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Preventive wildlife strike strategies implemented at the airports operated by Fraport Greece during the C-19 pandemic

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Thessaloniki Airport "Makedonia" (Photo by: Wildlife Controller, Peleka Lamprini)

# Airports Operated by Fraport Greece



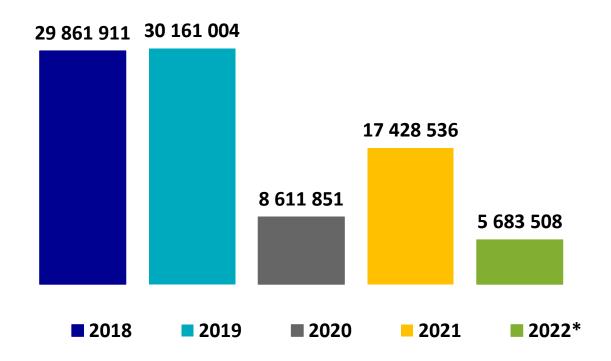
### Wildlife Hazard Management Team



70 Airside Supervisors (FM car) at the network of 14 regional airports

### Passengers Per Year (2018 – up to May 2022)

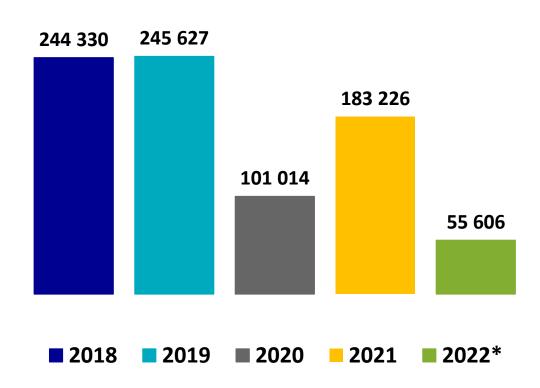
### **Total Passengers' Numbers Per Year**



<sup>\*</sup>The current **YTD** stats demonstrate a decrease of **12% versus 2019**, with total traffic reaching **5.68 Million passengers**.

### Total Movements Per Year (2018 – up to May 2022)

#### **Total Movements Per Year**



<sup>\*</sup> The YTD movements decrease until May 2022 reaches -4.2% versus 2019

### Corporate Culture and Training Developments

**Human Capital at the center of our interest**: C-19 acted as an accelerator for positive changes:

- Increase awareness of C-19 for employees' and customers' health and safety as well as for related consequences in airport operations
- Create a shared understanding of the post-COVID Corporate Vision & Mission as well as corporate values that will guide all Fraport Greece team members in a very dynamic and challenging business and operational environment
- Build adaptability of the human capital through continuous learning by:
  - Introducing and implementing the corporate strategy for "Learning without barriers"
  - Aligning training methods and schemes to a new digital era and using LMS to its full potential







### Top Management Strategy for Wildlife Strike Prevention





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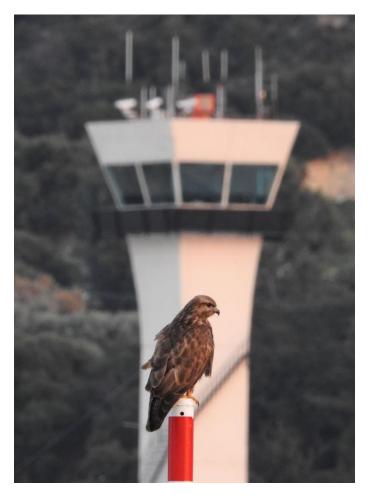
No reductions were made during the pandemic years regarding:

- Personnel involved in wildlife control
- Purchase of wildlife control equipment

#### On the contrary:

- The Wildlife Control Team at SKG has grown in 2021
- Lawn tractors were added in the airport fleet

### Communication Strategy with the Airside OPS Personnel



Common buzzard at Rodos Airport "Diagoras" (Photo by: Airside Supervisor, Nikolaos Saragias)

Information has been provided through webinars on:

- The importance of dispersing birds even with no traffic at all
- Bird biology and behavior
- The need to implement an integrated approach with a variety of bird control measures

Recap before the recommence of operations in June 2020, in April 2021 and April 2022

Online participation in the Safety Committee meetings

### Wildlife Strike Prevention Strategy

Clear instructions were given to the airside operations personnel about:

- The frequency of RWY inspections (proactive for wildlife control)
- Communication with the ATC (time needed for bird control, results)
- Wildlife control at the perimeter areas
- Fence inspection (plus airside vehicle gates)
- Monitoring of wildlife attractants
- Record keeping
- Collection of data upon a wildlife strike

"Bird control is a continuous process that requires constant effort and time"

### Wildlife Surveys (13km radius)



Goldfinch at Rodos Airport "Diagoras" (Photo by: Airside Supervisor, Nikolaos Saragias)

Conducted by the airside operations personnel equipped with

- Binoculars
- High optical zoom cameras
- Bird id books

Data was regularly sent to the Wildlife Hazard Management team and analyzed centrally in Athens

Surveys extended to non-hazardous species as well

### Communication strategy with the airlines



Thessaloniki Airport "Makedonia" (Photo by: Wildlife Controller, Peleka Lamprini)

Open/Trust culture with the airlines

Regular meetings' agenda:

- Cross check of our wildlife strike databases
- Common understanding on confirmed and unconfirmed wildlife strikes
- Wildlife control strategy during the pandemic years
- Wildlife strike investigations

Questionnaires received by the airlines

## Communication with Ground Handling Companies

All GH companies were informed during the Safety Committee meetings about:

- The need to cover APUs and other aircraft parts to avoid having nesting birds due to long parked aircraft
- Appropriate waste management to avoid having birds or stray animals feeding on organic waste



### Developments on the KPIs

- Birds found struck on the RWY are reported as confirmed strikes even without any report from a pilot (airport reporting: 37%)
- Multiple strikes are risk assessed with an increased level of severity for the respective bird species

#### **KPIs**

- Confirmed wildlife strikes per 10,000 aircraft movements
  New! Number of confirmed strikes of birds with mass over
  100g per 10,000 aircraft movements
- Confirmed wildlife strikes reported exclusively by Fraport Greece operations personnel

### Innovation Strategy – Demonstrate Leadership



- Best practices in wildlife hazard management
- Demonstrate leadership in airport biodiversity conservation
- Marine and terrestrial biodiversity conservation research
- Wildlife trafficking prevention

Marsh Harrier at Samos Airport "Aristarchos of Samos" (*Photo by:* Airside Supervisor, Kafouros John)

