

Ecumenical Patriarch meets with Cretan Official to discuss environmental protection



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew welcomed Maria Kozyraki, Secretary-General of the Decentralised Administration of Crete, at the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople to discuss significant environmental initiatives in Crete.

During the meeting, Secretary-General Kozyraki presented the declaration of the natural site “Saint Kyriaki-Caves-Metamorphosis-Kastellos” as a protected landscape. This declaration, issued in collaboration with the Holy Patriarchal and Stavropegic Monastery of Chrysopigi in Chania, aims to establish conditions and restrictions to ensure the protection and conservation of the area’s natural beauty and biodiversity. A Special Documentation Study detailing these measures was delivered to the Ecumenical Patriarch.



The Ecumenical Patriarch, along with the Abbess of the Monastery of Chrysopigi, engaged in extensive discussions on pressing environmental concerns and sustainable management practices. The meeting also served as an opportunity to coordinate on the Patriarchate's annual International Ecological Conference, where Crete's initiatives could be highlighted.

The exchange emphasised the importance of collaboration between the Church and local authorities in addressing environmental challenges, further solidifying the Ecumenical Patriarchate's leadership in global ecological stewardship.

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