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## Annex A2.2

<u>Deliverable Action A2:</u> Analysis for the selection of Pilot Monitoring Areas (PMAs) where the prototype Invasive Mosquito Species monitoring (surveillance) devices will be installed

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The current report presents the methodology followed for the implementation of Action A.2: Analysis of the climatic data influencing the IMS introduction and establishment, of the LIFE CONOPS project. More specifically, this report is a new LIFE CONOPS Deliverable, replacing the two following deliverables of Action A2:

- Spatial database of suitable places/ areas for the pilot monitoring of IMS in Greece
- Spatial database of suitable places/ areas for the pilot monitoring of IMS in Italy.

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### 1. Summary

### **Background**

Scope of this phase of Action A2 was to select the most suitable places (Pilot Monitoring Areas – PMAs) in Greece and Italy for the installation of the prototype IMS monitoring devices.

It has to be mentioned that at the time of the proposal, the planned methodological approach for the selection of these areas/ places was the following:

Based on the IMS Spatial risk databases developed during the implementation of Action A2 (Maps presenting the most suitable areas in Greece and Italy for the entry, spread and establishment of IMS), a smaller grid analysis would be performed. The results of this analysis would lead to the selection of the most representative areas/ places for the pilot monitoring actions and especially for the installation of the prototype IMS monitoring devices (Action B2).

#### Results

From the analysis of the suitability maps developed in Action A2, it was obvious that it was not possible to select specific areas for the smaller grid analysis. Therefore another methodological approach was followed, based on multicriteria analysis of specific areas. Following this "new" procedure, the 12 PMAs were grouped in 3 major categories:

- Ports
- Airports
- Other important areas

#### **Conclusion**

The work done for the selection of PMAs is a crucial step towards the successful implementation of LIFE CONOPS project. These areas, which will be monitored for IMS during the implementation of Action B2, are considered Points of Entry for both countries. Thus, it is very important to be selected appropriately in order to establish an early warning monitoring system against the entry, spread and establishment of IMS. The 12 selected PMAs, based on their characteristics and geographical distribution cover the main pathways of IMS in both Greece and Italy.