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His professional career has begun at the University of Athens, during his studies, where he worked as a postgraduate researcher and participated in several research projects aiming at biodiversity conservation and management of natural areas of Cyprus.

Now, he is a Research Officer at Research Service of Frederick University since September 2011 and a member of Nature Conservation Unit of Frederick University since December 2006. He is the Project Manager of the project 'Improving the conservation status of the priority habitat types *1520 and *5220 at the Rizoelia National Forest Park' (LIFE12 NAT/CY/000758) since September 2013.

In his short professional career he has participated in four LIFE programs of the European Union, to the elaboration of a significant number of environmental studies; appropriate impact assessments; monitoring and management plans, in monitoring of plant species and habitat types of Annex I and II of the Directive 92/43/EEC and in mapping of plant species and habitat types. He has also gained considerable experience in operation of the Natura 2000 Network and in conservation and management of endangered plant species and habitat types.

During the period January 2012 - May 2012 he worked as a Visiting Lecturer for the course of 'Plant Physiology' at the Department of Biological Sciences of University of Cyprus. Also, during the period March 2014 - May 2014, he worked as a Visiting Lecturer for the course of 'Biodiversity and Education' under the MSc Program 'Education for the Environment and Sustainable Development' of the Frederick University.

Dr. Andreou has participated in important local and international scientific conferences and seminars, concerning biodiversity, conservation biology and ecological restoration. Part of his research work has been published in international scientific journals and in national and international conferences proceedings after review.