

Struggles against dams and river diversions in Northwestern Greece

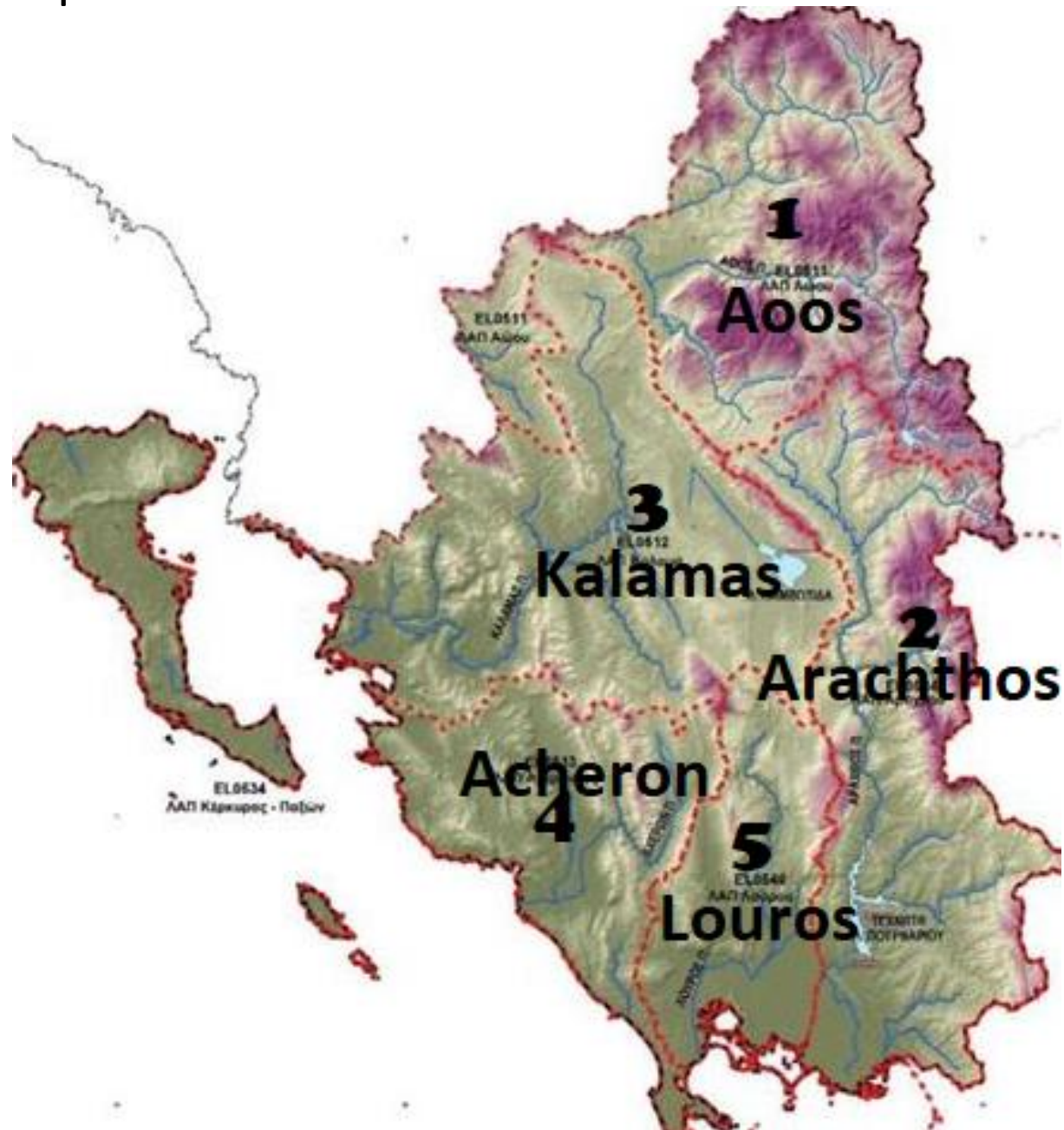
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Pindos mountain chain, the hydrologic heart of Greece



Epirus Water District with 5 main river basins



Arachthos river (135 km)



Arachthos river basin

2 : Planned but frustated
Agios Nikolaos big dam

1 : Existing Pournari big dam



Sediment deposition in upper part of Pournari reservoir



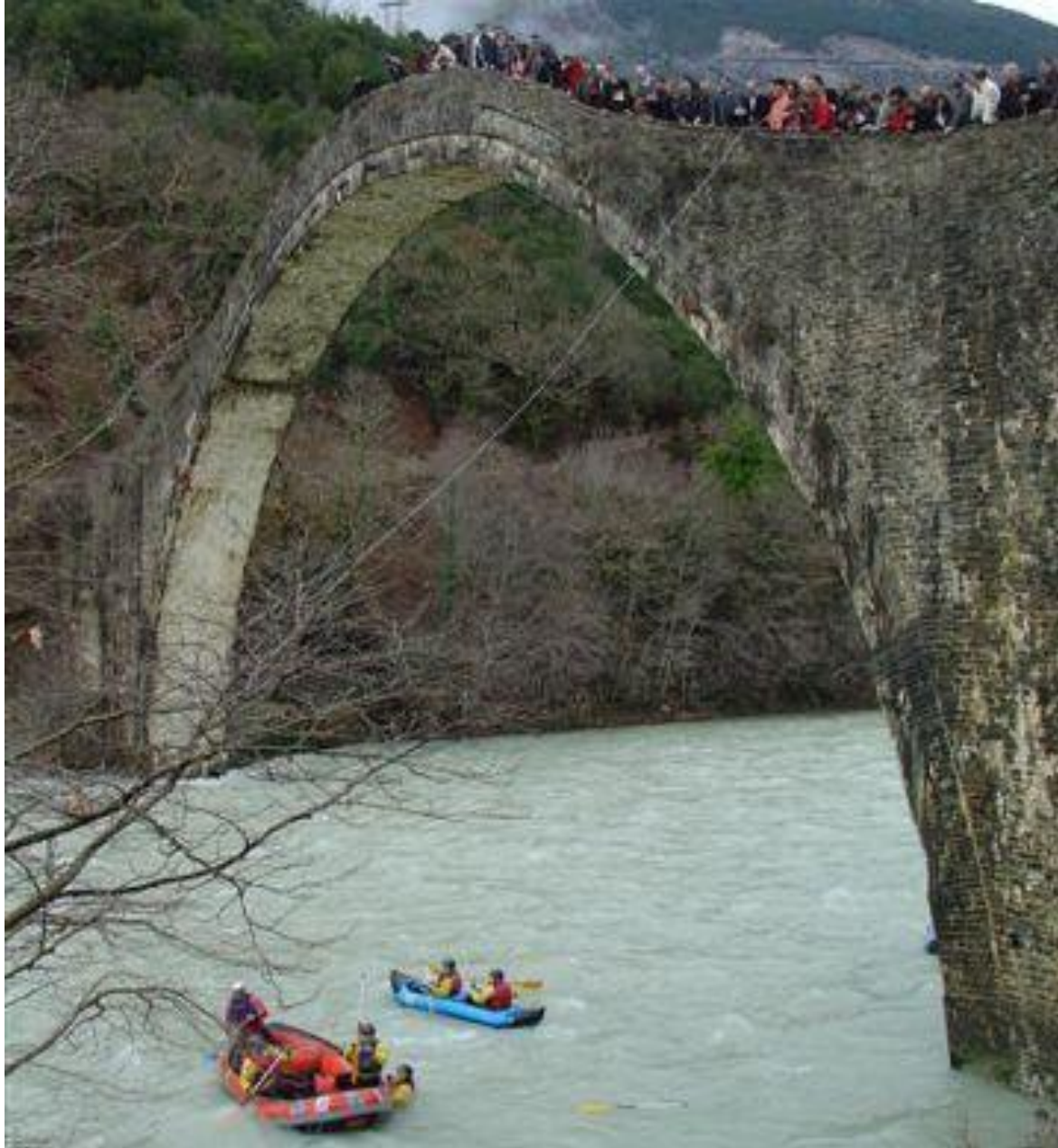
Manifestation against Agios Nikolaos big dam construction (2006)



Manifestation against Agios Nikolaos big dam (2007)



Lesson learned : One struggle needs symbols – Plaka stone bridge



“We will not allow destruction of Plaka bridge”



Lesson learned : Just one detail can be crucial

One small **additional** phrase in Regional Spatial Plan, just suggesting no new hp projects in the area, led to dam cancelling by the Court



Aoos/Vjosa river



Aoos/Vjosa transboundary basin

(river length 70 km in Greece, 190 in Albania)



Aoos river greek sub-basin main problems

1 : Existing big dam in Aaos springs 2 : Existing diversion to Arachthos
3 : Planned diversion from Arkudorema tributary to Pamvotis lake (4)



Manifestation against Aeos diversion (2013)



Many ways to increase people's awareness



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Manifestations against Mesochora dam in Acheloos river (2007 and 2008)



New threats for rivers, new fights

