

Wind power project on the Cyclades and Dodecanese islands, will cause lasting environmental damage, says Greek Environment Ministry. Ministry advised against wind project plans.

The said project involves the construction of three wind farms consisting of 106 turbines on 14 islets that belong to the municipalities of Nisyros, Leros, Astypalaia and Anafi. The Ministry said that the project, combined with an existing 183 wind turbines already licensed on the islands of Astypalaia, Amorgos, Anafi and Nisyros, would have a wall effect on existing bird migration routes.

The recommendations question the scientific legitimacy of the environmental study submitted by the company behind the project. The Ministry said that the predominant characteristic of all the islets in question is that their natural environment is undisturbed by human presence.