

# Greece Apollo Project

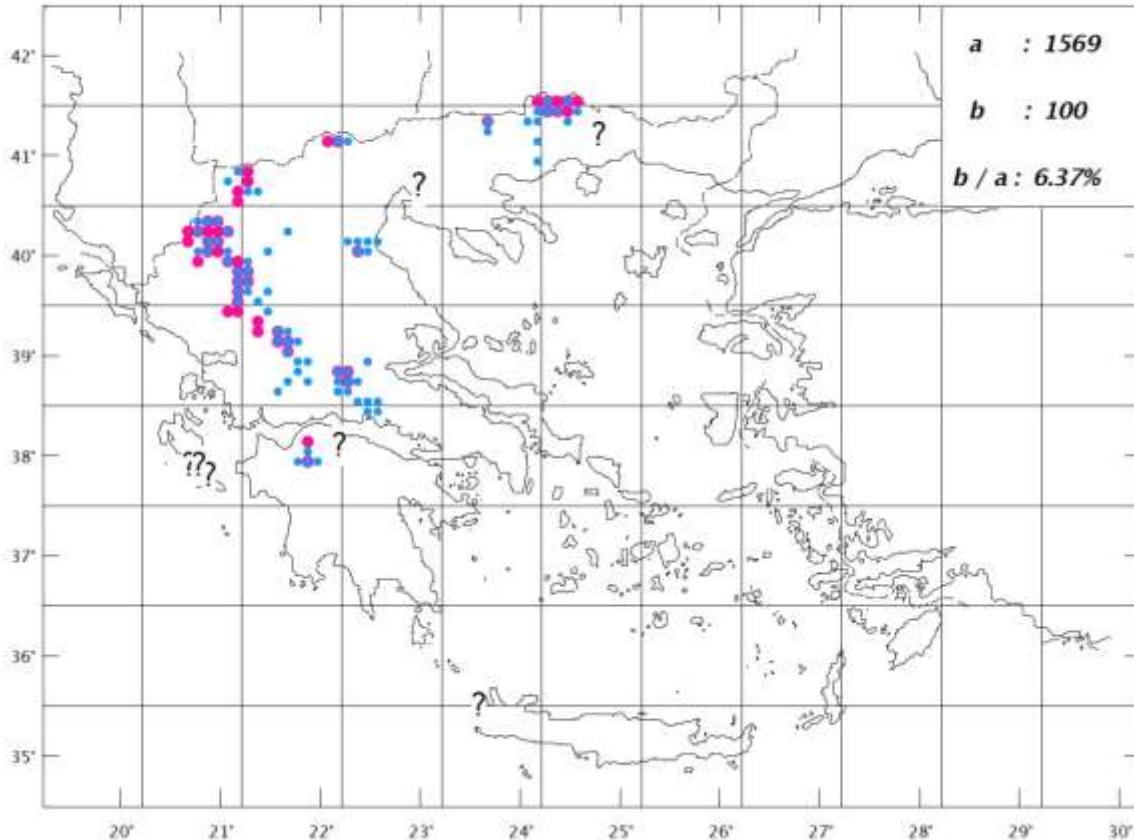


*Parnassius apollo*

Butterfly Conservation's European Butterflies Group has had a long interest in Greece and has often worked with **Lazaros Pamperis** on Greek

butterflies. We have been asked to help with a LIFE project in Greece on *Parnassius apollo* the Apollo butterfly organised by **Olga Tzortzakaki** [olgatzortz@gmail.com](mailto:olgatzortz@gmail.com) and the Greek Ministry of Environment and Energy. This species is

## PAPILIONIDAE *Parnassius apollo*



widespread in the Greek mountains but rarely common (See Map). The distinctive larvae feed on *Sedum* often growing in rocky places. The Apollo is an iconic species. It may be affected by changes to grazing in the Greek mountains where sheep and goat grazing is often being replaced by cattle grazing. There is very little quantitative data available and its presence on several mountains such as Mt Chelmos is in doubt.

We would like to encourage members and others to firstly send historical records to Olga and Lazaros Pamperis

<[pamperis@otenet.gr](mailto:pamperis@otenet.gr)> but also to go and look for Apollo in the Greek mountains especially where it appears to be present in the distribution map. The Apollo flies from June to August. If you do find it, please do a timed count as number of adults seen per hour. It is an easy species to identify.



*Parnassius apollo larva*

You can download more information on Greek butterflies free from Lazaros's website <http://www.pamperis.gr>, where there are updates to his book 'The Butterflies of Greece'.



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The Greek mountains are a delight and a paradise for butterflies. You may wish to walk parts of the long-distance footpath 'The Pindos Way'. See *Trekking in Greece: The Peloponnese and Pindos Way* by Tim Salmon and Michael Cullen and the websites [thepindosway.com](http://thepindosway.com) and [thepeloponneseaway.com](http://thepeloponneseaway.com)

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