Supplementary Information

Article title: Conservation ecology of the Balkan chamois: the role of human disturbance and renewable energy plans on Mount Oiti, Greece.

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Table S1 Livestock animals per type on Mt. Oiti based in 2015 [1] and estimation of the Livestock Units per hectare for the study area (15,600 ha). This estimate assumes that all animals graze exclusively within the study area and that no external animals from nearby pens enter the area to graze

Livestock type	Animals	Livestock Unit coefficient	Livestock Units	Livestock Units per ha
Goats	2,375	0.1	237.50	
Sheep	6,449	0.1	644.90	
Cattle	495	1	495.00	
Calf	119	0.4	47.60	
Sum	**9,438**		**1,425.00**	**0.09**

Table S2 Habitat types used in the analysis of habitat suitability for the Balkan chamois on Mt. Oiti, according to EUNIS typology [4], their area (km^2) and percent cover (%) of the study area

Habitat	Code	Description	Area (km^2)	Percent cover (%)
Forests	G1	Broadleaved deciduous woodland	13.5	8.6
	G2	Broadleaved evergreen woodland	1.8	1.1
	G3	Coniferous woodland	75.6	48.5
	G4	Mixed deciduous and coniferous woodland	10.2	6.5
	G5	Lines of trees, small anthropogenic woodlands, recently felled woodland, early-stage woodland and coppice	13.9	8.9
Grasslands	E1	Dry grasslands	0.04	0.02
	E2	Mesic grasslands	0.7	0.45
	E4	Alpine and subalpine grasslands	6.1	3.9
Scrubs	F2	Arctic, alpine and subalpine scrub	17.8	11.4
	F5	Maquis, arborescent matorral and thermo-Mediterranean brushes	7.6	4.9

Table S3 Seasonal and total observations of Balkan chamois on Mt. Oiti during 2023 surveys

Season	Animals	Pellets	Tracks	Total
Spring	7	293	18	318
Summer	18	64	11	93
Autumn	28	58	0	86
Winter	10	126	19	155
Total	**63**	**541**	**48**	**652**

Table S4 Renewable energy infrastructures planned in the study area of Mt Oiti as downloaded from the national database [5], and their technical characteristics, indicating the spatial overlap with the chamois annual range (R), suitable habitat defined by values greater of 60% (H), and the Natura 2000 network of protected areas (N2000)

Renewable energy type	Technical characteristics						Altitude (m)	Spatial overlap (%)		
	Permission stage	Code	Area (km^2)	N	Rotor length (m)	Total capacity (MW)		R	H	N2000
Wind Power Stations	p	36763	3.7	8	131	31.20	2,072	92	57.5	0
	p	36754	2	4	131	15.60	1,663	0	0	0
	p	41985	0.5	4	158	34.80	1,790	80	0	0
	Sum	**3**	**6.2**	**16**	**-**	**81.6**	**-**	**61**	**34**	**0**
Hydroelectric Stations	p	14033	Point	-	-	0.95	1,390	No	No	Yes
	p	14034	Point	-	-	0.95	1,218	No	No	Yes
	p	14270	Point	-	-	0.50	174	No	No	Yes
	p	14269	Point	-	-	0.50	212	No	No	Yes
	p	13410	Point	-	-	0.77	141	No	No	Yes
	p	14467	Point	-	-	0.48	1,225	No	No	No
	p	14466	Point	-	-	0.48	1,338	No	No	No
	e	14920	Point	-	-	0.5	141	No	No	Yes
	e	14943	Point	-	-	0.5	140	No	No	Yes
	Sum	**9**	**Point**	**-**	**-**	**5.6**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7**

p: production permit (the project should obtain approval of environmental terms before getting a construction permit and then operation permit), **e**: under evaluation (the project has not yet entered the production permit). **N**: number of wind turbines. **Rotor length** refers to the diameter of wind turbine rotors (m).

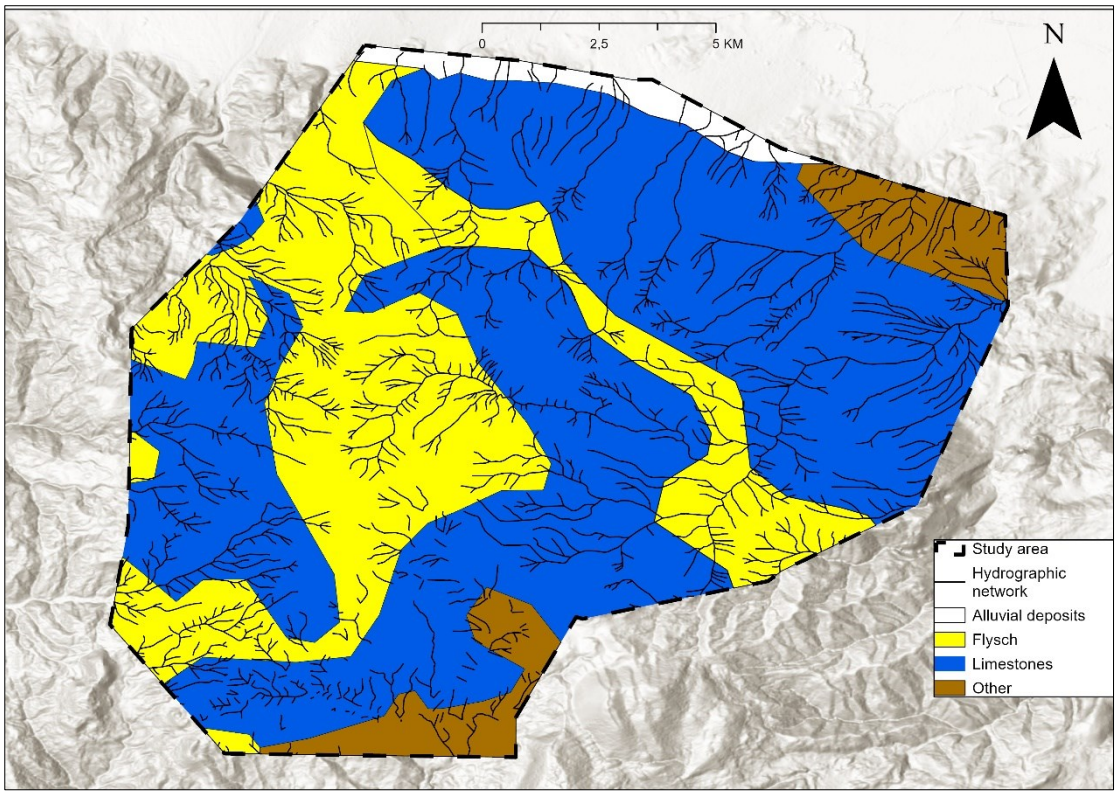

Fig. S1 Geological bedrock and hydrographic network in the study area of Mt. Oiti

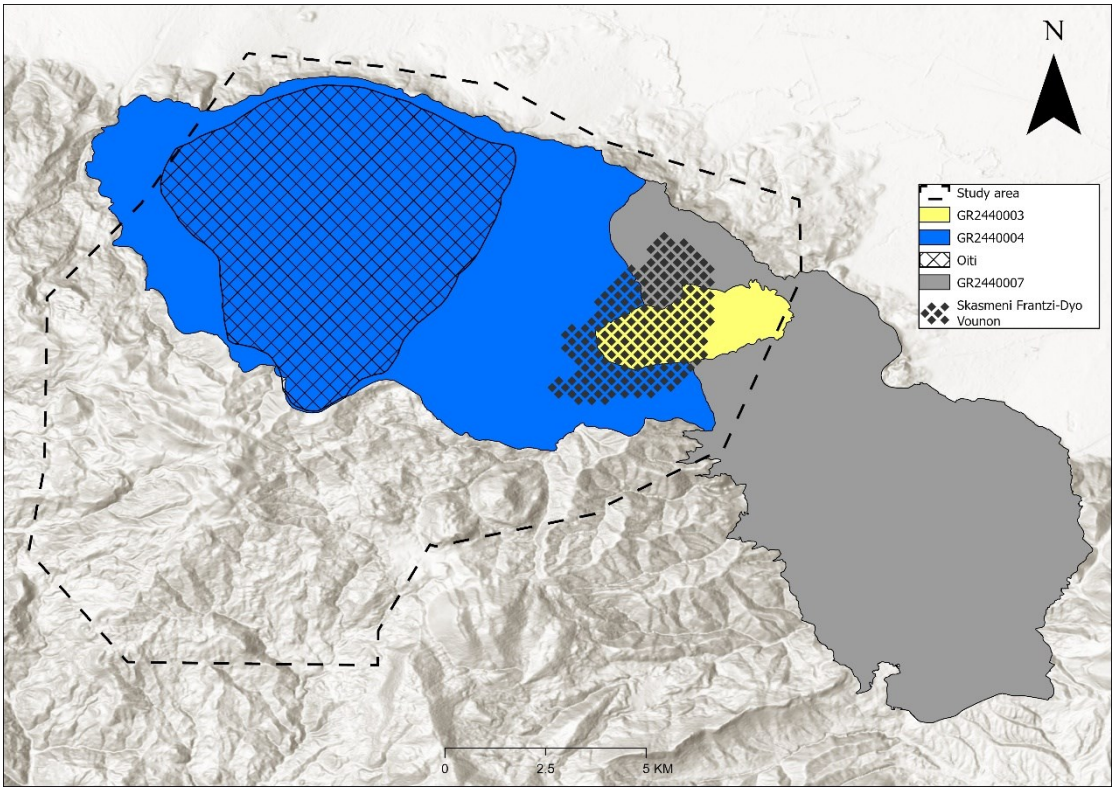

Fig. S2 Sites of the Natura 2000 network overlapping with the study area of Mt. Oiti

GR2440003: "Farangi Gorgopotamou". Area: 5.3 km^2. Protected area category: Natura 2000 site: Special Area of Conservation (SPC). WDPA ID: 555527069

GR2440004: "Ethnikos Drymos Oitis". Area: 71.2 km^2. Protected area category: Natura 2000 site: Special Area of Conservation (SPC). WDPA ID: 555527070

Oiti: Area: 34.7 km^2. Protected area category: included in the Natura 2000 site GR2440004. WDPA ID: 2487. IUCN category: II (National Park)

GR2440007: "Ethnikos Drymos Oitis-Koilada Asopou". Area: 132.1 km^2. Natura 2000 type: Special Protection Area (SPA). WDPA ID: 555539707. IUCN category: none

Skasmeni Frantzi -Dyo Vounon: Area: 8.5 km^2. Protected area category: Wildlife refuge. WDPA ID: 341703. IUCN category: IV (Habitat/Species Management Area)

WDPA: World Database on Protected Areas *[2]*, IUCN categories according to *[3]*

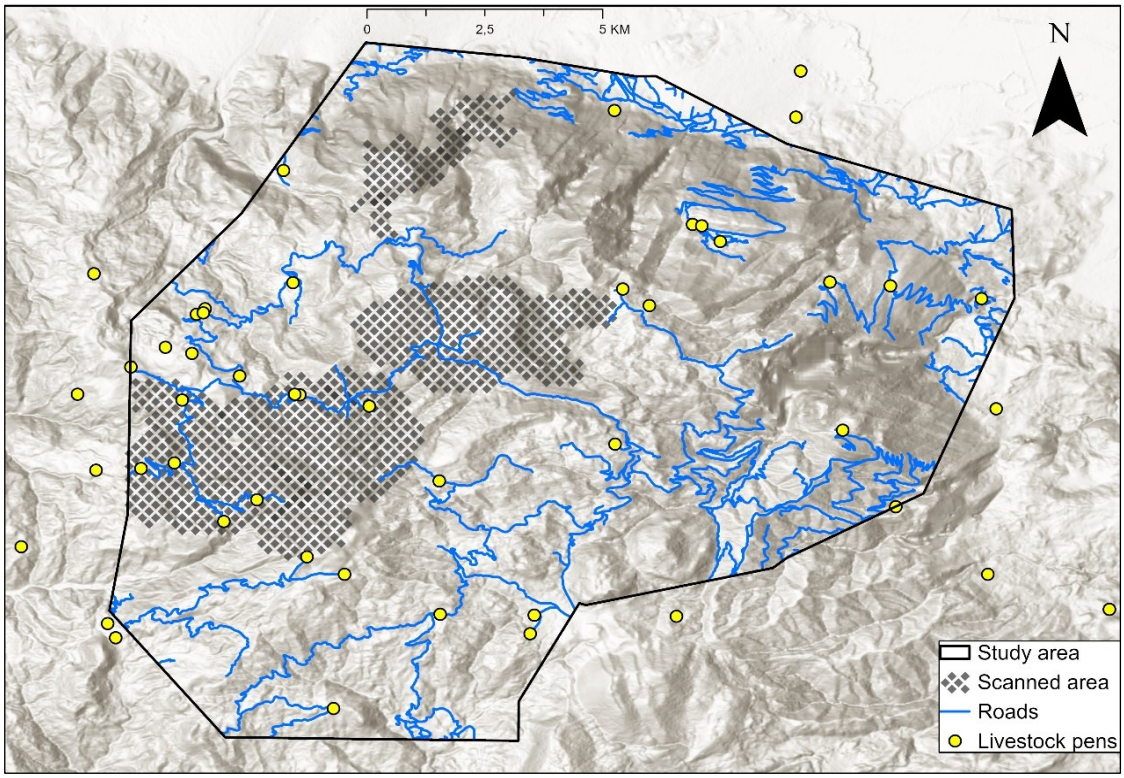

Fig. S3 Scanned area for chamois surveys (2023), road network and livestock pens in the study area of Mt. Oiti

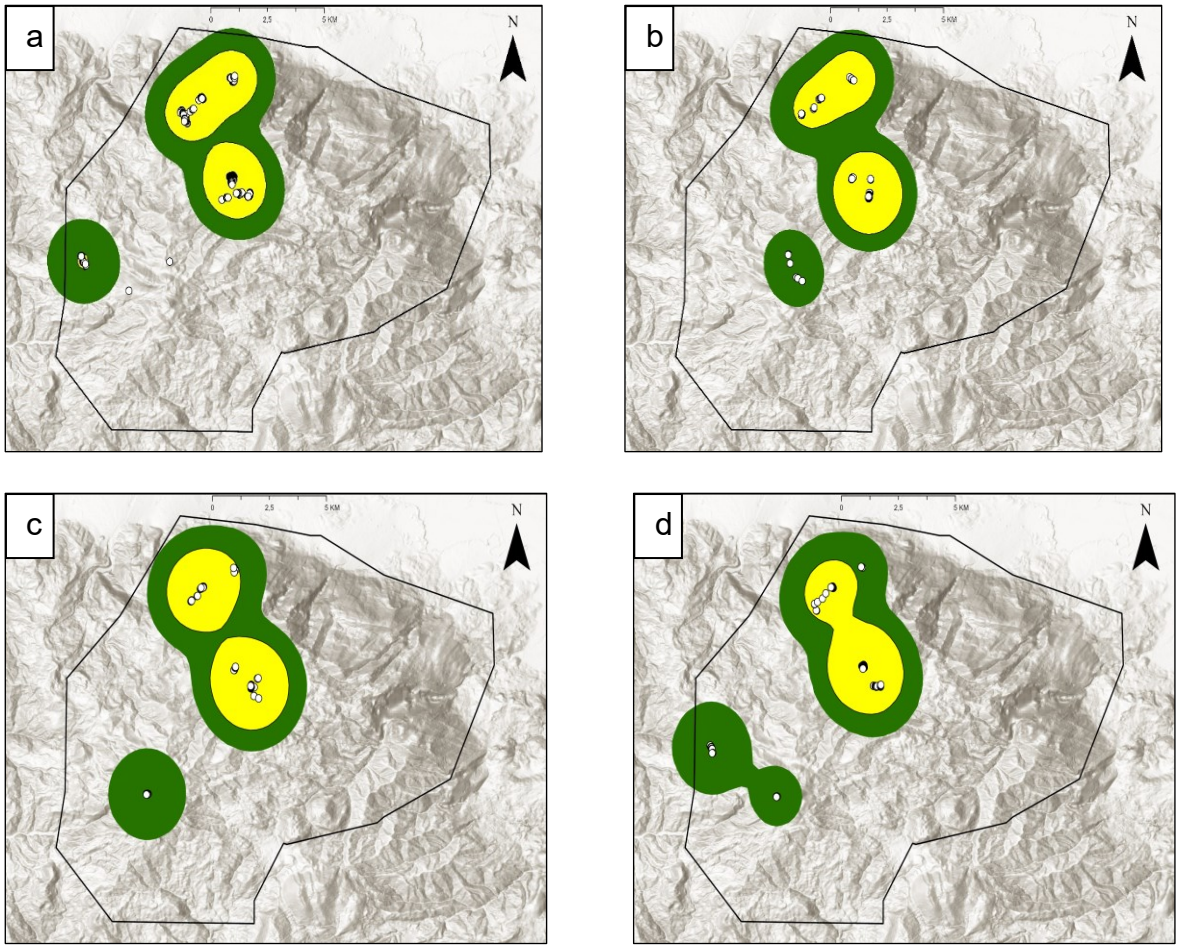

Fig. S4 Seasonal ranges and their respective core areas of the Balkan chamois population on Mt. Oiti in 2023: a) Spring, b) Summer, c) Autumn, d) Winter

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