Creating an inventory of marine IBAs for *Puffinus yelkouan, Calonectris diomedea & Hydrobates pelagicus* in Malta

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Duration: Sep 2011 to Jun 2016

Total budget: € 873,964 (50% LIFE funding)

Project partnership:
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SPA site and sea actions saving *Puffinus yelkouan* in Malta

€1 million - 50% LIFE funded

Research, conservation & awareness

2006 - 2010
RDUM TAL-MADONNA

Special Protection Area

And Important Bird Area

Circa

500 pairs, 3% of global population
Telemetry – Satellite tags

LIFE
Yelkouan Shearwater Project

BirdLife Malta
Malta's first Marine IBA!
Scopoli’s shearwater
Ċiefa
*Calonectris diomedea*

5000 pairs - Malta, Gozo, Filfla & Comino

Migrate out of Mediterranean but where?

Frequented often within 6 nautical miles but also further offshore?
Yelkouan shearwater
Garnija
*Puffinus yelkouan*

1500 pairs - 10% of world population on Malta, Gozo & Comino

Rdum tal-Madonna and offshore area mostly frequented

Migrate to Aegean and Black Sea

Do they feed outside 6 nautical mile area?
European Storm Petrel
*Kaŋgu ta’ Filfla*
*Hydrobates pelagicus*

Species undergoing studies – possibly *Hydrobates melitensis*

5000 pairs nesting on Filfla – 50% of the world population

Some pairs in Gozo

Where do they feed?

Do they migrate? Where?
Annex I of EC Birds Directive

Special Protection Areas – Natura 2000
25-nautical mile fishery management zone
Convention on Biological Diversity (2004) - representative and effectively managed MPA networks should be put in place by 2012!

Global target of 10% by 2012 was not reached → contracting parties recommitted to conserve at least 10% of coastal and marine areas


• The establishment of environmental targets and associated indicators to achieve GES by 2020 (by 15 July 2012)
• The establishment of a monitoring programme for the ongoing assessment and the regular update of targets (by 15 July 2014)
• The development of a programme of measures designed to achieve or maintain GES by 2020 (by 2015)
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