

## About us: NLUK (NAOM Landesgruppe Umwelt Kreta) e.V.

The NLUK is a subsidiary association of the NAOM

Since more than 30 years (founded in 1978) the NAOM is active in the area of environmental and nature protection within Germany and has been awarded several times (e.g. 1984 Ecological awardees of county Offenbach a.M.; certified with European Ecological Award 1987). The NAOM is also active within the geological-palaeontological area.

Since there is no uniform European law on associations and to become active on the isle of Crete, we had to come up with a subsidiary association, the NLUK. In 2007 the NLUK has been registered as the first, non-profit, acknowledged environmental association for and on Crete with the district court in Iraklion (see also the document "NLUK association registration").

The local activities of the NLUK are similar to the work scope of the NAOM. Environmental and nature protection, ecological fair waste management, protection of biotope and species as well as public information are in focus. The NLUK Homepage ([www.kreta-umweltforum.de](http://www.kreta-umweltforum.de)) is the main board for public information about the different activities. Here you will find leaflets (Crete Environment Info – Information about the environment and for travellers in Crete) in different topics: History of Crete / Archaeology - Monasteries / Churches - Geology / Palaeontology - Fossils / Place of finding - Caves – Gorges – Botanical – Animals - Ecological- / Nature conservancy - Country and People - Tours / Excursions - and last but not least ENVIRONMENTAL citizen information. At the same time the webpage and the forum are also the publication method for projects and results as well as a platform for information exchange.

Details for work projects, goals and purposes of the NLUK are fixed in the preamble and the statute of the association (see also the document "NLUK articles of association").

At present (April 2009) the NLUK has 133 members from 14 nations; the association federation NAOM/NLUK counts 203 members. An average of 600 people is visiting our webpage on a daily base (including the sub domains [www.nluk.de](http://www.nluk.de), [www.naom.de](http://www.naom.de) and [www.nabu-obertshausen.de](http://www.nabu-obertshausen.de)).

Our slogan: "we want to preserve Crete and its people from harm; therefore we protect Crete's environment and nature."

NAOM = Naturwissenschaftliche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Obertshausen Mosbach

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Village in Germany (Hessen) near Frankfurt

NLUK = NAOM Landesgruppe Umwelt Kreta

NAOM Country group Environment Crete

e.V. = eingetragener Verein

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