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## Lesvos Petrified Forest Geopark

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The Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest is located at Sigrí village on the western coast of Lesvos Island, Greece, 90 km from Mytilene, the island's capital city. It covers an area of 1597 m<sup>2</sup> including permanent and temporary exhibitions, audiovisual hall, laboratories, museum and coffee-shop. The Museum's main objective is the study, research, promotion, conservation and any other appropriate use of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos, which has been declared a protected natural monument of particular **environmental, geological** and **palaeontological** value.



The main Museum building at Sigrí village presents impressive fossil trunks, roots and leaves



Petrified forest exhibition hall



Educational program in the museum



The Aegean evolution hall

The permanent exhibition room "Petrified Forest" presents the evolution of plant life on earth from the appearance of the planet's first single cell organisms 3,5 billion years ago to developed plant life and the creation of the petrified forest. The flora of the Petrified Forest is presented with fossil remains of over 40 different species found and identified in the broader area of western Lesvos. Characteristic examples from other fossil bearing sites in Greece (Kymi, Vegora, Elassona, Aliveri, Santorini) are also part of the exhibition. The second hall entitled "The Evolution of the Aegean" is a presentation of the various geological phenomena and processes associated with the creation of the Petrified Forest and the general geological history of the Aegean basin over the last 20 million years.

Museum educational programs attract students from Lesvos, Greece and abroad.

During the summer period, the Museum hosts cultural events, exhibitions, lectures, conferences and symposia

The Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest has experience in **European Union projects** as it has undertaken and realized successfully several projects in collaboration with partners coming from different European Union countries as well as individually in the frame of E.U Initiatives for the development of ecotourism.

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