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SUMMER UNIVERSITY OF SAMOTHRAKI 2016

## Integrated Management Approaches for Biosphere Reserves and other Designated Areas

9-22 July 2016

Course A: Aquatic & Social Ecology: Theory and Practice

Course B: Integrated Water and Coastal Management - Educational & Participatory Approaches

### JOINT STATEMENT

#### of the tutors of the Samothraki Summer University, July 2016

1. The undersigned welcome and greatly appreciate that the island of Samothraki is considered a candidate for a Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme. Upon seeing this island, surveying the research that documents its unique features and making contact with its inhabitants, we are convinced that Samothraki qualifies fully for such nomination, which will benefit its inhabitants and natural resources alike. To this end we would like to support the appreciation of Samothraki to become a Biosphere Reserve (BR).
2. We appeal to the Greek Government to deal with one of the major obstacles completing the accession procedure, namely to fully legalize the status of the Natura 2000 areas on the island and provide the necessary resources for the sustainable management of the site.
3. We very much appreciate the momentum created by the mayor, the municipal council and other local actors of the civil society, in promoting clear visions and practices for the sustainable development of the island. A committed local community is prerequisite for the accession for the Biosphere Reserve.
4. A dedicated national and international scientific community, working for and at Samothraki, supports the relevant activities through its broad expertise.
5. We recommend developing an integrated management plan, with explicit targets and milestones for the next years, under the leadership of the Municipality. All achievements on initiatives undertaken or in the pipeline could reinforce trust in making change happen and motivate even broader civil participation toward achieving the goal of accession.

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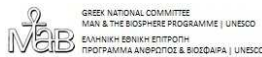


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