mIBAs in Greece
Priority list and achieving protection

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Projects

- **1997-99**: Actions for the Conservation of *Larus audouinii* in Greece (LIFE96 NAT/GR/003221)

- **2003-2007**: Conservation measures for *Falco eleonorae* in Greece (LIFE03 NAT/GR/000091)

- **2007-2010**: Survey and conservation of seabirds in Greece (A.G. Leventis Foundation)

- **2008-2009**: Evaluation of 69 Important Bird Areas as Special Protection Areas

- **2009-2012**: Concrete conservation measures for the Mediterranean *Shag* and *Audouin’s Gull* in Greece, including the inventory of relevant marine IBAs (LIFE07 NAT/GR/000285)

- **2013-2015**: Seabird project (A.G. Leventis Foundation)
2000 → 196 IBAs
98% terrestrial : 2% marine
25 mIBAs = 55,000 ha

marine component sites
extensions of terrestrial sites
without proper criteria
application for seabirds.

2012 → 204 IBAs
75% terrestrial : 25% marine
66 mIBAs = 1,060,000 ha

8% of territorial waters
Yelkouan Shearwater

4,000 – 7,000 bp
Trigger species in 21 mIBAs
3 mIBAs hold 70-80% of national population
But…
most important colony (Gyaros island) is an SPA but not a mIBA yet!

6% area overlap with SPA
no marine part in SPA
Scopoli’s Shearwater

8,000 – 11,000 bp
Trigger species in 15 mIBAs
4 mIBAs hold 70-80% of national population
12% area overlap with SPA
no marine part in SPA
European Storm Petrel

100 – 150 bp
Trigger species in 2 mIBAs
2 mIBAs hold 100% of national population
3% area overlap with SPA
no marine part in SPA
Audouin’s Gull

350 – 500 bp
Trigger species in 21 mIBAs

8 mIBAs hold 60% of national population

8% area overlap with SPA
no marine part in SPA
**Mediterranean Shag**

1,300 – 1,450 bp
Trigger species in 25 mIBAs

6 mIBAs hold 60% of national population

8% area overlap with SPA and 7% marine part in SPA!
Overall 20 mIBAs of priority for 5 seabird species

Of the 66 mIBAs, currently 11% is covered by SPAs

Consortium Reporting for Article 12 has just proposed only 19 new mSPAs

- 9 mSPAs in our priority list were included
- 10 mSPAs not included
mSPAs proposal

Problems with current mSPA proposal (November 2015)

- Not used ml BAs boundaries (HOS inventory; Fric et al. 2012)
- Oversimplified methodology of boundary delineation
- Selective use of available data (Fric et al. 2012)
- Not applied criteria properly
- Many ml BAs were not included at all although new data exist and no justification provided

For ml BA Kavala Gulf (GR250), justified rejection due to potential exploitation of hydrocarbon in the future.
Thank you!