



Protection measures for the sea turtle nesting beaches

1. The general public is permitted on the sea turtle nesting beaches of the N.M.P.Z. **from 07:00 am to sunset.**
2. Please **keep the beaches clean** both for yourselves and the sea turtles, and remove your rubbish and cigarette butts when you leave the beach.
3. Limit all activity to a narrow strip of beach **near the water** (approximately 5 metres from the sea). Higher up the beach nests are likely to be present.
4. Any nests close to a human activity zone are **marked by a cage** for their protection; keep away from these nests, as you may disturb the incubation and hatching process.
5. **Stay close to the sea** (1-2 metres) when making sand sculptures or playing in the sand (building sand-castles, beach sports, etc.). Before you leave, please flatten these creations, as they could be an obstacle to sea turtle hatchlings when crawling to the sea.
6. If you happen to be present as hatchlings emerge from a nest, **do not touch them**, as you could negatively impact their survival. Immediately inform a Park Ranger and follow any directions you receive.
7. Cars, motorbikes, bicycles, horses and dogs are **not allowed on nesting beaches** as they may present a hazard.
8. **Do not remove natural materials** (sand, shells or pebbles) from the nesting beaches. Similarly, do not remove sea urchins, starfish and other marine species from the sea. The beauty and the natural wealth of the area depend on your assistance.
9. Do not use umbrellas on the nesting beaches of Gerakas, Dafni and Marathonisi – (except for permanent furniture that has been officially endorsed by the N.M.P.Z).
10. The ‘Glines’ (clay pinnacles) on Gerakas beach constitute **a unique geological monument** of the area. Do not remove or use the clay.
11. **Fish stock conservation and enrichment is important** for the immediate and surrounding area of the N.M.P.Z. Recreational (e.g. spear fishing, rod fishing) and medium scale professional (e.g. trawlers, purse seiners) fishing is, therefore, not permitted in the protected area.



You are kindly requested to follow the instructions of the N.M.P.Z Agency Park Rangers, because each nesting beach is subject to special protection measures depending on local conditions.

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