



## **The Greek Ramsar sites**

### **What can be done?**

#### **The Greek state must be strongly encouraged to:**

1. Move forward and ensure the comprehensive legal protection status of the Ramsar wetlands with associated zonation systems and effective land use regulations in place. (For the majority of the Greek Ramsar wetlands this is almost ready and is being delayed due to lack of political will.)
2. Secure adequate, regular and long-term funding for the management of the Ramsar sites. Until now the available funding is almost exclusively from EU funds. It is extremely limited and finally what little funds exist, are being badly managed with very poor results.
3. Make sure that the, already established, Management Bodies become operational and able to respond effectively to the management responsibilities for their respective sites. They should be able to have the personnel, prepare a management plan for the wetland, design and implement management, conservation, and restoration activities and enforce strictly pertinent laws and regulations.