



Winning for nature

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Cyprus' nature is unique. Nestled between Europe, Africa and the Middle East, we are gifted with a multitude of habitats and species, many unique to our island.

More than 400 species of birds, 2000 species of plants, 22 reptiles and 36 mammals, many of which exist only in Cyprus: these are our national treasures.

The economic models of the past have failed the countryside, our species and our people. It is time for a new approach. The new House of Representatives will have the opportunity to value, protect and defend Cyprus' nature, for our own wellbeing and as a basis for all economic activities.

BirdLife Cyprus promotes the following manifesto to all candidates who believe in nature and in its protection.

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A Manifesto for pro-nature candidates

If I get elected in the House of Representatives, I will:

1. Promote the appreciation and valuation of nature by children and adults, through lifelong learning, as a way of building a generation that cares and protects our natural environment.
2. Promote the creation of jobs related to the protection of nature, including eco-tourism and sustainable farming, which not only provide wealth but also ensure that the presence of people in the countryside is sustainable in the long run.
3. Promote the reduction of chemicals used in nature or in farming and I will support the expansion of sustainable farming, which respects and protects nature and biodiversity, protects human health and creates sustainable jobs.
4. Promote investments in building the knowledge base, promoting research and training skills related to nature, in order to promote nature based jobs.
5. Uphold the law, and defend the implementation of all laws that protect nature, especially for what concerns killing of migratory birds.
6. Promote measures for the management of all Natura 2000 sites, to ensure funding for those areas and their communities, and for the creation of sustainable jobs.
7. Protect the Akamas Peninsula against degradation, and will fight for its long term protection and for appropriate funding towards this purpose.