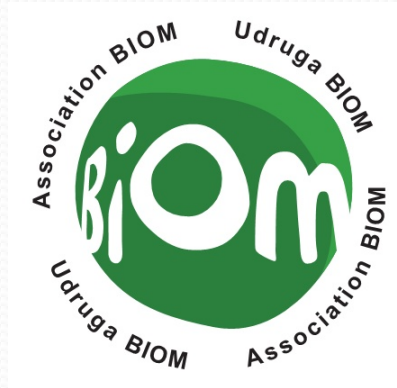


BIOM

Association „BIOM”

- NGO founded in 2006.
- 12 employees, 5 ornithologists, about 100 members
- Main objectives:
 - Activities in the field of scientific and professional research and protection of flora, fauna and habitats
 - Awareness raising on biodiversity, habitat endangerment, sustainable development and Biology as a scientific discipline
 - Protection of nature and environment
 - Protection of birds and their habitats
- BirdLife affiliate partner for Croatia since 2013.



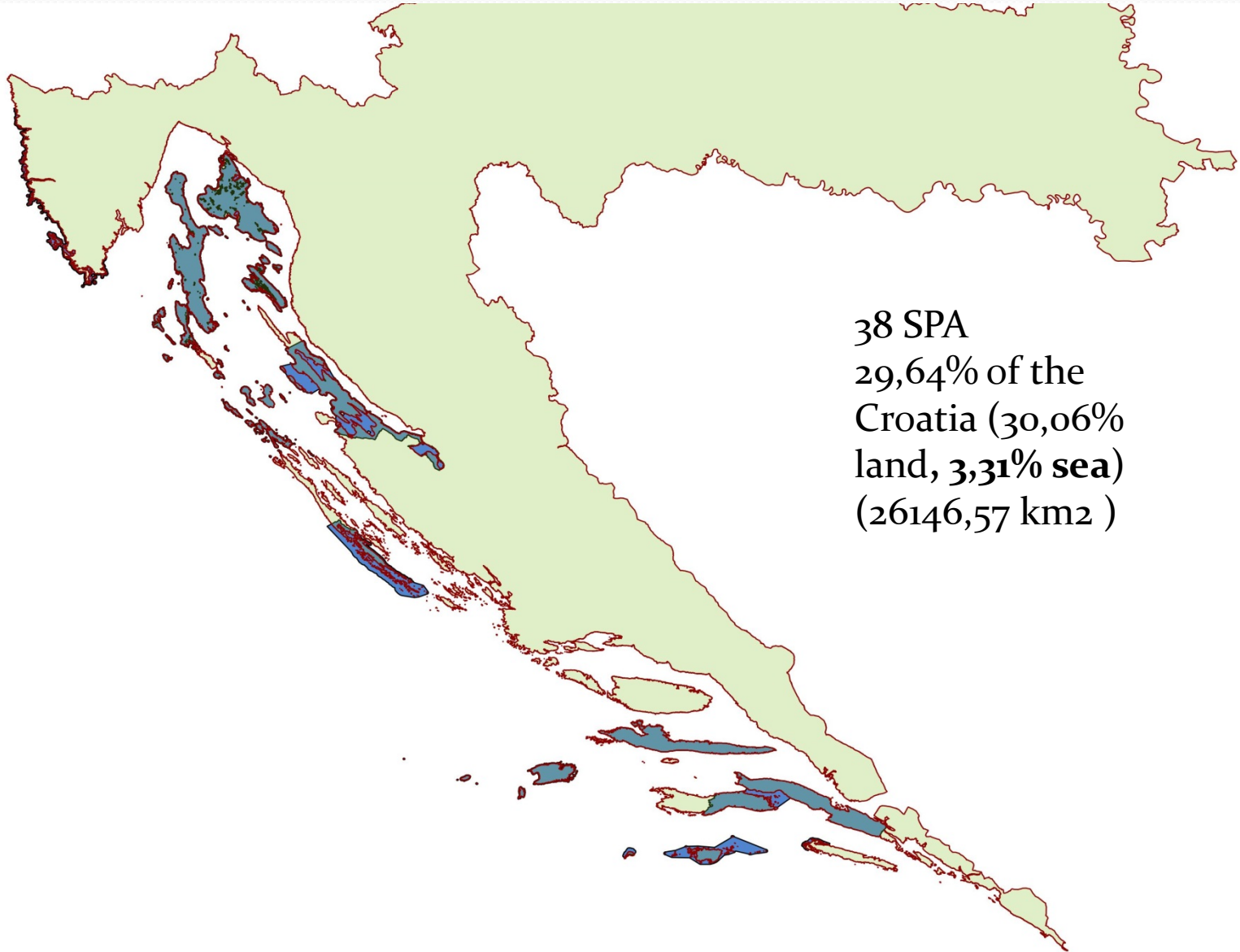


1246 islands

Over 6000 km of coast

Average depth 173 meters

NATURA 2000 network



Breeding coastal and seabirds of Croatia

No	Species	Status Red data book (2013)	Breeding population	main threats
1	Audouin's Gull	EN	60-70 bp	-competition with Y.legged Gull
2	Mediterranean Shag	LC	1600-2000 bp	
3.	Yelkouan Shearwater	VU	300-400 bp	
4.	Scopoli's Shearwater	NT	1200-1700 bp	
5.	Little Tern	EN	40-75 bp	-depleted fish stock
6.	Kentish plover	CR	14-25 bp	
7.	Eleonora's Falcon	EN	65-100 bp	
8.	Pygmy Cormorant	CR	15-55 bp	-bycatch - rat predation - disturbance

Done so far

- Mapping and monitoring of Shag in Zadar county (population is between 620 and 700 pairs)
- Mapping of Shag in Šibenik county
- Mapping of Shag colonies in western Istria
- Monitoring of Shag, Audouin's and Yellow Legged Gull in NP Mljet
- Mapping of Shag, Yelkouan and Scopoli's Shearwater colonies in Lastovo archipelago
- Mapping of Yelkouan and Scopoli's Shearwater colonies in Palagruža, Svetac and Biševo

Work in progress

- Preparation of conservation action plan for Shearwaters
- Data collection – NIP
- Preparation of LIFE project



GAPS

- Limited data on movement and foraging areas and non-breeding distribution
- Unknown extent of negative effects of bycatch and pollution
- Better monitoring and research needed for evaluation of the population trends
- No offshore marine protected area

Plans and Priorities

- Mapping of all priority species' breeding colonies (still 10-15% missing)
- Mapping of foraging areas
- Recognising non-breeding distribution
- Education of local biologist and especially working staff in protected areas
- Introducing monitoring programs for priority colonies
- Erradication of rats on Shearwater colonies
- Data collection on bycatch and pollution effects



Thank you!

