

At the academic year of 2002-03 DIAE was established under the School of Agricultural Sciences focusing mainly on aquatic living resources. DIAE, nowadays, comprises of 20 members of academic staff and offers high quality of undergraduate and postgraduate studies. The number of annually enrolled students at all levels has increased to ~100. It is the only higher educational academic Institution in Hellas, which offers an Honors' first degree on aquatic living resources upon successful completion of 10 taught courses' semesters. A one year M.Sc. postgraduate degree is offered on sustainable aquatic production and conservation biology; as well as pursuing research leading to a Ph.D. DIAE is a leading Hellenic academic Institution supporting and conducting novel scientific research on aquatic living resources. DIAE adopts modern methods of teaching, or conducting research and focuses on scientific issues mainly related to aquaculture, fisheries and conservation biology. Among other premises the multi-purpose aquarium for research on experimental rearing material is of outmost importance.

The objectives of DIAE are:

- Educate and train new scientists capable of following a successful scientific and professional career on aquatic living resources.

- Diffusion of scientific knowledge and methodology to students on applied research topics such as fisheries, aquaculture and conservation biology.

- Conduction of innovative/modern research (Centre/Institution of excellence).