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His scientific publication record, spanning 63 peer-reviewed journal articles, H-factor 33 (Scopus), focuses on insect ecology, pollinator conservation, biological invasions, and sustainable agro-ecosystem management. A significant portion of his research evaluates how landscape configuration, island geography, and environmental disturbances such as fire regimes and grazing levels shape plant and animal communities and plant-pollinator networks across Mediterranean ecosystems. His work also documents the ecological impacts of biological invasions, specifically examining how invasive alien plants alter native plant reproduction and facilitate crop pest dynamics. Additionally, his publications contribute to integrated pest management by demonstrating how understorey biodiversity and native aromatic plants in olive orchards mitigate olive fruit fly infestations. Beyond local agricultural dynamics, he investigates broader environmental pressures, including the effects of climate warming on nectar secretion, as well as anthropogenic stressors such as electromagnetic radiation from telecommunication antennas and managed honeybee density on wild pollinators. Finally, his research advances ecological methodology by evaluating field sampling techniques and developing low-cost video systems to monitor insect behavior and species interactions.

Thomas Tscheulin has been involved in several major research projects focused on pollinator monitoring, capacity building, and ecosystem services. Most recently (projects during the last 5 years), he serves as the scientific coordinator for the Greek side of the [ANTENNA](#) project, which focuses on utilizing technology (such as drone Imagery and deep learning techniques) to improve pollinator monitoring. Parallel to this, he acts as the scientific coordinator for Greece, Cyprus, and Bulgaria in the [EPIC](#) project, an initiative dedicated to capacity building in pollinator taxonomy, as well as the national coordinator for COST Action (CA22129) [InsectAI](#) - Using Image-based AI for Insect Monitoring & Conservation. He also led the Greek team as scientific coordinator for the [SPRING](#) project, which worked to strengthen pollinator recovery across Europe through indicators and monitoring systems.

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