

Conservation challenges in the Aoos River Basin: The threat of Small Hydropower Plants



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Από τη Νατάσσα Μηλάτσιου
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⋮ The new project "Ri-Connect" is launched



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ler to contribute to the maintenance of the free flow of the

Let it Flow!

A Role-Playing Game for Aous river basin management



⋮ Aous: MedINA's comments on the public consultation of the Special Environmental Study 11a for the Natura 2000 sites



•• Small Hydropower Plants on Sarantaporos, Aos and Voidomatis rivers, July 2023



•• Aos / Vjosa: 2nd Bilateral Stakeholders Meeting in Vlora, Albania



•• The landscapes of Aos, their importance for the residents and local views on small hydropower plants



•• Fish fauna study in Aos and Sarantaporos

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In September 2023 MedINA completed two cycles of fish fauna samplings in the Aos Basin.

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The entire Aaos River in Greece and its tributaries are now protected

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An important step was taken today by the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy with the designation of part of the catchment area of the transboundary river Aaos (source of the Vjosa River) in Greece as a Protected Natural Formation and Protected Landscape. The designation covers the area that was previously unprotected, from the boundary of the Northern Pindos National Park to the Greek-Albanian border.

This is a major achievement for the International campaign 'Save the Blue Heart of Europe' for the protection of Balkan Rivers: Following the designation of the Albanian part of the Aaos (Vjosa) as a National Park in March 2023, the coordinated efforts of EuroNatur and its greek and international partners in the campaign contributed to ensure that



The Sarantaporos is the largest tributary of the Aaos. Several small hydropower plants were previously planned along its flow.
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MedINA's intervention for the Aaos river at the Public Consultation of the 2nd Revision of the RBMP of Epirus

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On Friday November 3rd, 2023, the hybrid consultation workshop of the 2nd revision of the River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) of Epirus Region was held at the Technical Chamber's Hall in Ioannina and online.

MedINA actively participated in the consultation through its Freshwater Programme Manager, Alexandra Pappa, who gave an online presentation on the Aaos River issues, and the Local Coordinator for the Aaos River, Dimitris Papageorgiou, who attended the meeting in person. Our team



'Historic moment' for nature as Europe's first wild river national park announced in Albania



© The Vjosa River near Gjirokastra, southern Albania. The river and its three main tributaries in the country have been declared a national park. Photograph: Nick Stogden/The Guardian
A project with outdoor gear company Patagonia and NPOs will protect the Vjosa, one of the continent's last free-flowing waterways
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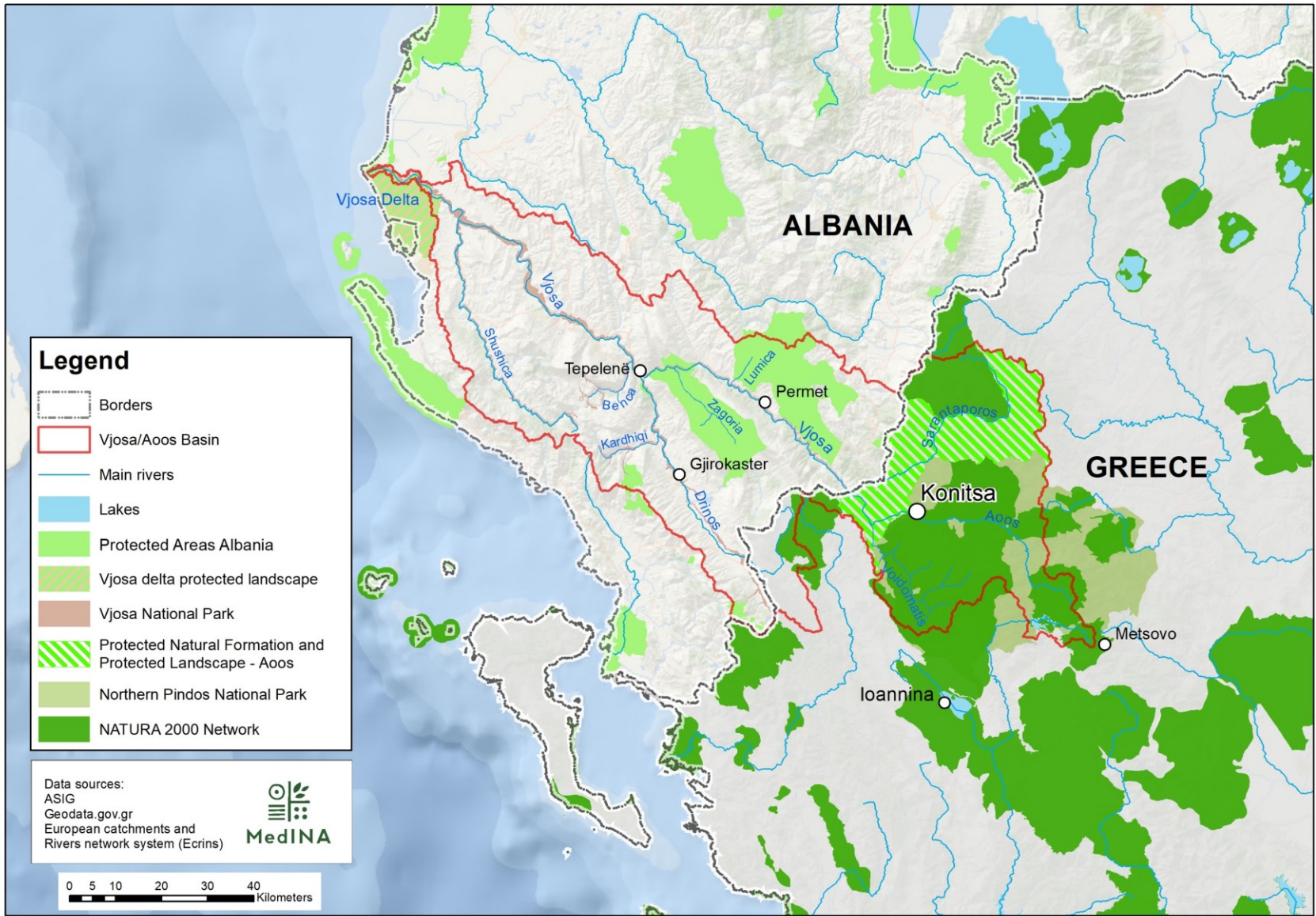
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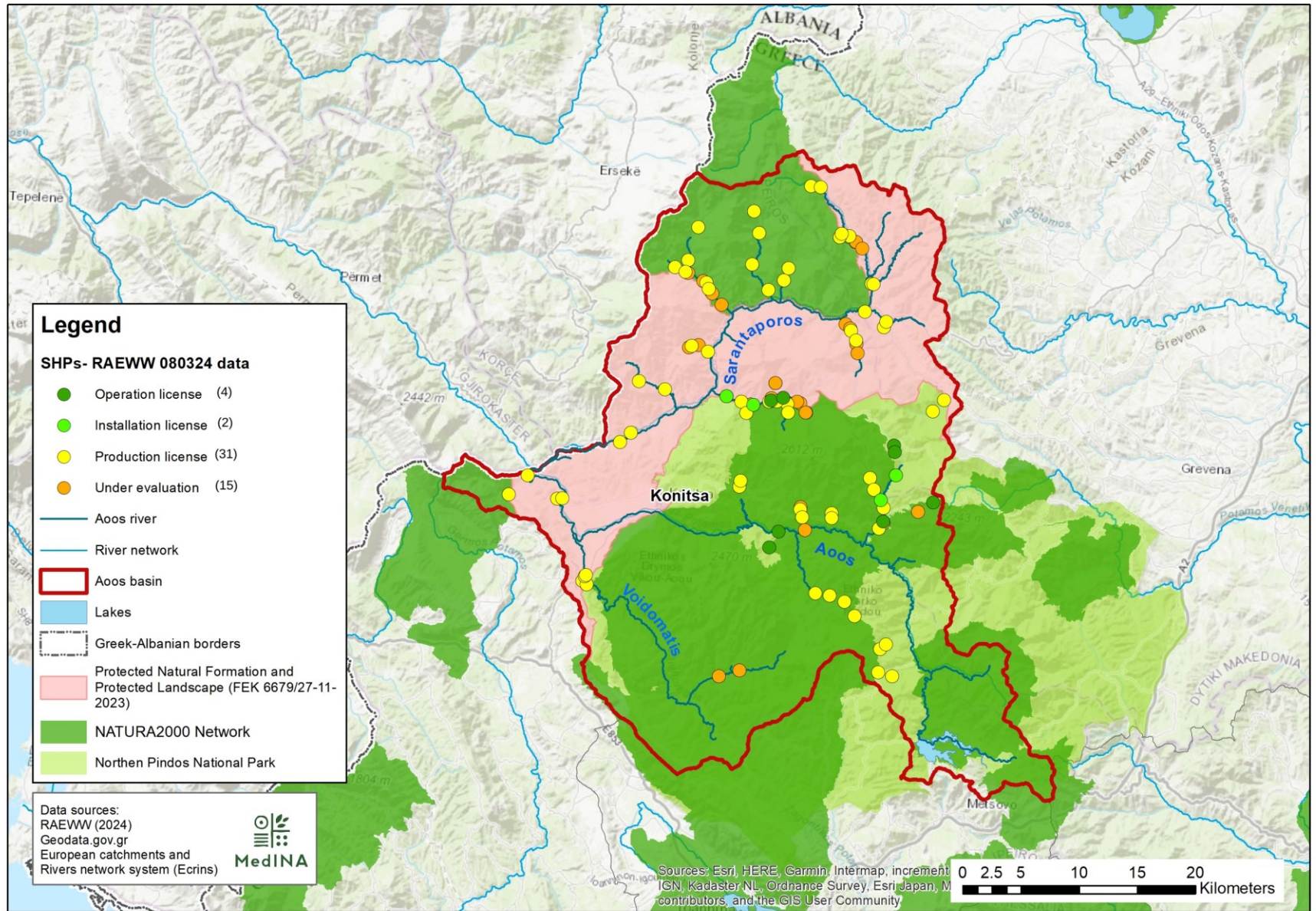
In the framework of the project "Preparation of Special Environmental Studies, Drafting of Presidential Protection Decrees and Management Plans for Natura 2000 Sites" of the Ministry of Environment and Energy, MedINA developed and submitted its proposals on the Special Environmental Study 11a for the Natura 2000 sites of the Regional Units of Thesprotia, Ioannina and Grevena, which is on public consultation until 30 April 2023.



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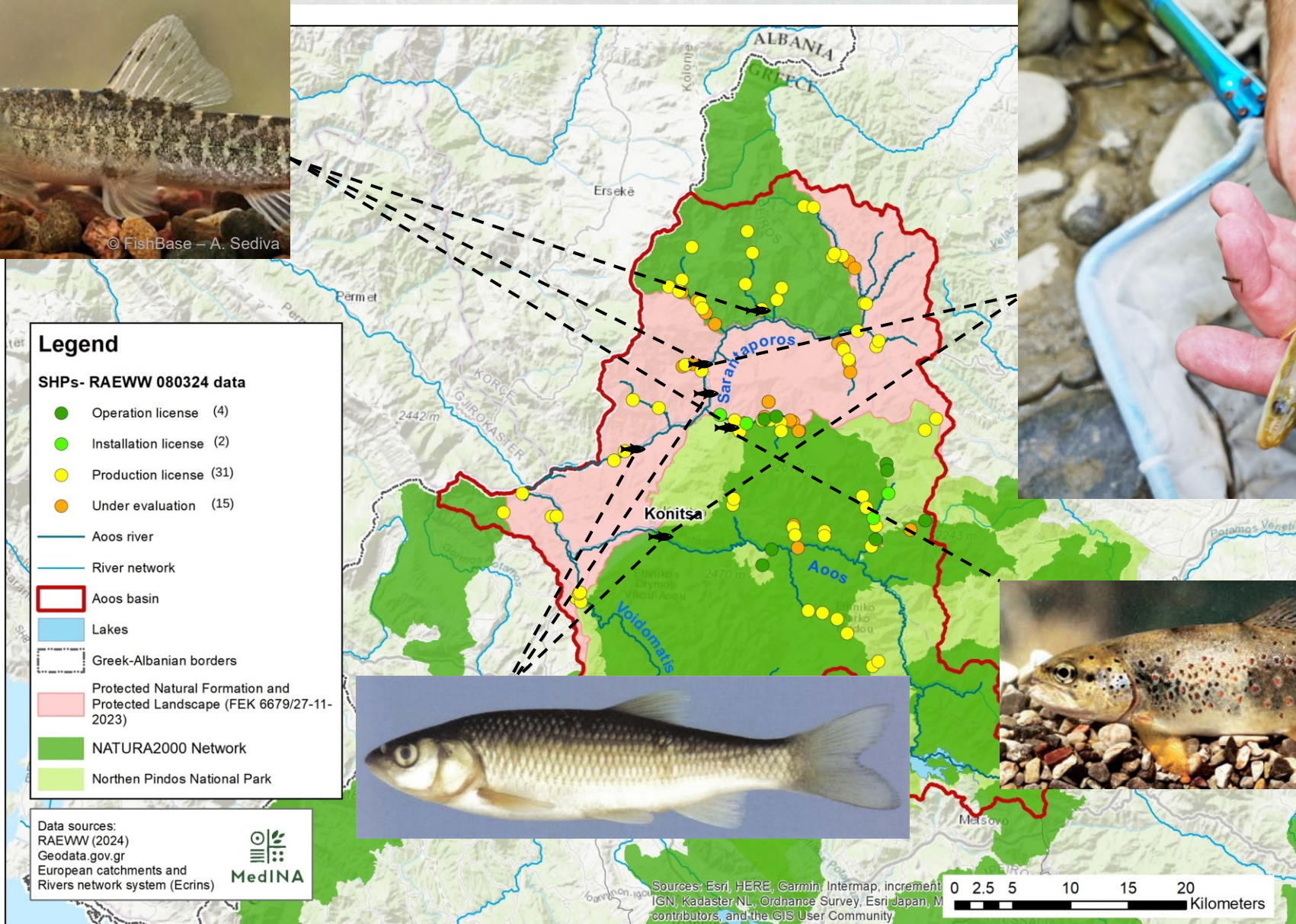
Overall status of SHPs in the Aaos River Basin by licensing stage.



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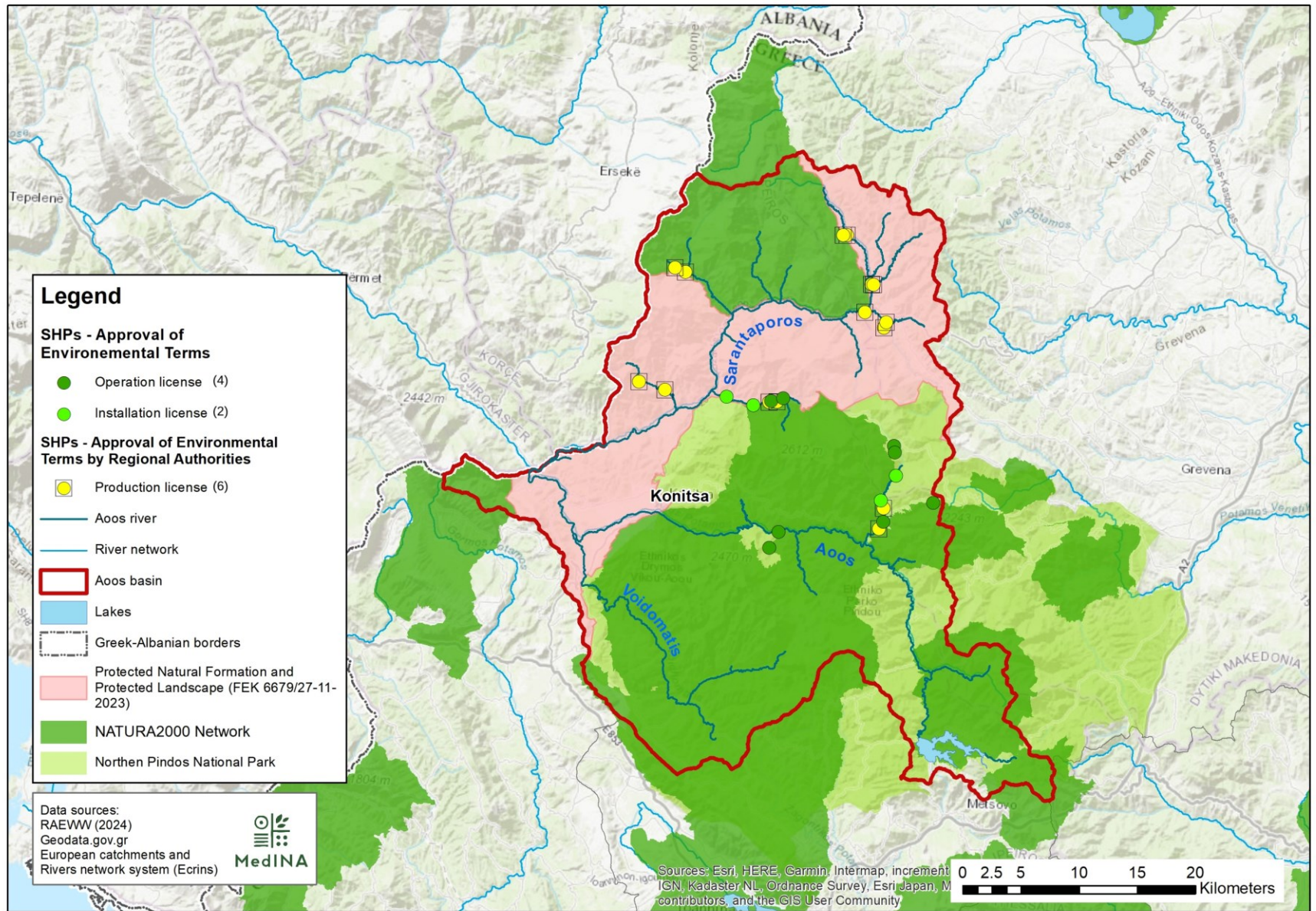


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Twelve (12) licensed SHPs in the Aaos River Basin



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