Which seabirds sites are priorities for protection and what are the main blockages to achieving this?

France

Thierry Micol – LPO (French BirdLife partner)
▪ Aerial observation of seabirds and human activities – 2011 and 2012
→ Distribution of populations / spatial and temporal variability
→ Modelling optimal habitats
→ Identification of important ecological areas for top predators
3 large sectors identified in the French Mediterranean area

=> Determination of Natura 2000 sites
Tracking data

Cory shearwaters: GPS, breeders during brooding (July-August 2011)

Yelkouan shearwater: GPS, breeders during brooding (May-June 2011)
3 large sectors (HD and BD) don’t fit tracking data

=> which conservation value of future N2000 sites ?

Knowledge gap

⇒ mIBAs analysis with existing tracking data

⇒ common analysis with Italy

⇒ Other ?

After that, designation of new sites not planned
Thank you