



On Our Way to Sustainable Development

*Greek Actions for the
Environment & Development
AGENDA 21 - 5 years after Rio*

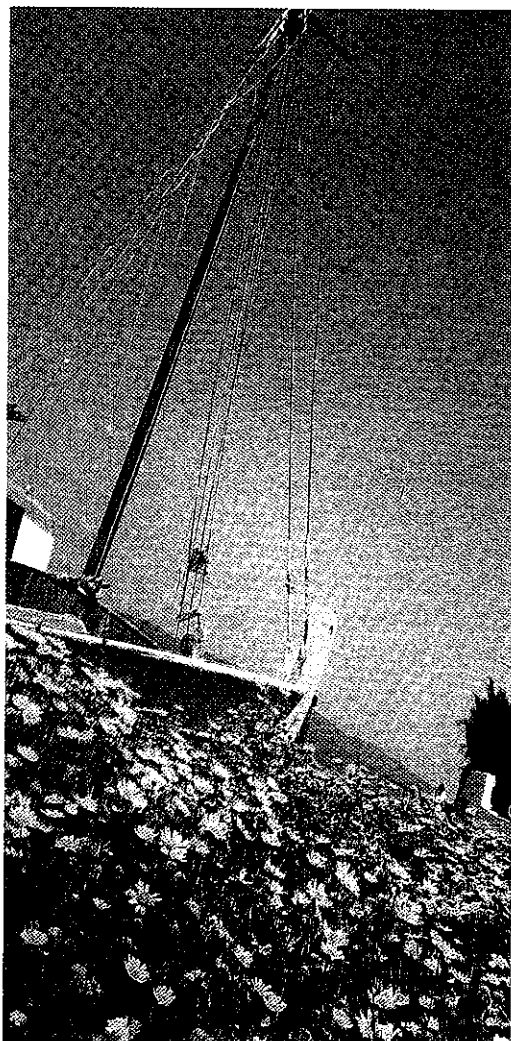
EEN 16

HELLENIC MINISTRY
FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
PHYSICAL PLANNING
& PUBLIC WORKS

ATHENS 1997

Since the *Earth Summit* in 1992, Greece has been implementing a comprehensive policy towards sustainable development. Sustainability is introduced in the development policies of the country and sustainable practices are integrated in sectors such as energy, tourism, transport & agriculture.

The Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works has developed a coordination mechanism for sustainable deve-



lopment and the implementation of Agenda 21, in order to mobilise the interest and involvement of all the competent ministries and other public sectors and to cooperate with all relevant groups. Under this mechanism, the Ministry undertook the preparation of the annual reports for submission to the *United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development* (CSD) in order to assess the progress towards the principles of Agenda 21. The reports were prepared with the cooperation and assistance of many competent ministries and other bodies. Reports were submitted to the CSD in 1994, 1995 and 1996 and the country profile was prepared for the Special Session in 1997.

A detailed description of the Greek policy in all sectors of Agenda 21 is included in the National Reports submitted. In this booklet we only present the main actions taken in the sectors of:

- climate change,
- biodiversity,
- forests/ desertification,
- coastal zones,
- human settlements,
- energy,
- education,
- assistance for sustainable development & multilateral cooperation,
- waste management,
- national cadastre and
- Local Agenda 21