Discussion

There are a considerable number of travel cost studies on RF worldwide. Consumer surplus values from a few these studies are as follows: The consumer surplus per RF trip was 161 USD (Biligic and Fokkens, 2007) and the average consumer surplus was 78 USD representing a great economic importance.

The findings revealed clearly that RF in these two sites has great economic importance; however, the lack of market monitoring and knowledge resources limited this reality up to now. This kind of economic assessments of RF are pathfinder and they should be considered in constructing management strategies of protected areas including effective monitoring, control and surveillance.

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