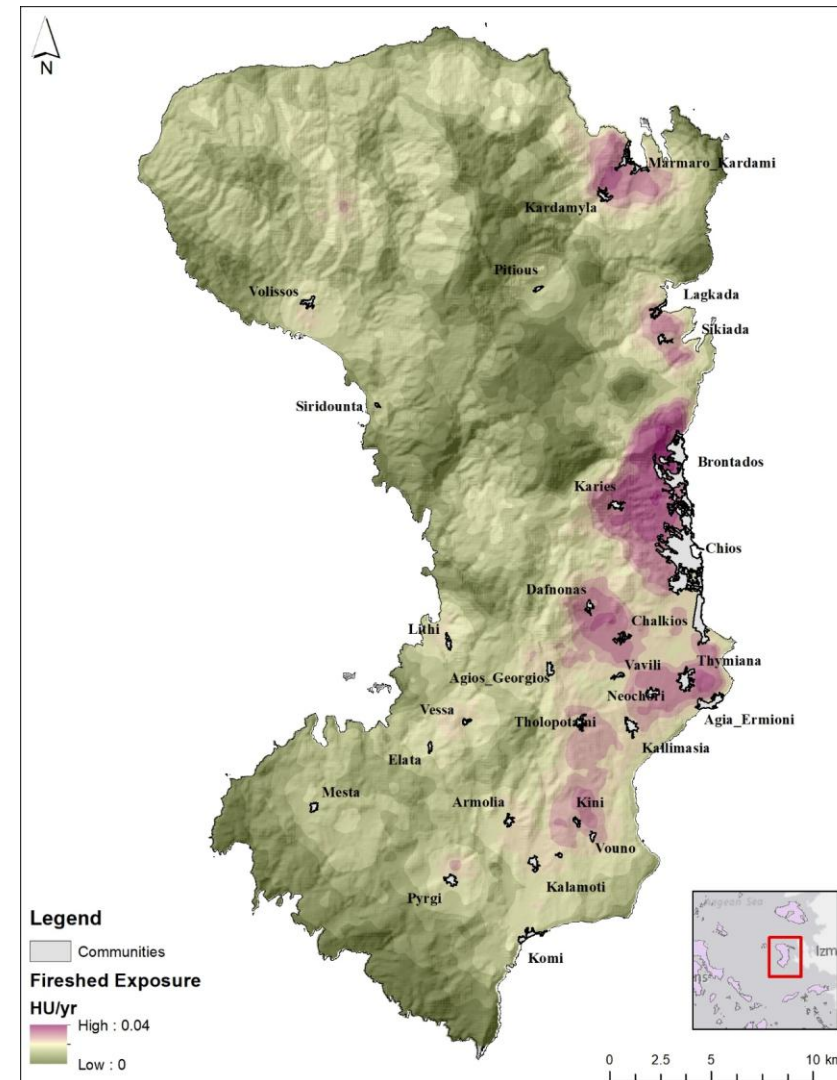
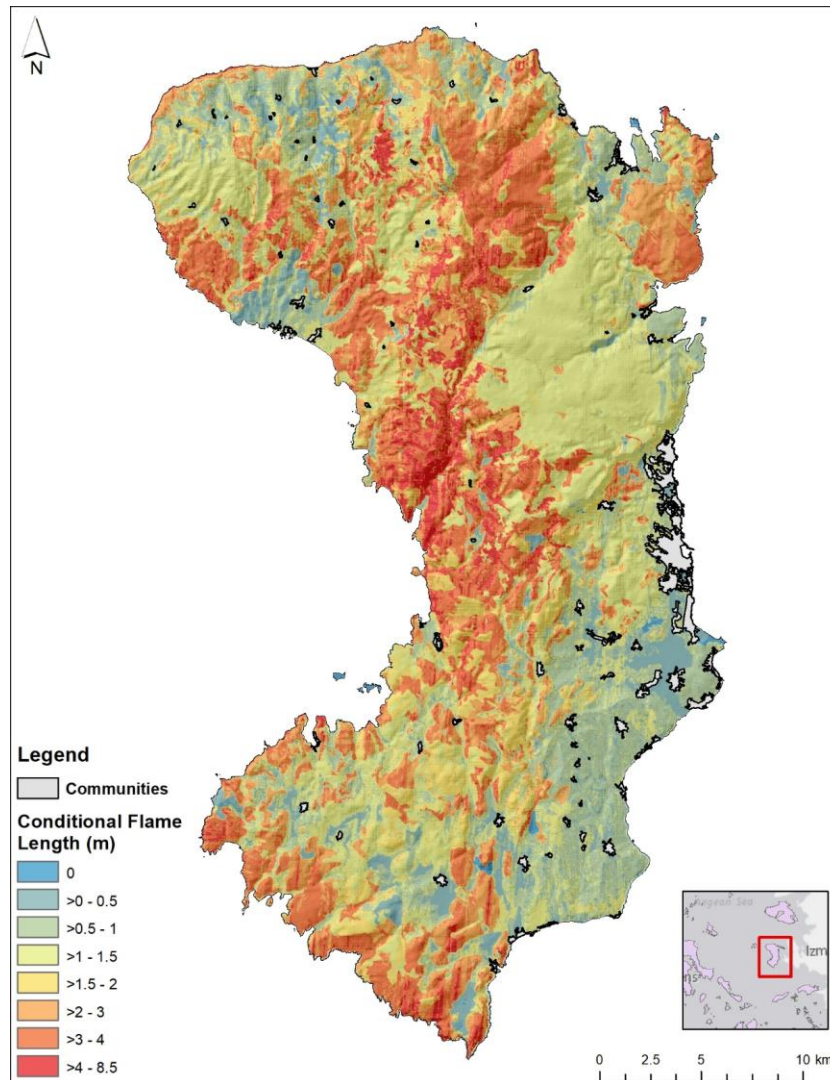
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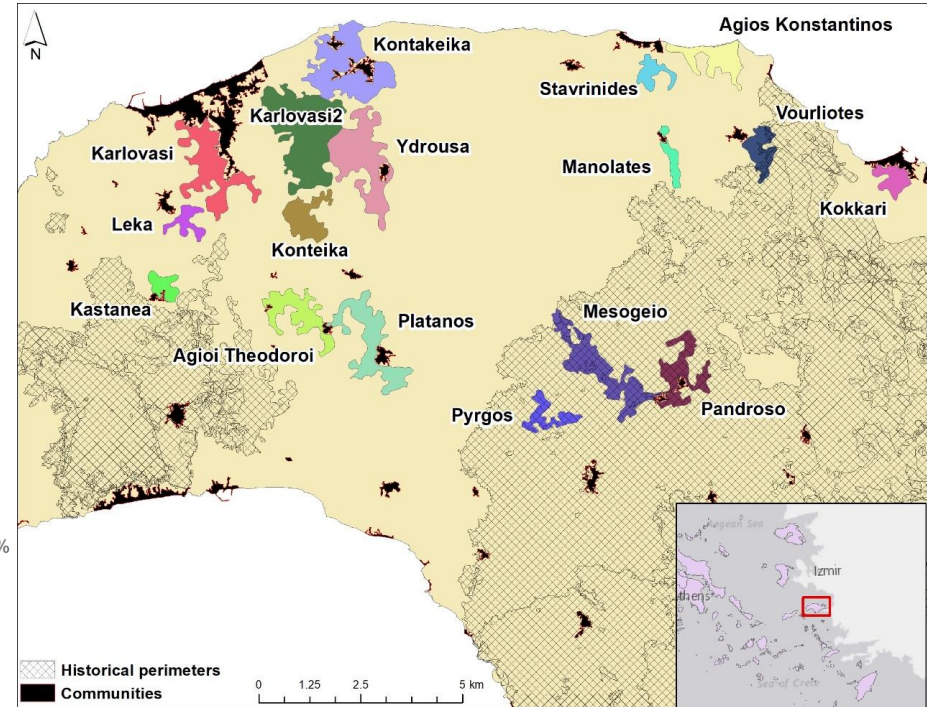
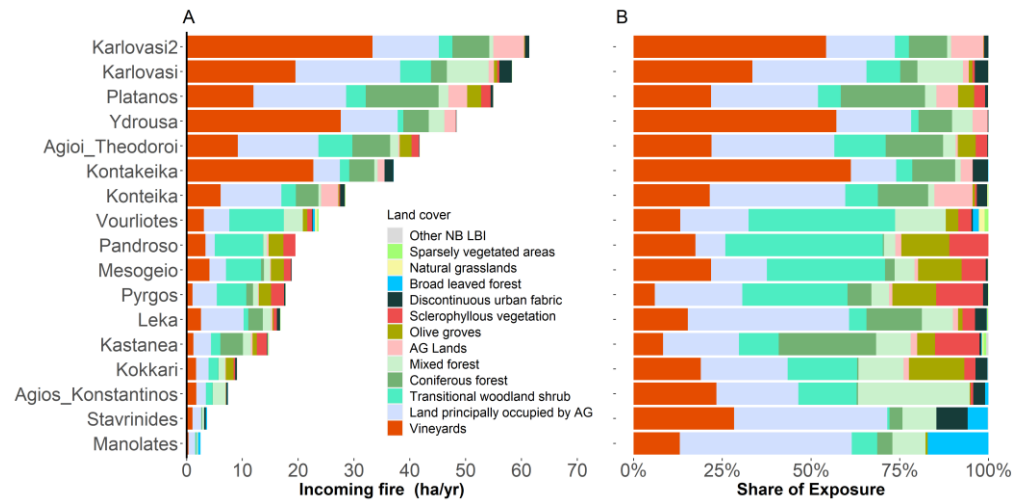


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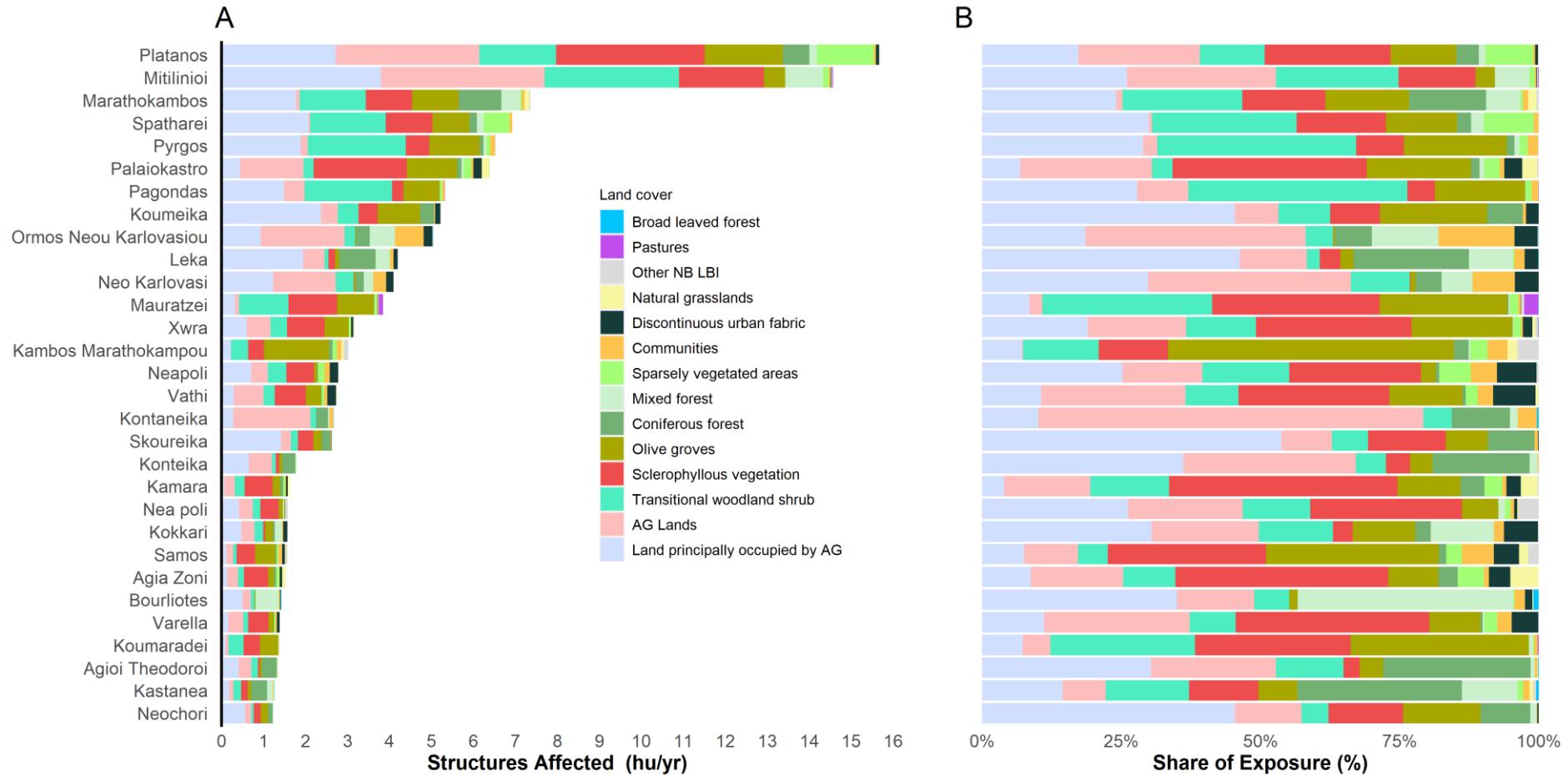


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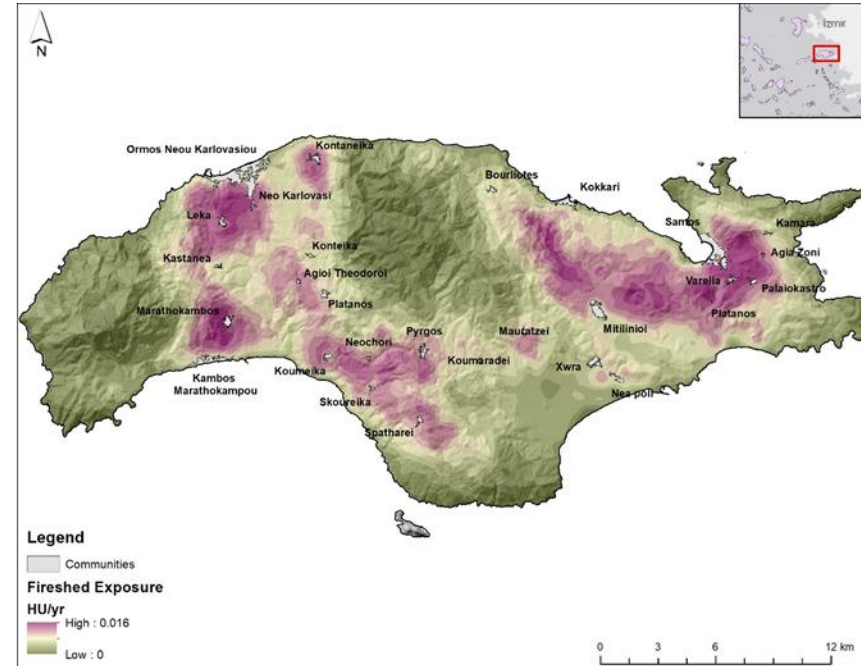
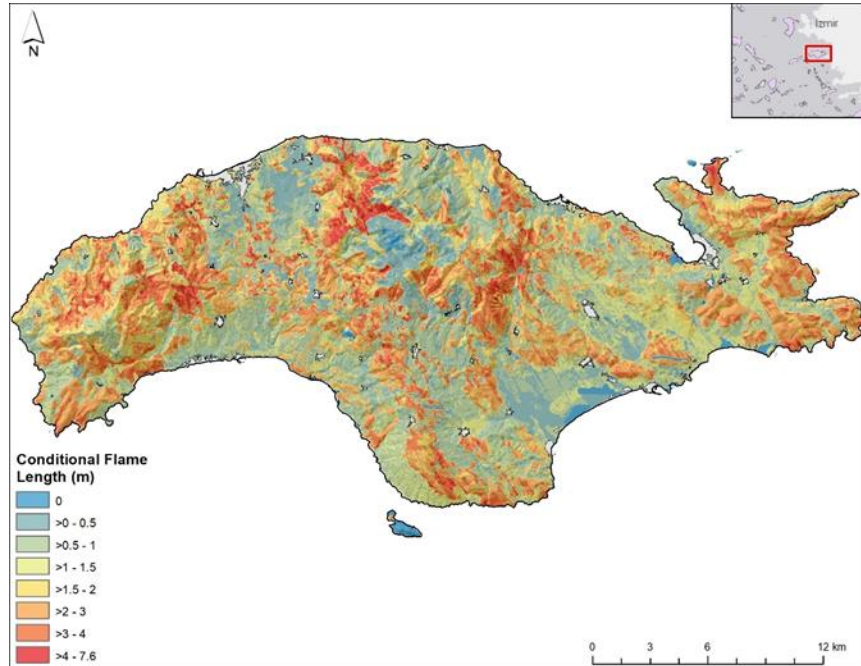
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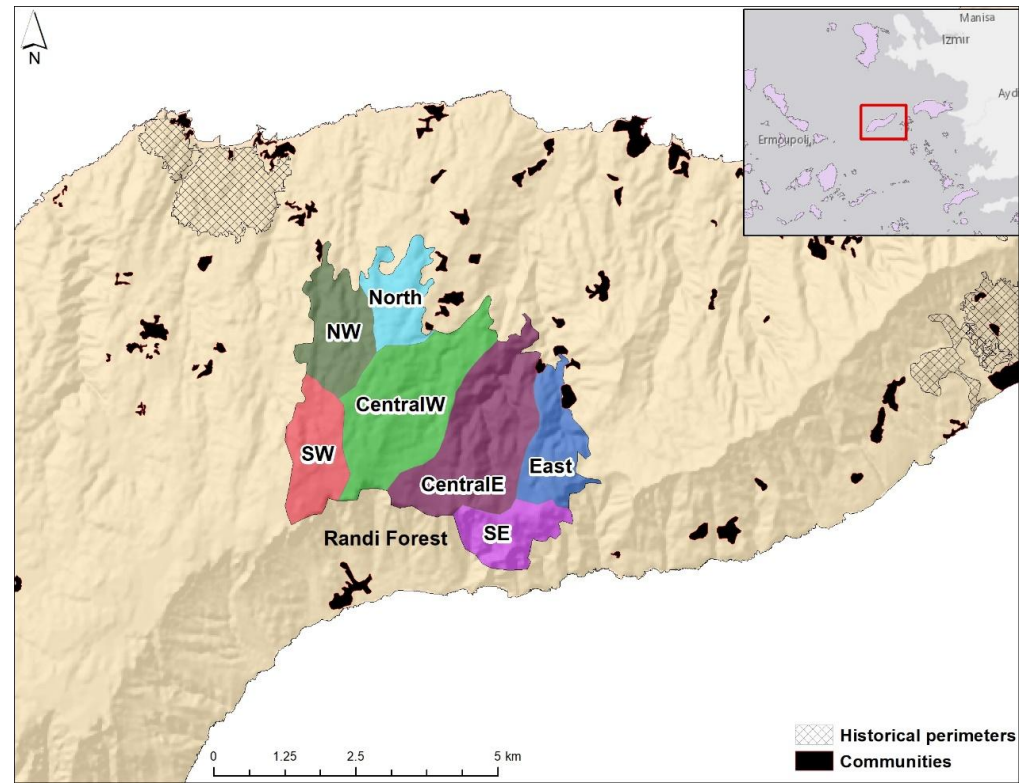
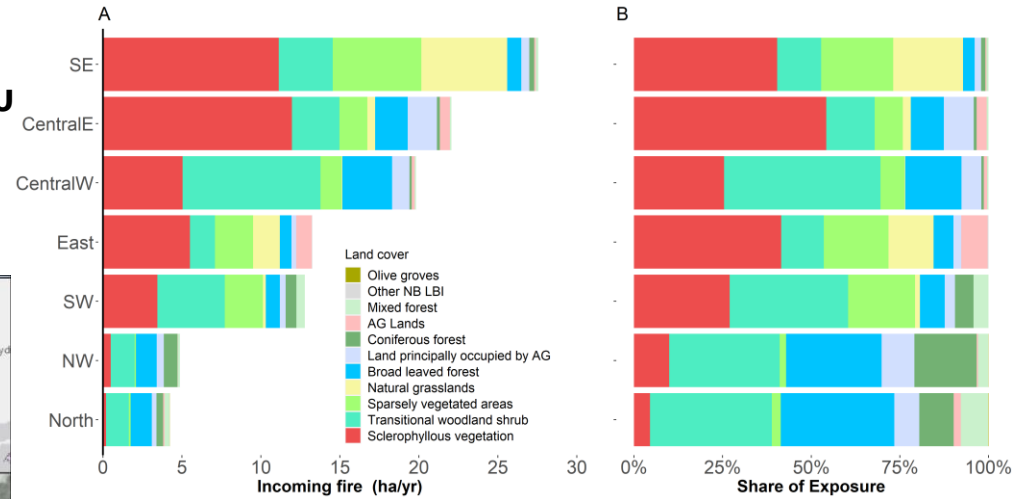
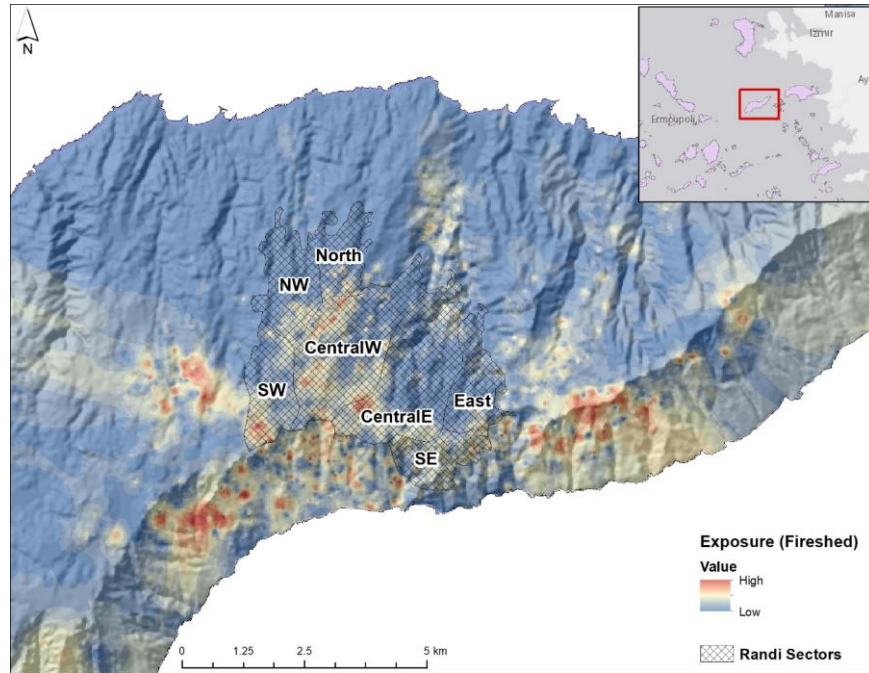


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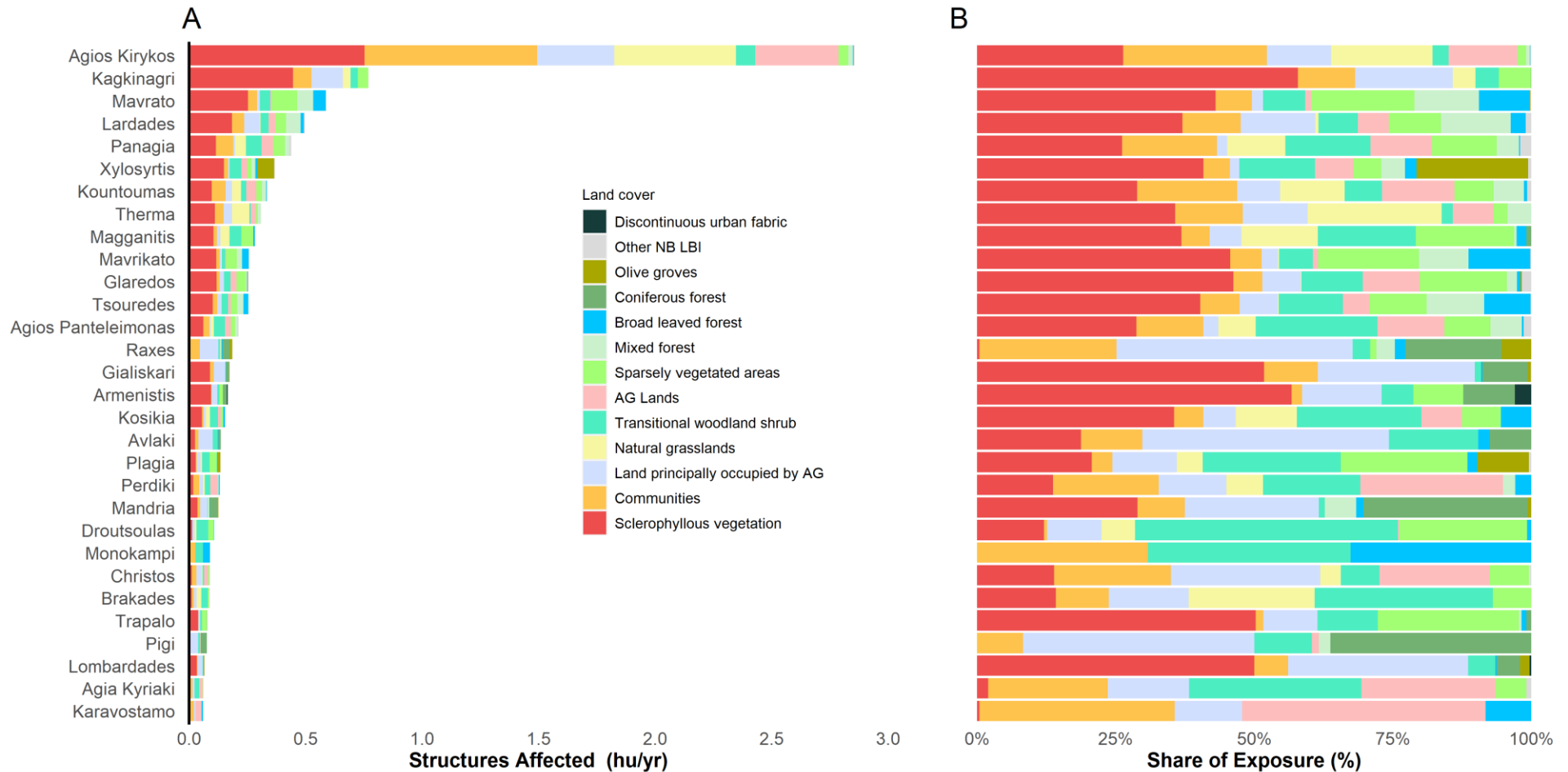


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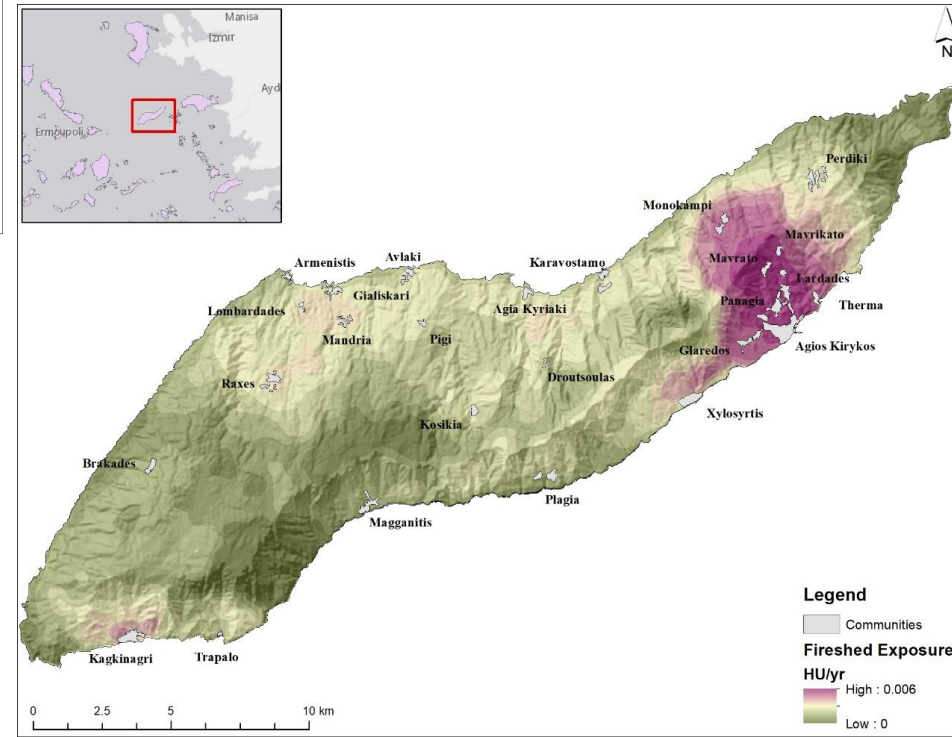
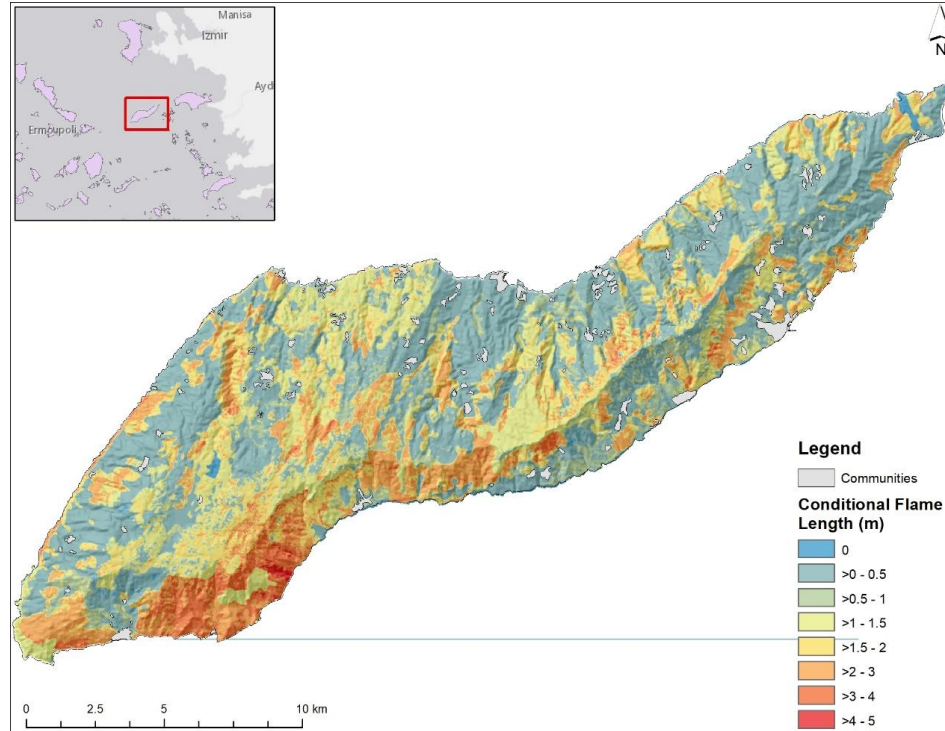
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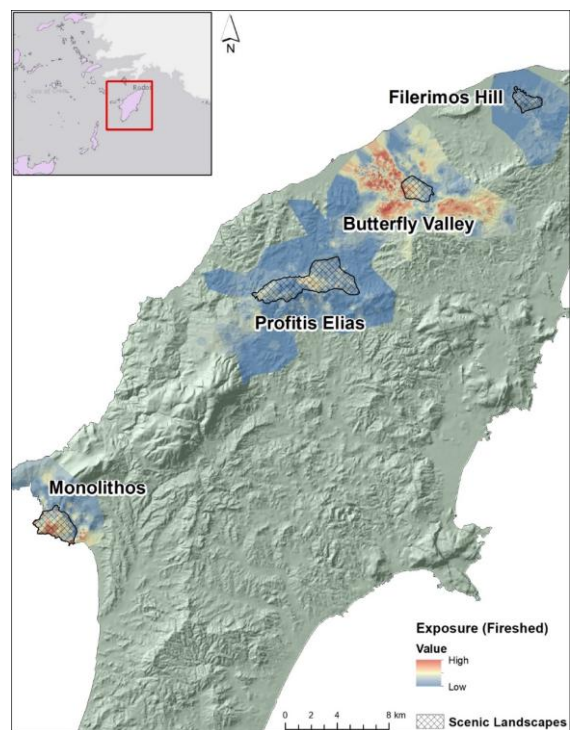
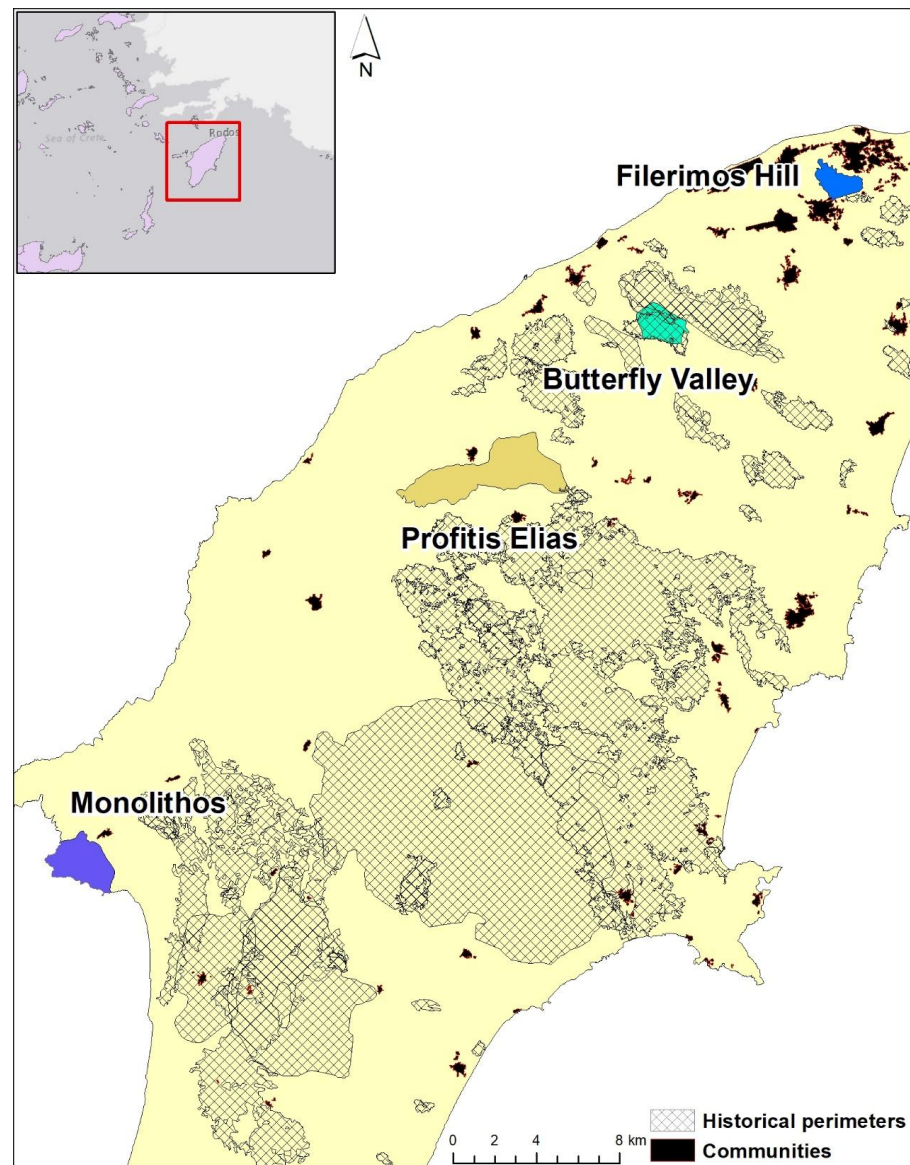
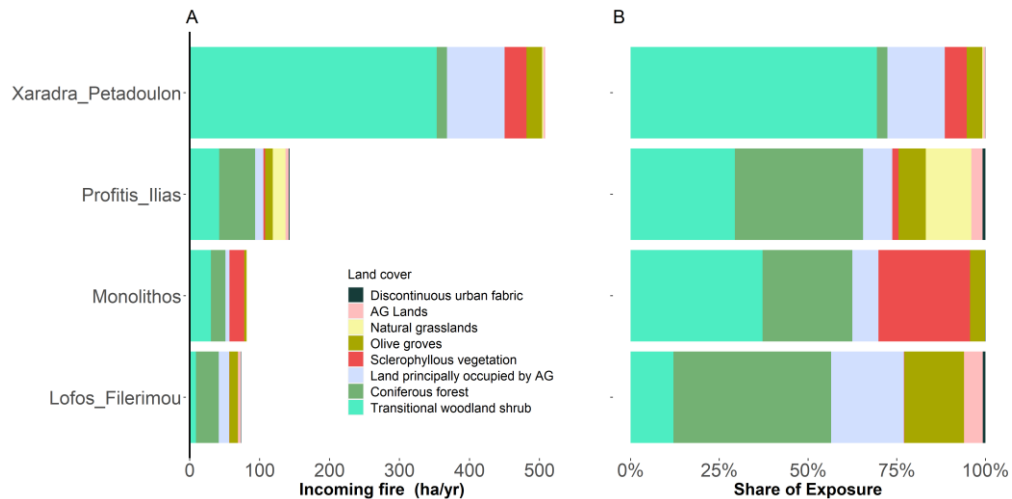


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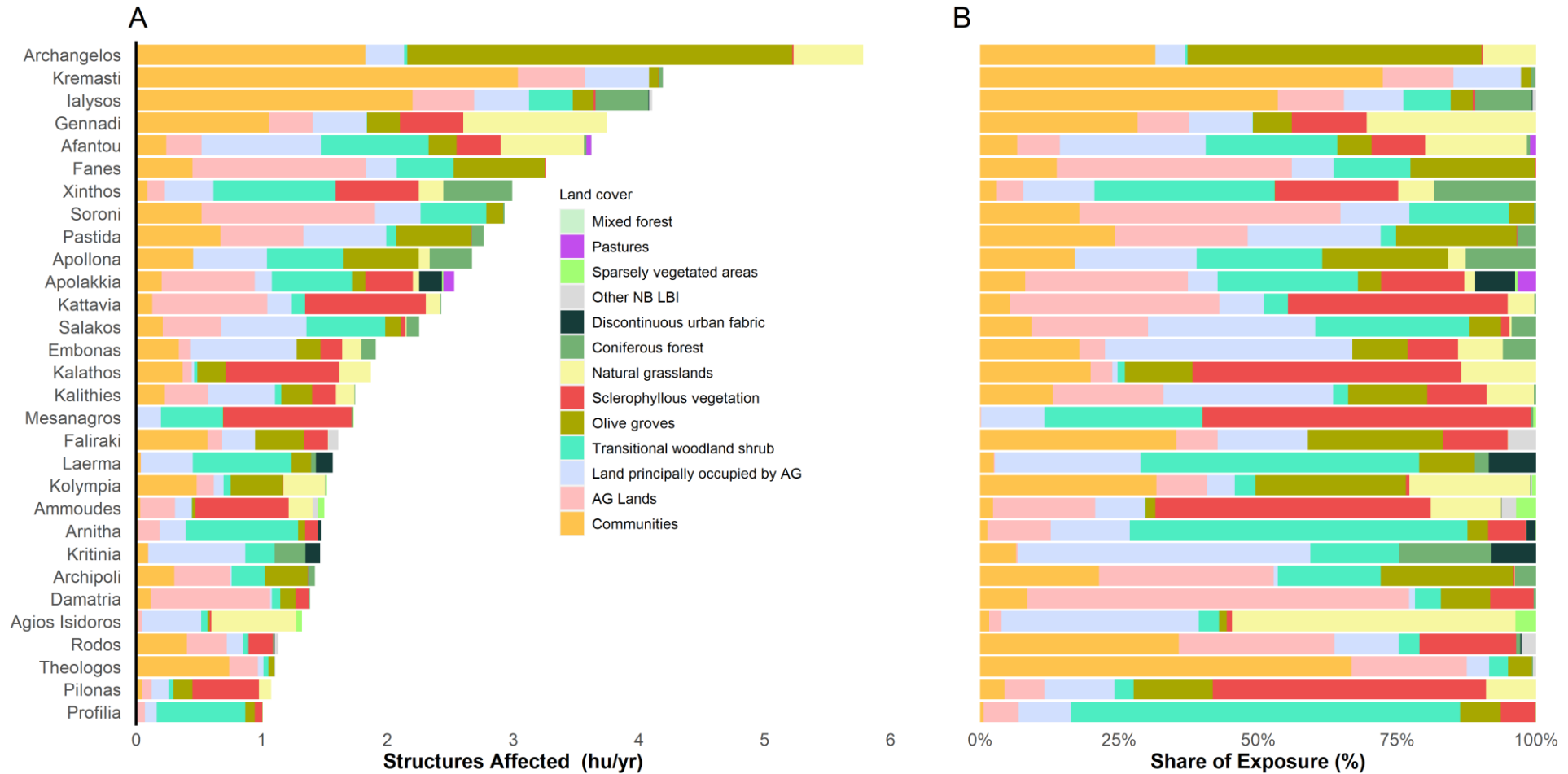


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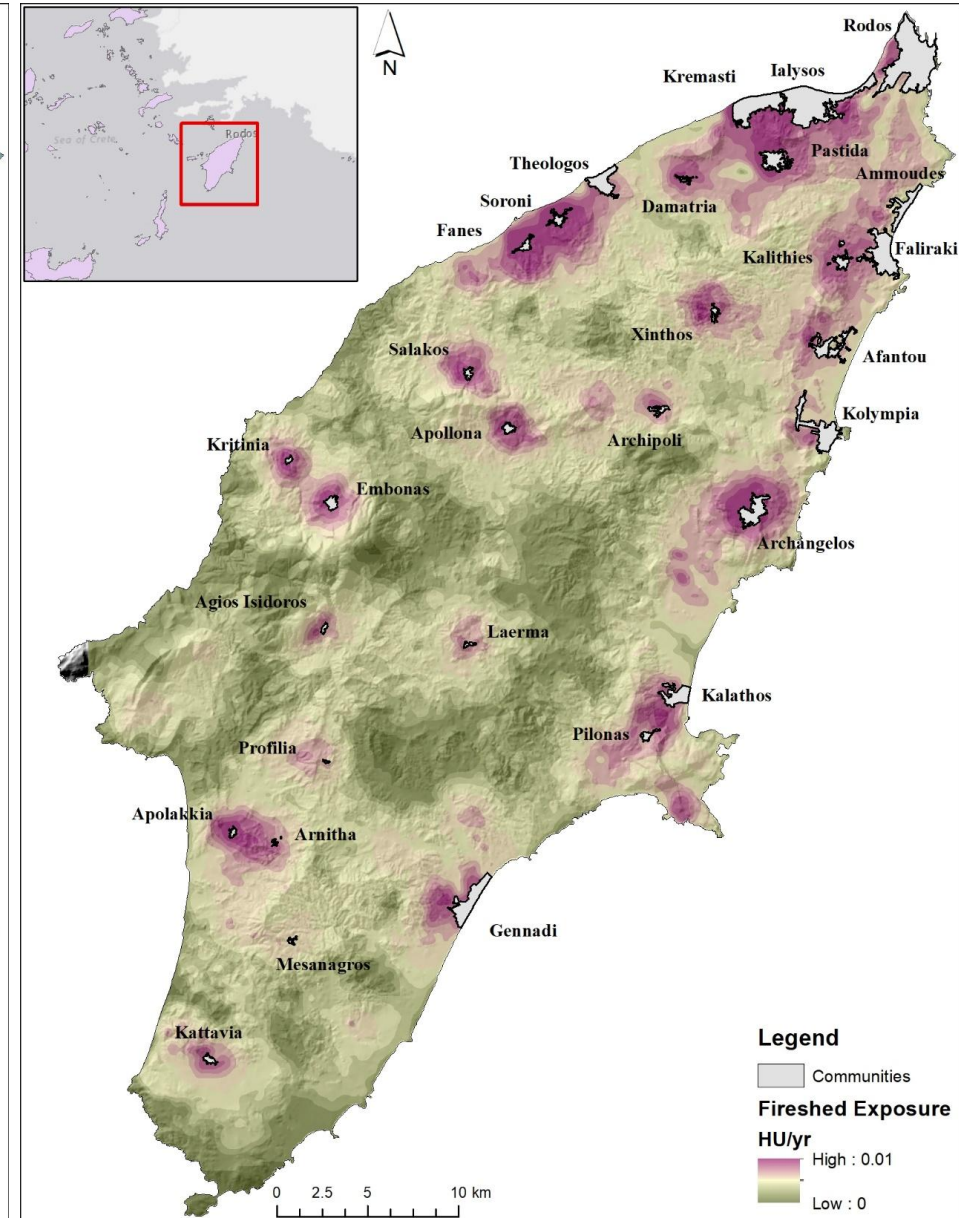
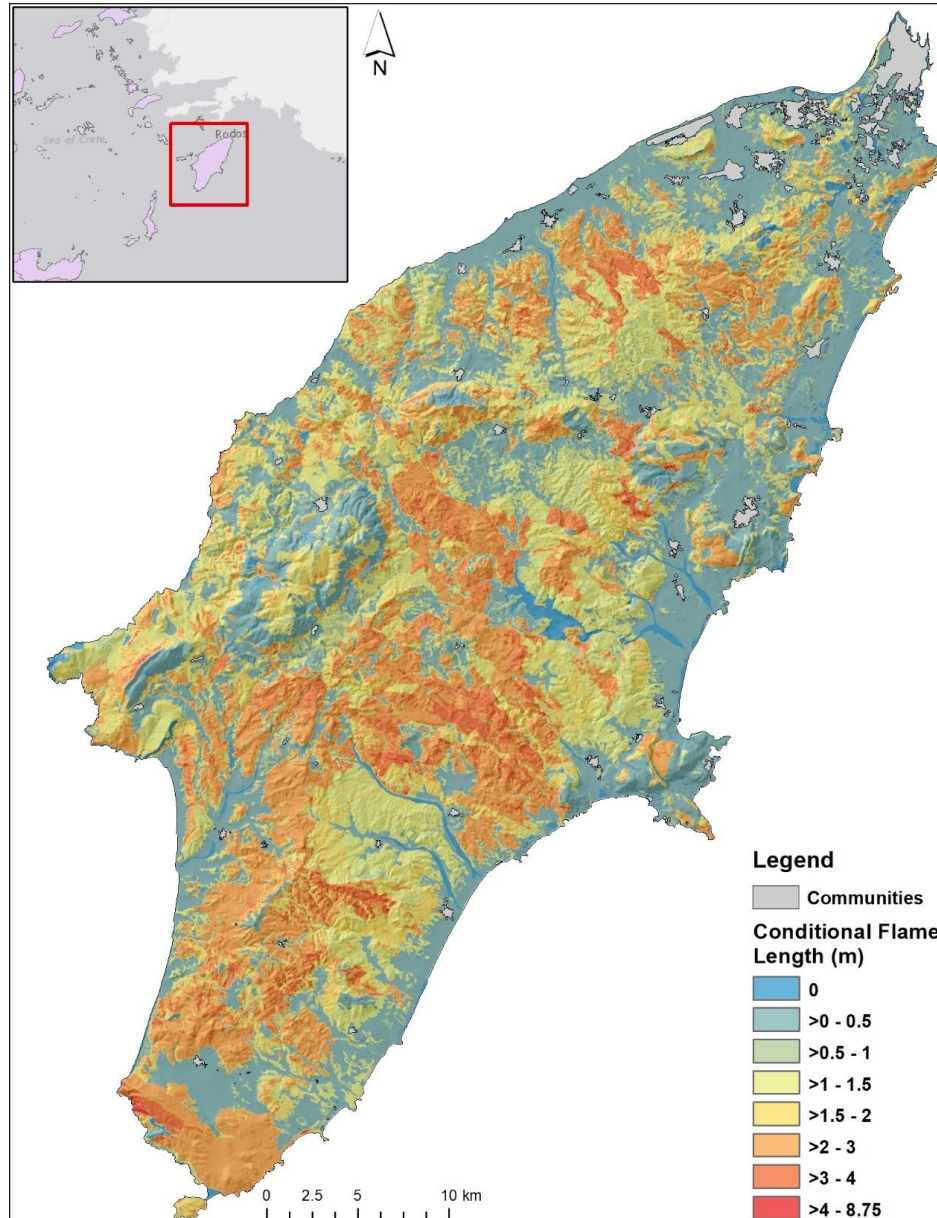
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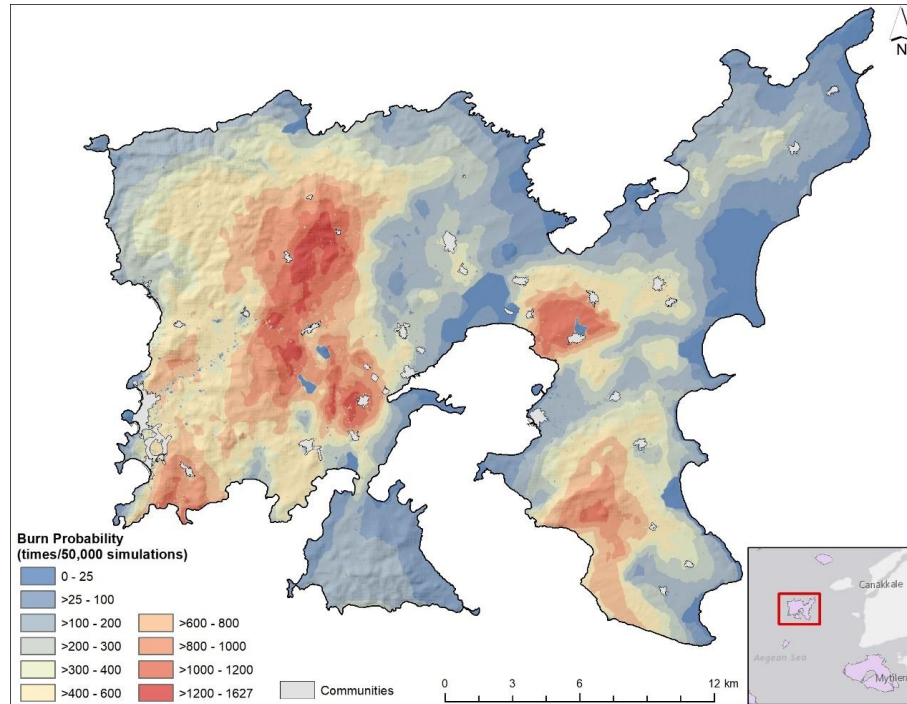
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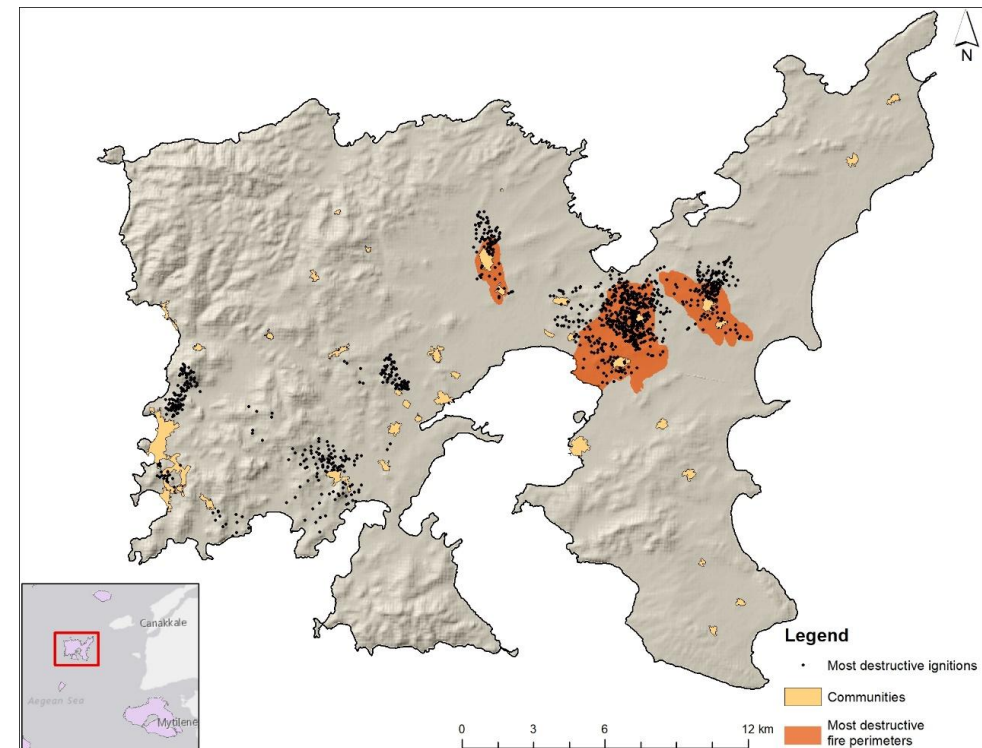


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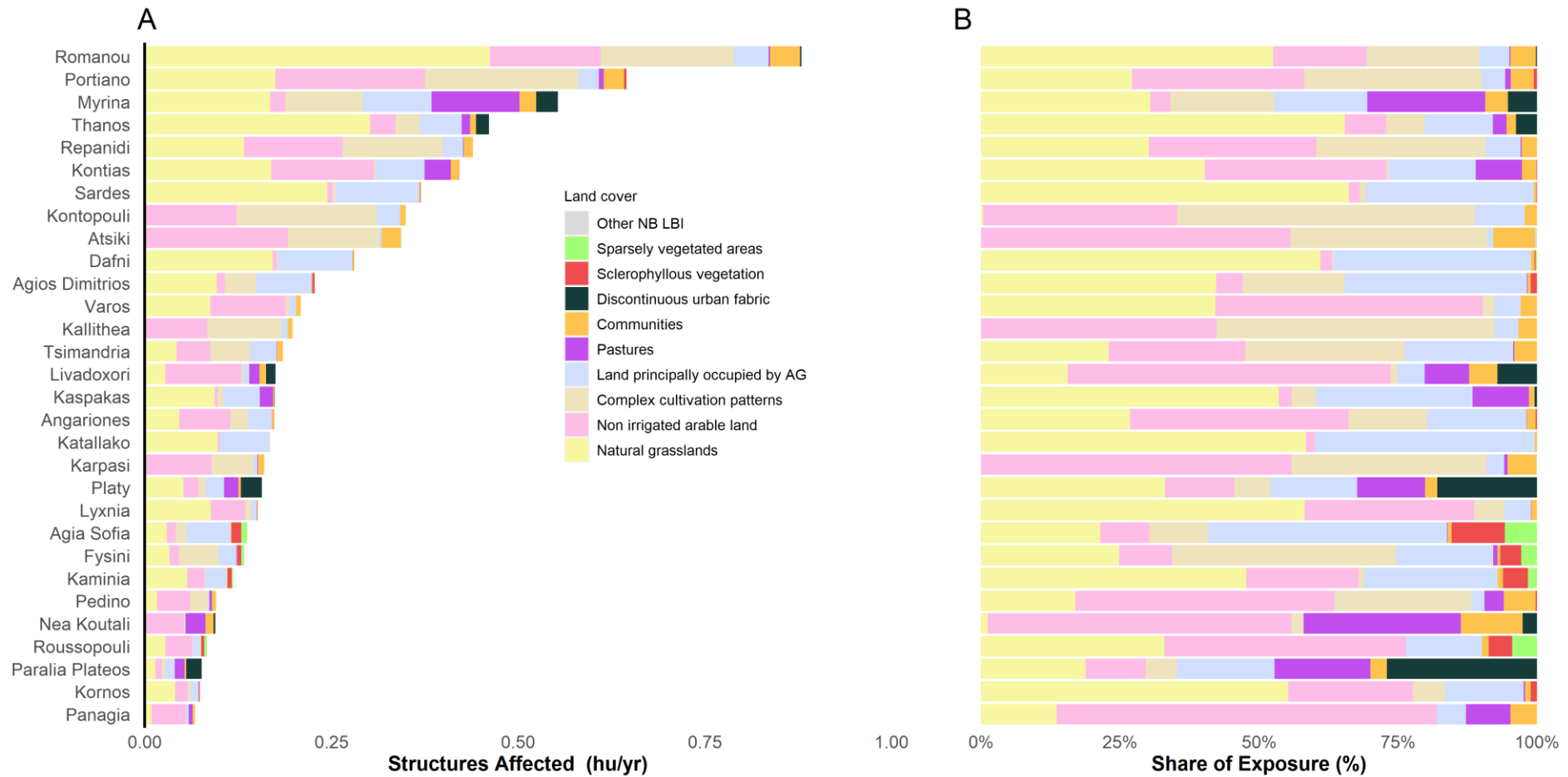


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