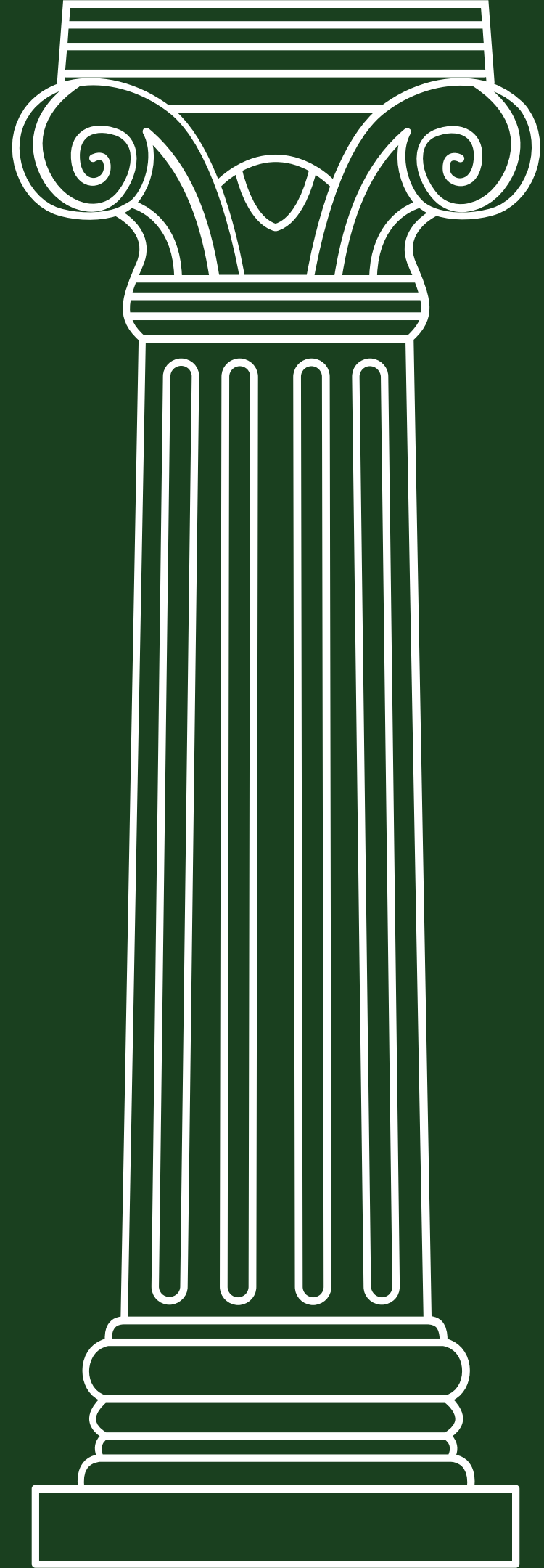


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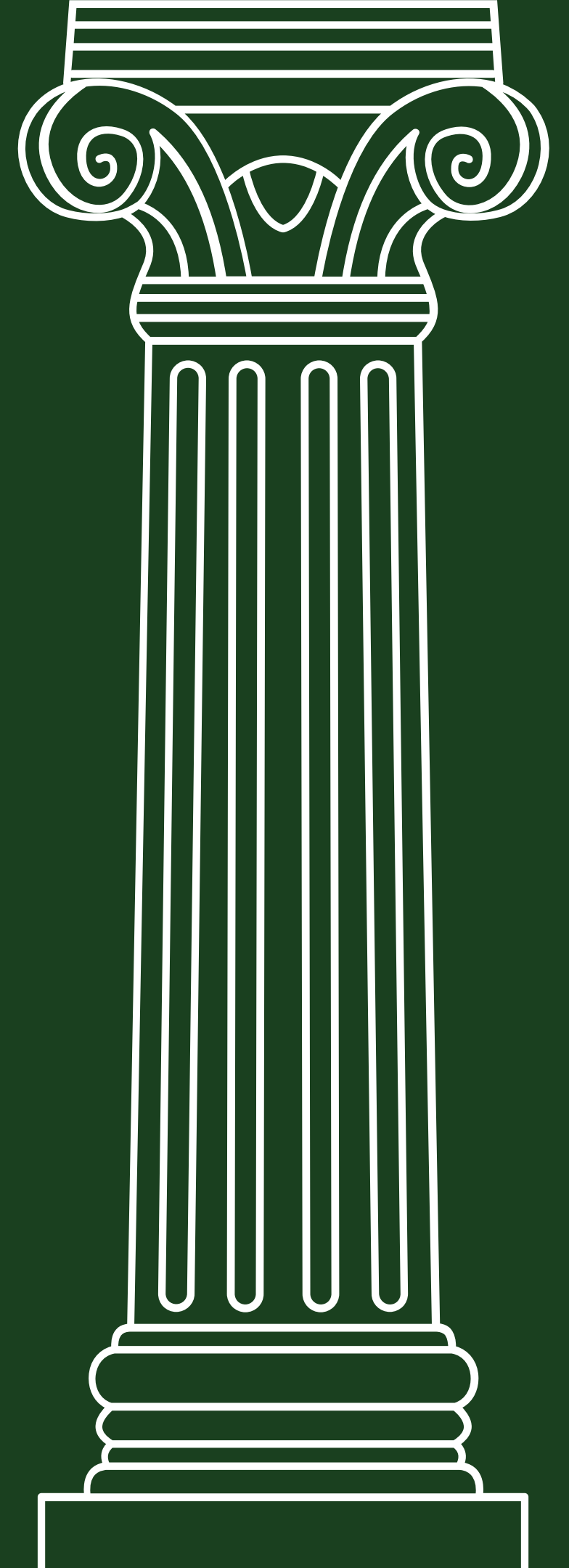
Project presentation

GREEK FAUNA





Greece boasts a diverse fauna,
with a variety of species
adapted to its various habitats,
including mountains, forests,
wetlands, and islands.



Mammals

Brown Bear: Found mainly in the northern mountainous regions, including the Pindos Mountains. Known for its elusive nature, the brown bear is a symbol of wilderness and conservation efforts in Greece.



MAMMALS

THE BROWN BEAR



Basic information

Despite their imposing size and strength, Greek brown bears are elusive and primarily nocturnal, roaming through the rugged mountainous regions of northern Greece, including the Pindos Range.



Interesting facts

Revered in Greek mythology and folklore, they symbolize the untamed wilderness and serve as a testament to the importance of preserving natural habitats. Today, efforts to protect and coexist with these bears are ongoing, fostering a growing appreciation for their role in Greece's ecological heritage.

Mammals

Wild boar: Common throughout Greece, especially in forests and rural areas. These adaptable omnivores play a crucial role in ecosystem dynamics, shaping habitats through their foraging activities.



MAMMALS

THE WILD BOAR



Basic information

These resilient creatures, known for their formidable tusks and keen senses, inhabit a variety of habitats, including forests, scrublands, and agricultural areas. Their adaptability and survival instincts have enabled them to thrive in Greece's diverse landscapes.

Interesting facts

Revered in Greek mythology for their strength and tenacity, wild boars embody the spirit of the untamed wilderness.





Birds

Golden Eagle: Majestic birds of prey found in mountainous and remote areas. With their keen eyesight and powerful talons, golden eagles are apex predators crucial for maintaining ecological balance in mountainous regions.



BIRDS

THE GOLDEN EAGLE



Basic information

Despite their imposing presence, they are skilled hunters, preying on a variety of animals, including small mammals and birds. As apex predators, golden eagles play a vital role in maintaining the balance of Greece's ecosystems, contributing to the health and diversity of its natural heritage.

Interesting facts

Revered in Greek mythology as symbols of power and majesty, golden eagles evoke a sense of awe and admiration among those fortunate enough to witness their aerial displays.



Birds

Common Kestrel: Small falcons often seen hovering over fields and open habitats. Often seen hovering motionless in the air, kestrels are efficient hunters of small mammals and insects.

Common kestrels are known for their adaptability and can be found in a variety of environments, from rural to urban areas. They often nest in tree hollows, cliffs, or man-made structures like buildings and bridges.

BIRDS

THE COMMON KESTREL



Basic information

Revered for their hunting skill, they play a vital role in controlling rodent populations and maintaining the ecological balance of their ecosystems. Despite facing threats such as habitat loss and pesticide exposure, common kestrels continue to thrive in Greece, serving as ambassadors for the country's rich avian diversity.



Interesting facts

With their striking plumage and piercing gaze, common kestrels are a familiar sight to many, symbolizing the wild beauty of Greece's landscapes.



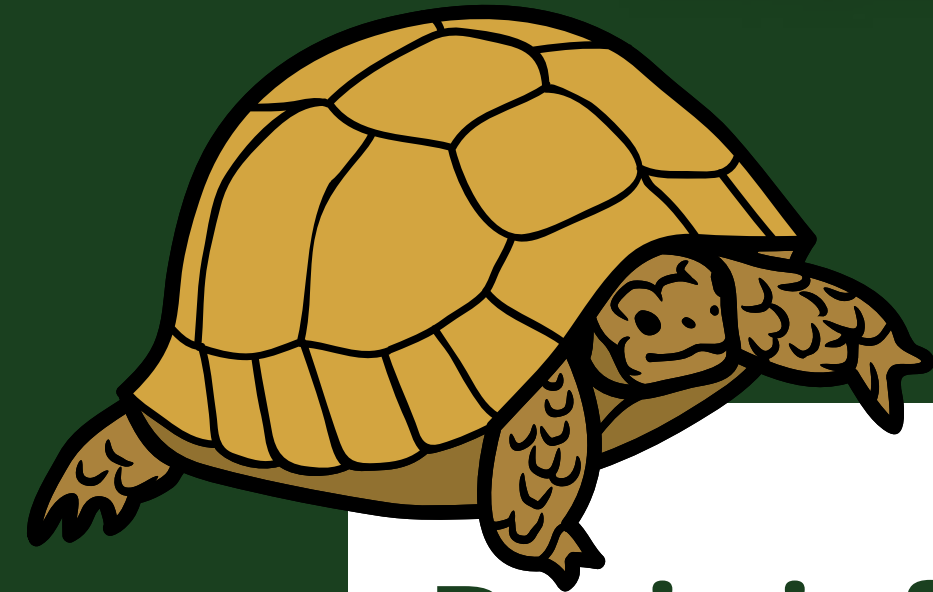
Reptiles and Amphibians

Greek Tortoise: Native to Greece, often found in dry scrublands and rocky areas. Due to habitat destruction and illegal pet trade, Greek tortoises are now protected by law to ensure their survival.

These tortoises are herbivores, feeding primarily on a diet of vegetation, including grasses, weeds, flowers, and occasionally fruits and succulents.

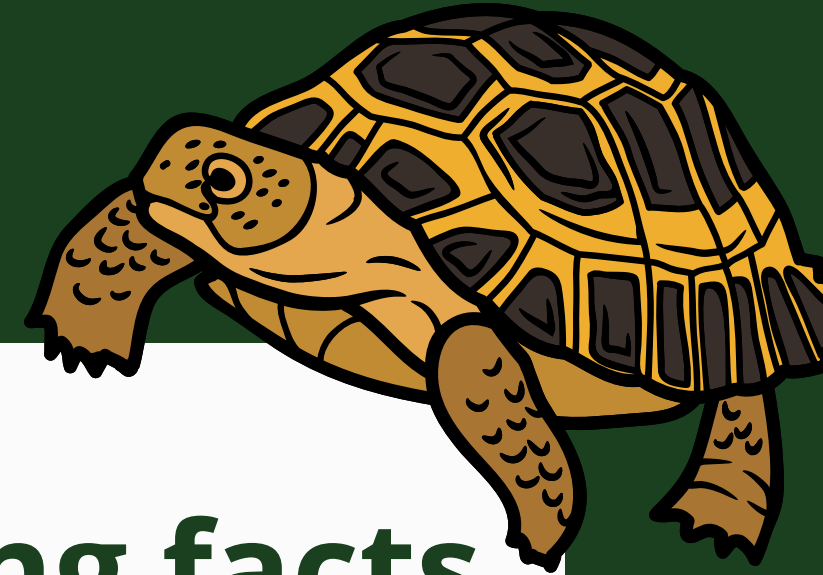
REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

THE GREEK TORTOISE



Basic information

On Hydra, these delightful, slow moving creatures create an overnight "scrape", which is a nest, made beneath sharp Mediterranean oak shrubs & gorse (for protection) that they can find easily in the countryside. The scrapes are often used by several tortoises.



Interesting facts

Greek tortoises, with their iconic dome-shaped shells and gentle demeanor, they symbolize longevity and wisdom in Greek mythology.



Reptiles and Amphibians

Balkan Whip Snake: Non-venomous snakes commonly encountered in a variety of habitats. Despite their intimidating appearance, Balkan whip snakes are harmless to humans and play an important role in controlling rodent populations.

Balkan whip snakes are predominantly diurnal, active during the day, and are often found in a variety of habitats, including grasslands, scrublands, rocky slopes, and woodland edges. As agile climbers and swift runners, they are adept at hunting small prey such as lizards, rodents, birds, and insects.

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

THE BALKAN WHIP SNAKE



Basic information

These non-venomous snakes are known for their slender bodies and remarkable speed, making them adept hunters of small rodents and lizards. Despite their intimidating appearance, Balkan whip snakes are shy and elusive, often preferring to flee rather than confront potential threats.



Interesting facts

Revered in Greek folklore as symbols of fertility and renewal, they are believed to possess mystical powers in some traditions. As integral components of Greece's ecosystems, Balkan whip snakes contribute to pest control and nutrient cycling, playing a vital role in maintaining the balance of their habitats.



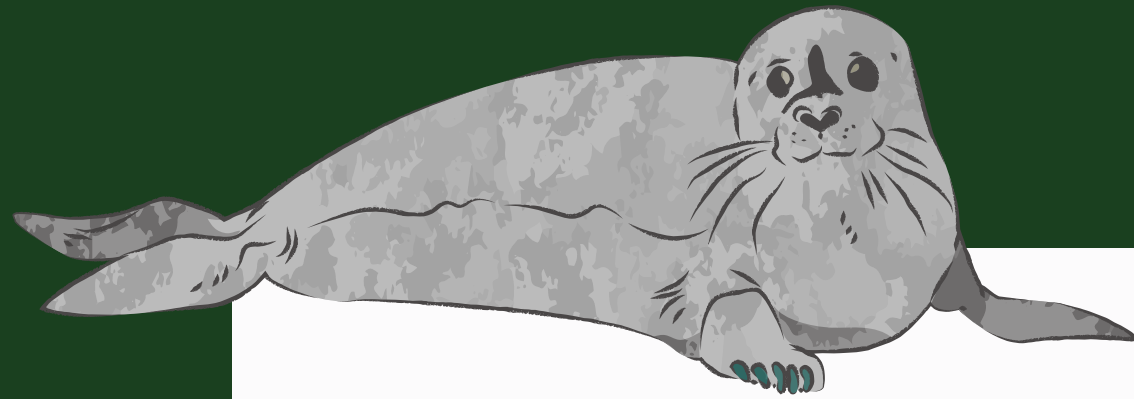
Marine Life

Mediterranean Monk Seal: Endangered marine mammals found in secluded coastal caves and beaches. Once on the brink of extinction, conservation efforts have helped stabilize populations of Mediterranean monk seals in recent years.



MARINE LIFE

THE MEDITERRANEAN MONK SEAL



Basic information

Endemic to the Mediterranean Sea, these seals once roamed the coastal waters of Greece in greater numbers but are now among the world's most endangered marine mammals. With their sleek, dark fur and soulful eyes, Mediterranean monk seals embody the mystique of the sea, captivating the imagination of all who encounter them.



Interesting facts

Revered in ancient Greek mythology as symbols of divine protection and transformation, they hold a special place in the cultural heritage of Greece.



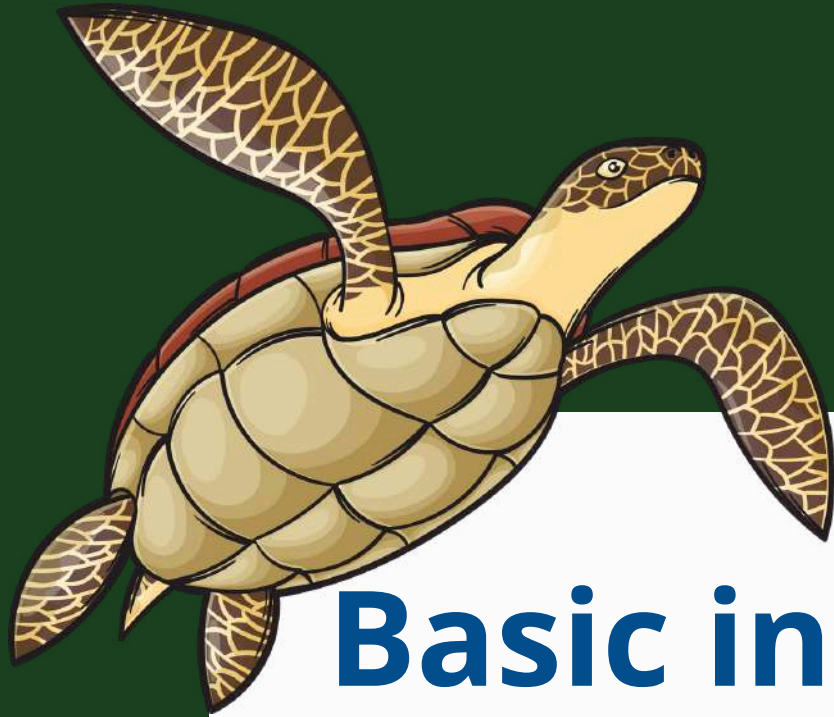
Marine Life

Loggerhead Sea Turtle: Nesting on several Greek beaches, including Zakynthos and Crete. Every summer, thousands of loggerhead sea turtles return to Greek beaches to lay their eggs, drawing tourists and conservationists alike.

Loggerhead sea turtles are primarily carnivorous, feeding on a variety of prey including jellyfish, crustaceans, mollusks, and fish. They are known for their long migrations between foraging and nesting areas, traveling thousands of kilometers across oceans.

MARINE LIFE

THE LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE

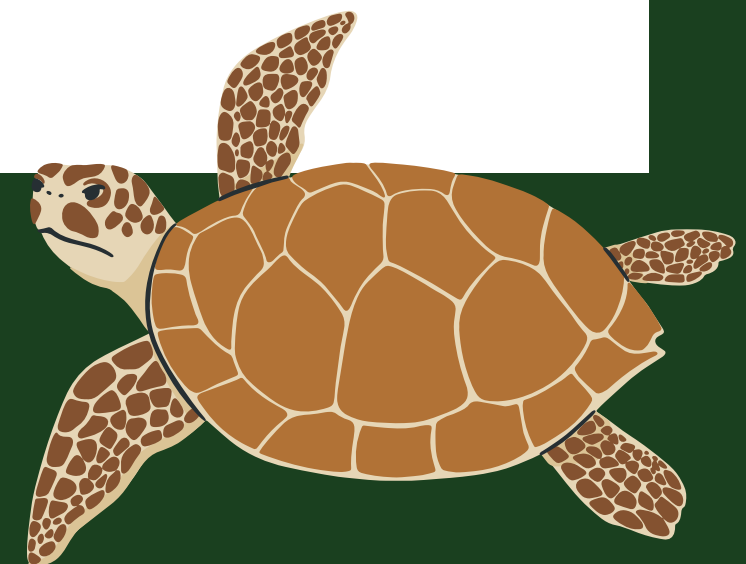


Basic information

Nestled along the sandy shores of Zakynthos, these majestic creatures embark on an extraordinary journey each year, returning to their birthplace to lay their eggs. Despite the challenges posed by human encroachment and climate change, these magnificent reptiles continue to persevere, embodying the timeless spirit of the Mediterranean.

Interesting facts

In the azure waters surrounding Greece, the loggerhead sea turtle reigns as a symbol of resilience and ancient wisdom.



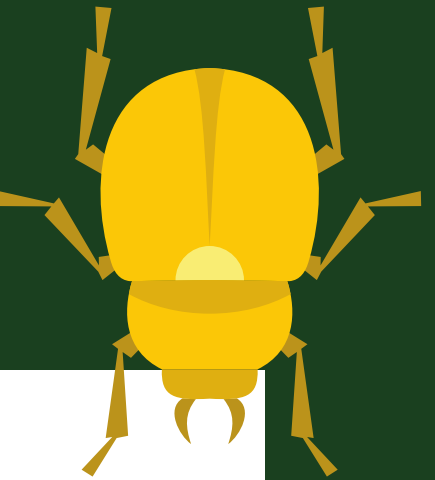
Insects

Greek Scarab Beetle: Diverse species of beetles found across Greece, playing important roles in ecosystems. In ancient Greek mythology, scarab beetles were revered as symbols of resurrection and transformation.



INSECTS

THE GREEK SCARAB BEETLE



Basic information

The Greek scarab beetle plays a role in nutrient cycling and soil health, as both adults and larvae contribute to the decomposition of organic matter. While primarily herbivorous, feeding on plant material and occasionally scavenging on decaying matter, the Greek scarab beetle serves as an integral component of Mediterranean ecosystems.



Interesting facts

Revered by ancient civilizations for its mystical symbolism, this iridescent creature holds a special place in the tapestry of Greek mythology and culture.



Insects

Butterflies: Greece is home to numerous species of butterflies, including the Southern Swallowtail and the Apollo Butterfly. Greece's diverse landscapes provide vital habitats for countless butterfly species, making it a haven for lepidopterists and nature enthusiasts.



These enchanting insects undergo a remarkable transformation, starting as caterpillars before metamorphosing into adults with wings.

INSECTS

BUTTERFLIES



Basic information

Butterflies pollinate plants, indicating ecosystem health and serving as food for predators. Their presence enhances natural landscapes, attracting tourists and inspiring education and research, thereby promoting biodiversity conservation.



Interesting facts

As symbols of transformation and freedom, these ethereal creatures epitomize the timeless allure of Greece's natural beauty, captivating hearts and minds with their ephemeral beauty.





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