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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ecology and Management of pest species
 - Management of invasive species
 - Human wildlife conflicts
 - Species distribution patterns and biodiversity conservation
 - Wildlife-habitat relationships
 - Management of endangered species
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Academic Qualifications

Undergraduate Studies

- **1997-2003:** Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, **B.Sc.** in School of Geotechnical Sciences Department of Forestry and Natural Environment

Postgraduate Studies

- **2003-2005:** Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **M.Sc.** in School of Geotechnical Sciences Department of Forestry and Natural Environment
*M.Sc. Dietary habits of the European hare (*Lepus europaeus*) in the prefecture of Drama*
 - **2007-2011:** Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **Ph.D.** in School of Geotechnical Sciences Department of Forestry and Natural Environment
*Ph.D. The Biology of the European Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus* L.) in Lemnos Island.*
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Scholarships

- **2014:** Post-Doctoral Scholarship, from the Research Committee of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
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Professional Experience

- **2003, 2007-2008, 2009-2010** Hellenic Forestry Service
 - **2012** GSEE Labour Institute
 - **2014-present** Forestry Technical Office (*Forestry and environmental projects*)
 - **2022-present** International Hellenic University, Department of Forestry and Natural Environment, Drama. Assistant professor in Wildlife Ecology and Management
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Research Project Experience

- **2007-2009** **External partner:** The effect of motorways in the wildlife, in N. Greece. Research Committee of Technological Educational Institute of Kavala. Project Leader: D. Bakaloudis
- **2008, 2010** **External partner:** The biology of wild rabbit in Lemnos Island. Research Committee of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Project Leader: N. Papageorgiou

- **2011-present** **External partner:** The migratory phenology of wildfowl in Greece. LKN-Analysis. Project Leader: C. Vlachos.
- **2014** **External partner:** Production of documentaries and movies of very short duration in the implementation of the Act: "CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY OF THE NATIONAL PARK EAST MACEDONIA THRACE" (Priority Axis 9). Association: Athanasios Kartsoglou - Singiridou Sophia and Sia EE / Greece
- **2014** **Postdoctoral fellow:** Effects of logging on small-mammal communities in the Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufli National Park. Research Committee of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Supervisor: D. Bakaloudis
- **2014-2015** **External partner:** Monitoring and evaluation of the conservation status of birds in Greece. Company of Technical Studies "F. Fasoula-N. Mantzios EU "trading as" Forest Protection EU. "/ Greece. Leader: C. Vlachos.
- **2015** **External partner:** Recording and monitoring of habitat types and species of flora and fauna of directives 92/43 and 79/409 within the subproject 3 of the Act "Conservation of biodiversity in the National Park of Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufli forest". Associations: "GOUNARIS N. - KONTOS K. OE" with official name "TECHNOOMOIOSTASI O.E." - "F. FASOULAS - N. MANTZIOS E.E. " with official name "YLORIKI E.E." - LOUVITAKIS GEORGE. Leader: C. Vlachos.
- **2015** **External partner:** Monitoring of the conservation status of the habitat types and wildlife species of European Interest-Section 2, Management Body of Rhodope Mountains. Association: "Tsiaras Dimitris and Tsiaras Anthony". Leader: G. Mertzanis
- **2015** **External partner:** Creating an informative documentary' of sub-project 1 "Actions for the Protection and Conservation of Biodiversity of the Dadia - Lefkimi - Soufli National Forest Park" and the action "Protection & conservation of Biodiversity of The Dadia - Lefkimi - Soufli National Forest Park", funded by the Operational Programme "ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2007-2013" (Priority Axis 9 "Protection of the Natural Environment and Biodiversity"). Association: Singiridou Sophia and co / Greece.
- **2019- 2021** **External partner:** Elaboration of the Special Environmental Study and Management Plan for the Natura 2000 Regions of Western Greece and the Ionian Islands. Awarding body: " ILIDA CONSULTING ENGINEERS S.A. " & "EPSILON S.A". Association: The Environmental Organization for Wildlife and Nature CALLISTO.
- **2020-2021** **External partner:** LIFE+ Nature project (2018-2021) "LIFE PRIMED - Restoration, management and valorisation of Priority habitats of MEDiterranean coastal areas (LIFE17 NAT/GR/000511)", Coordinated by the Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature and co-financed by the European Union Life Financial Instrument.
- **2020-2021** **Contractor/External partner:** Services for the Collection, Systematization and Assessment of Biodiversity in the Natura 2000 area of Mount Pangaio, Municipality of Pangaio", within the framework of "MOBILE BIODIVERSITY" project (Full Title: Virtual and Mobile Museum of Biodiversity), INTERREG V-A "GREECE - BULGARIA 2014-2020"-KA 15/6474.002, CPV 90711000-4. Lead partner Kresna Municipality of Bulgaria, other partners: Student Media World Association, Municipality of Pangaio, Network of Greek Cities for their Development.
- **2020-2021** **External partner:** Fauna assessment and management practices for safeguarding biodiversity in the cross-border mountain area between Bulgaria and Greece: Innovative approaches to study and protect biodiversity in local ecosystems" within the framework of INTERREG V-A "Greece-Bulgaria 2014-2020. Scientific coordinator: Theodoridis Alexandros, Assistant Professor of the School of Veterinary Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH).
- **2020-2021** **External partner:** Project "LIFE ATIAS - Addressing the Threat of Invasive Alien

Species in North Greece, using Early Warning and Information systems for mammals". Co-financed the European Union's LIFE programme (LIFE18NAT/GR/000430). Coordinator: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH).

- **2021-present** **External collaborator/Scientific Coordinator:** In sub-projects within the project "Services for Monitoring and Implementation of Administrative Measures aimed at improving the Conservation Degree of Species and Habitat Types (of Directives 92/43/EEC and 2007/147/EC) whose Conservation Status is considered not satisfactory"

Participation as an External collaborator:

1. Management actions for the European ground squirrel (*Spermophilus citellus*) in the Administrative area of Koronia - Volvi – Halkidiki Management Body
2. Monitoring for the documentation of management priorities for the wild cat *Felis silvestris silvestris* in the Administrative area of Koronia - Volvi – Halkidiki Management Body
3. Reduction of road accidents with species of wild fauna in the National Park of Koroneia Volvi
4. Monitoring to document management priorities for the jackal *Canis aureus*

Participation as Scientific Coordinator in the project:

Monitoring of otter (*Lutra lutra*) in the new areas of Koronia - Volvi – Halkidiki Management Body (Mount Holomonta and Mount Stratoniko) and management actions for its protection and conservation. Association: Environmental Management Company "GOUNARIS N. - KONTOS K. O.E." with the distinctive title "TECHNOOMIOSTASI O.E."

Teaching Experience

- **2004** Contract with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - School of Geotechnical Sciences Department of Forestry and Natural Environment: Teaching of the laboratory exercises
- **2007-2008** Contract with the Public Institute of Vocational Training of Drama: Teaching courses in trainees of the specialization: Forest Protection
- **2007-2010,** Contract with the Technological Educational Institute of Kavala. Drama. Department of Forestry and Management of Natural Environment:
 - ✓ Instructor in the laboratory course Wildlife Biology
- **2009-2010,**
2012-2013 Contract with the Technological Educational Institute of Kavala. Drama. Department of Forestry and Management of Natural Environment:
 - ✓ 2^o semester 2009-2010: Instructor in the courses Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Management
 - ✓ 2^o semester 2012-2013: Instructor in the courses: Wildlife Biology
- **2012-2013** Contract with the OAED' s Institute of Vocational Training of Xanthi: 2o semester-Teaching courses in trainees of the specialization: Forest Protection
- **2012-2013**
2014-2015 Contract with the Democritus University of Thrace, Department of Forestry and Management of Environment & Natural Resources. Orestiada. Lecturer.
 - ✓ 1^o semester 2012-2013, 2014-2015: Instructor in the course Game ranching
 - ✓ 2^o semester-Instructor in the course Game Species Management
- **2014-2018** Contract with the Public Institute of Vocational Training of Drama: Teaching courses in trainees of the specialization: Forest Protection
- **2015-2018** Contract with the Technological Educational Institute of Kavala. Drama. Department

- of Forestry and Management of Natural Environment:
 ✓ 1^o semester: Instructor in the course of Postgraduate studies Urban Wildlife Ecology & Management
- **2016-2018** Contract with the Technological Educational Institute of Kavala. Drama. Department of Landscape Architecture:
 ✓ 1^o semester: Instructor in the course Protected areas
 - **2016-2019** Contract with the Technological Educational Institute of Kavala. Drama. Department of Forestry and Management of Natural Environment:
 2^o semester 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019: Instructor in the course Game ranching
 1^o semester 2018-2019: Planning of Wildlife Studies: Theory and Practice
 - **2019-2022** Contract with the International Hellenic University, Department of Forestry and Natural Environment, Drama:
 1^o semester instructor in the courses: Design and implementation of wildlife studies, wildlife management
 2^o semester: Instructor in the course Game ranching

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

<i>BRIEF PRESENTATION OF PUBLICATIONS</i>	
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<i>Citation overview</i>	
<i>Scopus citation:</i>	227
<i>Google Scholar citation:</i>	342
<i>Total Impact Factor (2022):</i>	105.2
<i>Total Cite Score (2022):</i>	144.8
<i>h-index (Scopus):</i>	8
<i>h-index (Google Scholar):</i>	9

Doctoral Thesis

1. **Kontsiotis, V.** (2011) The Biology of the European Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus* L.) in Lemnos Island. PhD thesis, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece

Master Thesis

2. **Kontsiotis, V.** (2005) Dietary habits of the European hare (*Lepus europaeus*) in the prefecture of Drama. Master Thesis. Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece

Post-doctoral Fellowship

3. **Kontsiotis, V.** (2014) Effects of logging on small-mammal communities in the Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufli National Park

Books

4. Manaridis, M., Laftsidis, K. and **Kontsiotis, V.** 2007. The wildlife in the prefecture of Drama. Prefecture of Drama. Drama, 88 p.

5. Manarididis, M., **Kontsiotis, V.**, Pashalis, C and Tsitlakidis, A. 2008. Discovering the natural beauty of Drama. Prefecture of Drama. Drama, 88 p.
6. **Kontsiotis V**, Papageorgiou N. 2009. Microhistological Plant Key Identification. Hellenic Hunters Confederation, Athens, Greece, 256 p.

Peer-reviewed articles

7. Paralikidis, N., Papageorgiou, N., Tsiompanoudis, A. and **Kontsiotis, V.** 2009. Song thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) winter diet in Mediterranean habitats: a case study in Greece. **AVOCETTA**, 33 (1): 109-111.
8. Paralikidis, N., Papageorgiou, N., **Kontsiotis, V** and Tsiompanoudis, A. 2010. The dietary habits of Brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) in western Greece. **MAMMALIAN BIOLOGY**, 75:29-35.
9. Tsiompanoudis, A., **Kontsiotis, V.** and Bakaloudis, D. (2010) Habitat selection of the Shelduck Tadorna tadorna (Aves: Anseriformes) in Evros Delta, Greece. **ECOLOGIA BALCANICA**, 2:57-60.
10. Tsiompanoudis, A., Kontsiotis, V. and Bakaloudis, D. (2011) Observations of breeding and wintering European quail *Coturnix coturnix* in northern Greece. **INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF GALLIFORMES CONSERVATION**, 2:38-39.
11. **Kontsiotis, V.**, Tsiompanoudis, A. and Bakaloudis, D. 2011. The influence of habitat structure on the European brown hare *Lepus europaeus* food habits in mountainous areas of northern Greece. **MAMMALIA**, 75:389–394.
12. **Kontsiotis, V. J.**, Bakaloudis, D. E., Xofis, P, Konstantaras N., Petrakis N. and Tsiompanoudis A. 2013. Modeling the distribution of wild rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*) on a Mediterranean island. **ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH**, 28: 317–325.
13. **Kontsiotis, V. J.**, Bakaloudis, D. E. and Tsiompanoudis A. 2013. Key factors determining the seasonal population growth rate of European wild rabbits and their implications for management. **EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF WILDLIFE RESEARCH**, 59: 495-503.
14. **Kontsiotis, V. J.**, Bakaloudis, D. E., Tsiompanoudis A. and Xofis P. 2014. Body condition variation of wild rabbit population in the north-east Mediterranean island of Lemnos – Greece. **FOLIA ZOOLOGICA**, 63: 87–94.
15. **Kontsiotis, V. J.**, Bakaloudis, D.E., Merou T. and Xofis P. 2015. Trophic ecology of the European wild rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus* on the Mediterranean island of Lemnos - Greece. **ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH**, 30: 683-691.
16. Bakaloudis, D., Bontzorlos, V., Vlachos, C., Papakosta, M., Chatzinikos, E., Braziotis, S., and **Kontsiotis, V.** 2015. Factors affecting the diet of the red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) in a heterogeneous Mediterranean landscape. **TURKISH JOURNAL OF ZOOLOGY**, DOI: 10.3906/zoo-1411-22
17. Liordos, V., **Kontsiotis, V.**, Georgari, M., Baltzi K. and Baltzi I. 2017. Public acceptance of management methods under different human–wildlife conflict scenarios. **SCIENCE OF THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT**, 579: 685-693
18. Liordos V., **Kontsiotis V.**, Anastasiadou M, Karavasias E. 2017. Effects of attitudes and demography on public support for endangered species conservation. **SCIENCE OF THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT**, 595:25-34
19. **Kontsiotis, V. J.**, Bakaloudis, D. E. and Liordos V. 2018. Impact of European wild rabbits foraging in different habitat and vegetation types in an insular environment. **MAMMALIA**, 82(2):193-196

20. Liordos, V., **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Kokoris, S., Pimenidou, M. 2018. The two faces of Janus, or the dual mode of public attitudes towards snakes. **SCIENCE OF THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT**, 621: 670-678
21. **Kontsiotis, V. J.**, Xofis P., Liordos V, and Bakaloudis, D. E. 2019. Effects of environmental and intrinsic factors on the reproduction of insular European wild rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus cuniculus* Linnaeus 1758). **MAMMALIA**, 83 (2): 134-143
22. **Kontsiotis V.J.**, Zaimis G.N., Tsiftsis S., Kiourtziadis P. and Bakaloudis, D. 2019. Assessing the influence of riparian vegetation structure on bird communities in agricultural Mediterranean landscapes. **AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS**, 93(2): 675-687
23. **Kontsiotis, V. J.**, Valsamidis, E. and Liordos V. 2019. Organization and differentiation of breeding bird communities across a forested to urban landscape. **URBAN FORESTRY AND URBAN GREENING**, 38: 242-250
24. Liordos, V., **Kontsiotis, V. J.**, Nevolianis, C. and Nikolopoulou, C-E. 2019. Stakeholder preferences and consensus associated with managing an endangered aquatic predator: the Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*). **HUMAN DIMENSIONS OF WILDLIFE**, 24(5): 446-462
25. **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Vadikolios, G., Liordos, V. 2020. Acceptability and consensus for the management of game and non-game crop raiders. **WILDLIFE RESEARCH**, 47:296-308
26. Liordos, V., Foutsas, E., **Kontsiotis, V.J.** 2020. Differences in encounters, likeability and desirability of wildlife species among residents of a Greek city. **SCIENCE OF THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT**, 739:139892
27. Liordos, V., **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Emmanouilidou, F. 2020. Understanding stakeholder preferences for managing red foxes in different situations. **ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES**, 9:20
28. Liordos, V., **Kontsiotis, V.J.** 2020. Identifying important habitats for waterbird conservation at a Greek Regional Nature Park. **AVIAN RESEARCH**, 11:39
29. Liordos, V., Jokimäki, J., Kaisanlahti-Jokimäki, M.-L., Valsamidis, E., **Kontsiotis, V.J.** 2021. Niche Analysis and Conservation of Bird Species Using Urban Core Areas. **SUSTAINABILITY**, 13:6327
30. Liordos, V., **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Eleftheriadou, I., Telidis, S., Triantafyllidis, A. 2021. Wildlife Value Orientations and Demographics in Greece. **EARTH**, 2: 457-467.
31. Liordos, V., Jokimäki, J., Kaisanlahti-Jokimäki, M.-L., Valsamidis, E., **Kontsiotis, V.J.** 2021. Patch, matrix and disturbance variables negatively influence bird community structure in small-sized managed green spaces located in urban core areas. **SCIENCE OF THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT**, 149617
32. **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Triantafyllidis, A., Telidis, S., Eleftheriadou, I., Liordos, V. 2021. The predictive ability of wildlife value orientations for mammal management varies with species conservation status and provenance. **SUSTAINABILITY**, 13:11335
33. **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Rapti, A., Liordos, V. 2021. Public attitudes towards venomous and non-venomous snakes. **SCIENCE OF THE TOTAL ENVIRONMENT**, 154918

Presentations at international Conferences

34. Paralikidis, N., Tsachalidis, E., Tsiompanoudis, A., **Kontsiotis, V.** and Gasios, A. (2004) Economic analysis of wild-boar (*Sus scrofa*) hunting in Epirus, Greece. 2nd International Wild Boar Symposium, Krakow, Poland, 2004.

35. Paralikidis, N., Papageorgiou, N., Katelaris, I., Kordatos, Ch. and **Kontsiotis, V.** (2005) The body mass measurements and diet of the song thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) on the Island of Cyprus. XXVII, Congress of the International Union of Game Biologist. Hannover – Germany 2005: 431-432.
36. Tsiompanoudis, A., Tsachalidis, E., Paralikidis, N. and **Kontsiotis, V.** (2005) European quail (*Coturnix coturnix*) biometrics in northeastern Greece. XXVII, Congress of the International Union of Game Biologist. Hannover – Germany 2005: 506-507.
37. Paralikidis, N., Papageorgiou, N., Sofras, A. and **Kontsiotis, V.** (2007) The body mass measurements and diet of the black bird (*Turdus merula*) in north Greece. XXVIII, Congress of the International Union of Game Biologist. Uppsala – Sweden, August 2007.
38. Paralikidis, N., Papageorgiou, N., Kiousi, D., Kalyva, A., Tsiobanoudis, A. and **Kontsiotis, V.** (2007) Song thrush (*Turdus philomelos*) winter diet and body measurements in Greece. XXVIII, Congress of the International Union of Game Biologist. Uppsala – Sweden, August 2007.
39. **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Vlachos, C.G., Bakaloudis, D.E., Paralikidis, N.P. and Tsiompanoudis, A.H.(2007) Weight prediction of hunted brown hares (*Lepus europaeus*) from predators. Vth International Symposium on Wild Fauna, 22-27 September 2007, Chalkidiki, Greece.
40. Paralikidis, N., Vosniakou, A., Trigyrakis, J., Tsiompanoudis, A. and **Kontsiotis, V.** (2007) Parasitological examinations and health observations of captive roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*). Vth International Symposium on Wild Fauna, 22-27 September 2007, Chalkidiki, Greece.
41. **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Bakaloudis, D.E., and Tsiompanoudis, A.H. 2012. Damage to vegetation caused by rabbit grazing on Lemnos Island, Greece. 4th World Lagomorph Conference, July 23-27, 2012, Vienna, Austria.
42. Zaimis, G. N., **Kontsiotis, V.** and Kourtsiadis, P. (2013) Small Bird Populations in Different Riparian Habitats in Greece. International Caucasian Forestry Symposium, 24-26 October, Artvin, Turkey.

Presentations at national Conferences

43. Papageorgiou, N., Paralikidis, N., **Kontsiotis, V.** and Tsiompanoudis, A. 2004. Feeding habits of the brown bear (*Ursus arctos*) in the prefecture of Grevena: Preliminary results. Proceedings of the 1st Pan-hellenic Environmental Conference, May 7-9, 2004, pp 882. N. Orestiada-Greece.
44. **Kontsiotis, V.J.**, Vlachos, C.G., Bakaloudis, D.E., and Xofis P. 2015. Effects of logging on small-mammal communities in the Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufli National Park. Proceedings of Conference for Biodiversity in the Dadia - Lefkimi - Soufli National Park: Conservation Courses for Protected Areas, 14-15 November, Dadia.