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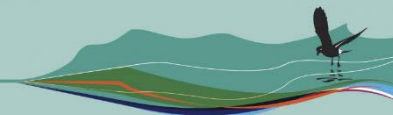
Yelkouan Shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan*



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PROTECTING SEABIRDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN:
ADVANCING THE MARINE PROTECTED AREA NETWORK

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
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- 6 plans updated



Velvet scoter



White-headed Duck



Dalmatian Pelican



Cinereous Vulture



Bearded Vulture



Turtle Dove

- 1 Multi-species plan
 - 8 Lowland grassland breeding waders
- 2 new plans (seabirds)



Yelkouan Shearwater



Monteiro's Storm-petrel

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Coordinated Efforts for International Species Recovery

- 2015-2018
- 12 partners led by BirdLife International



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Species Action Plans – Outline



- SAPs = key tools in the implementation of the EU Birds Directive for species of conservation concern
- Outline species Status, ecology, threats and key conservation actions required
- Bring together multiple stakeholders
- Target resources to most urgent actions
- Enable international cooperation to develop actions on international/flyway scale
- *Need Follow-up + updates*

Global distribution of the Yelkouan Shearwater: mostly in the whole Mediterranean + Black sea



Population sizes & trends (when known)

Table 1. Reported national breeding population size and trends in Europe¹.

Country (or territory) ²	Population estimate				Short-term population trend ⁴				Long-term population trend ⁴			
	Size (pairs) ³	Europe (%)	Year(s)	Quality	Direction ⁵	Magnitude (%) ⁶	Year(s)	Quality	Direction ⁵	Magnitude (%) ⁶	Year(s)	Quality
Albania	1-10	<1	2002-2012	poor	?				?			
Croatia	300-400	1	2010	medium	?				?			
France	627-1044	3	2009	medium	?				0	0	1980-2008	poor
Greece	4,000-7,000	22	2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	poor	?			
Italy	12,791-19,774	66	2003-2010	poor	+		2001-2010	poor	+	40-65	1980-2010	poor
Malta	1,660-1,980	7	2010	good	+	20-30	2001-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	good
Turkey	0-1,000	<1	2013	poor	?				?			
EU27	19,100-29,800	97			Increasing							
Europe	19,400-31,200	100			Increasing							

Sources: BirdLife International (2015) *European Red List of Birds*
 EU 27 data provided by the Reporting under art. 12 of the Birds Directive

Discrepancy between assessments:

Increasing in European assessment;
Declining in Global assessment...

Maintained as Vulnerable in Global red list.

“...thought to be undergoing a rapid population decline []
However recent evidence suggests the population may
actually be increasing at some colonies.”

Note: protected colonies are increasing. They are maybe over-represented now in
global figures, compared with declining ones with small population remaining



Identified main threats:

High mortality rate

Adults : from fishing bycatch &

Chicks/eggs : predation by rats & cats

Sound & light disturbance

Reduced food availability (anchovies, sprats)

Pollution, **wind turbines**, others...

Conservation issues to be addressed mostly at site level (in MIBAs)



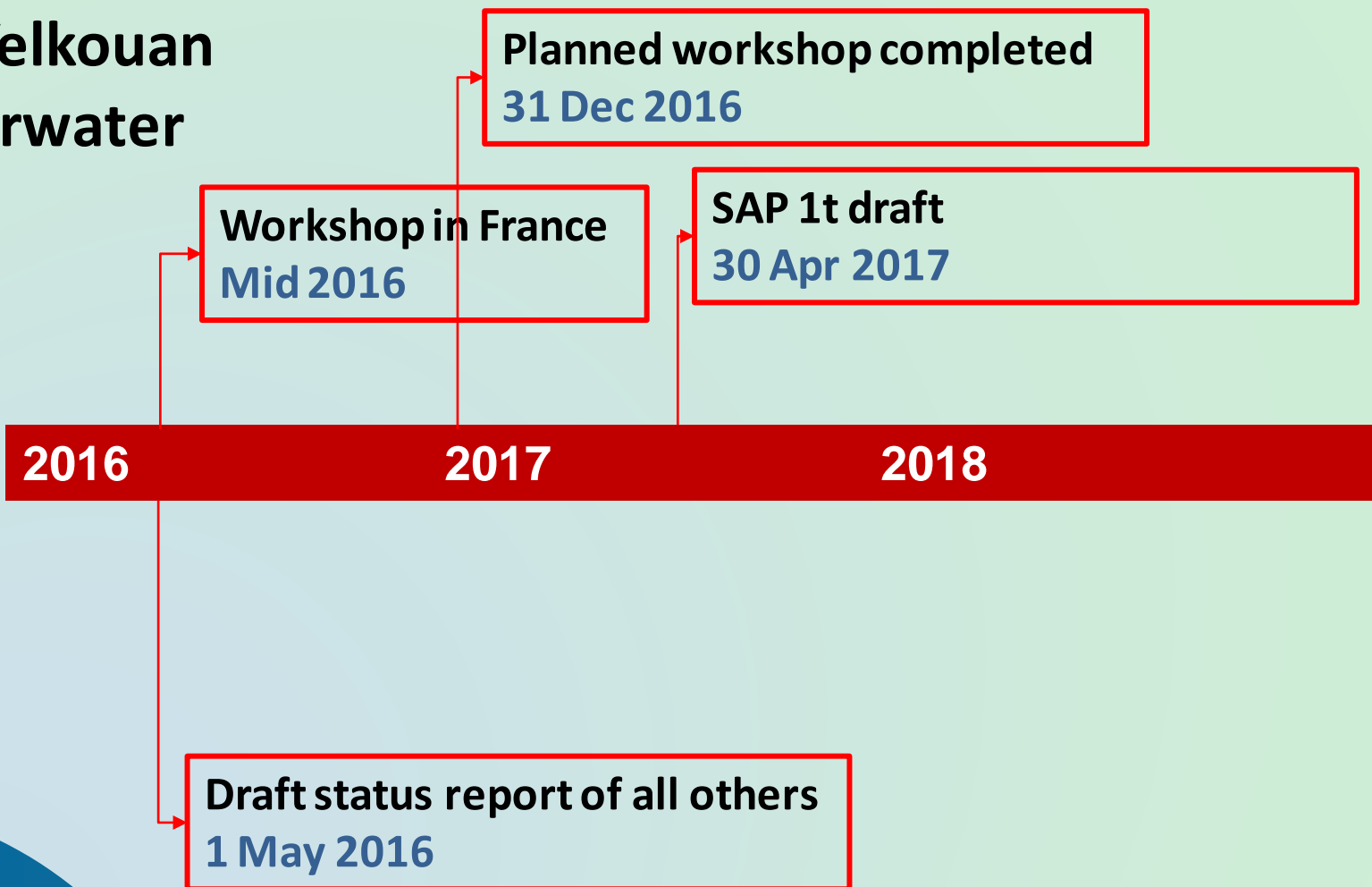
Building network of experts : ongoing

32 persons contacted in 11 countries, 25 answers (yes)

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The main upcoming steps of the SAP for which members of the working group will be asked to contribute

For Yelkouan Shearwater



Thank you !



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