LIFE Euro SAP

Yelkouan Shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan*

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LPO (French BirdLife partner)
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- 6 plans updated

- 1 Multi-species plan
  - 8 Lowland grassland breeding waders

- 2 new plans (seabirds)
LIFE EuroSAP

Coordinated Efforts for International Species Recovery

• 2015-2018
• 12 partners led by BirdLife International
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 Europe.  

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<th>Country (or territory)²</th>
<th>Population estimate</th>
<th>Short-term population trend⁴</th>
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<td>Size (pairs)³</td>
<td>Europe (%)</td>
<td>Year(s)</td>
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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

- Workshop in France: Mid 2016
- Planned workshop completed: 31 Dec 2016
- SAP 1st draft: 30 Apr 2017
- Draft status report of all others: 1 May 2016

2016  2017  2018