



# **Towards a consolidated action plan to prevent IKB in the Mediterranean: IUCN activities in the region**

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Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean**

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Created in 2000 in response to an IUCN members resolution. It counts with the support of Spanish national and regional governments.

**To influence, encourage and assist Mediterranean societies in achieving both the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, and sustainable development**





# Some recent projects...

- Mediterranean **Red Lists of Species**
- Capacity building on conservation **strategies** for threatened species
- Freshwater **Key Biodiversity Areas** in the Mediterranean region



- MEET Mediterranean Experience of **Ecotourism**
- TRANS-HABITAT (RL Ecosystems Morocco)
- IUCN **Green List** of protected Areas

- PEGASO (**ICZM**)
- Invasive species in MPAs
- Conservation of *Posidonia oceanica* meadows in Andalucía (LIFE+)

- Promoting the involvement of **civil society organizations** of North Africa in the conservation and management of key biodiversity areas
- Capacity building** of Civil Society Organisations in North A





# SOME IUCN ACTIVITIES AT GLOBAL LEVEL RELATED WITH BIRD CONSERVATION



# IUCN MEMBERS RESOLUTIONS IMPLYING BIRD CONSERVATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

IUCN WCC Jeju 2012

## **WCC-2012-RES-029 Combating the illegal or unsustainable capture, trade or killing of migratory birds in the Mediterranean**

- To ensure that legislation in hunting of migratory birds is rigorously enforced
- Apply the guidelines of the EU Birds Directive
- Devote the necessary effort to putting legislation in place that will guarantee the conservation of migratory birds on their territory
- Support the development and implementation of CMS Action Plan for the conservation of African-Eurasian migratory land birds and their habitats.
- Ensuring that includes measures to address the unsustainable capture or killing of migratory landbirds in the Mediterranean
- to support the development and implementation, under the CMS, through an intersessional working group, of guidelines on minimizing poisoning of birds



# IUCN MEMBERS MOTIONS IMPLYING BIRD CONSERVATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

SUBMITTED FOR VOTING IN THE NEXT IUCN WCC – HAWAII Sep 2016

## 025 - Strengthening the implementation of the Bern Convention for migratory bird species

- to achieve greater international awareness in order to ensure that those countries with more resources take joint responsibility for the conservation of migratory species in all countries of their flyways
- to enhance the engagement of appropriate IUCN expertise in monitoring the implementation of the Bern Convention and the CMS
- to cooperate actively in the conservation of migratory species and to share information that benefits their conservation
- State Members to support implementation of the CMS African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan, including through, the Bern Convention
- to promote the coordination of policies and actions



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2016  
003 - Preventing electrocution and collision impacts of power infrastructure on birds

- to work together and to ensure that all new and where possible existing power infrastructure complies with measures to prevent bird electrocution and collision
- to use of available guidance adopted by CMS COP10, AEWA MOP5 and CMS Raptors MoU MOS1, as well as BirdLife International's sensitivity mapping and guidance
- to carry out adequate environmental assessments for any planned electricity infrastructure
- to adopt appropriate policies to ensure that power companies are required to minimise impacts on birds
- to ensure that existing and planned infrastructure which is harmful to birds is identified and is subject to urgent remediation





# IUCN MEMBERS MOTIONS IMPLYING BIRD CONSERVATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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## 010 - Combatting the illegal poisoning of wildlife

- to undertake a global situation analysis regarding the impacts of poisons on wild fauna, identifying priorities of conservation
- to promote the implementation of the CMS Preventing Poisoning Guidelines, including through support or engagement as appropriate with the CMS Preventing Poisoning Working Group, and to ensure synergies with work to prevent poisoning of other taxa besides migratory birds
- EU States to use all available means to eliminate the illegal use of poisoned baits in the countryside
- to support the implementation of CMS Resolution 11.15 by adopting an Action Plan to prevent illegal poisoning of wildlife in the EU



# CURRENT APPROACHES AND INITIATIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN RELATED WITH BIRD CONSERVATION



## CONSERVATION ACTIONS FOR THREATENED BIRDS IN NORTH AFRICA

In 2015 IUCN Med launched a working line on conservation of threatened raptors in north Africa.

The first activity was a workshop on trans frontier raptor conservation in the Mediterranean (Nov. 2015 Malaga, Spain) to exchange experiences between Spain and north African countries



Participants at the diagnosis lab for wildlife poisoning in Málaga



## INTEREST GROUP IN THREATENED RAPTORS OF NORTH AFRICA

During the workshop an interest group was created. Currently it is mainly focused in:

- exchange of experience north-south,
- diagnostic of main threats,
- capacity building on survey and monitoring methods,
- public awareness raising,
- strengthening legal framework





# INTEREST GROUP IN THREATENED RAPTORS OF NORTH AFRICA

- Thanks to the joint work between Spanish and Moroccan experts, it was possible to carry out an assessment of a black spot for raptors in Morocco
- It is expected the report of mortality by electrocution in a blackspot in Morocco will be the basis to start a plan to reduce human induced mortality of raptors in this country.



Identificación de mortalidad por electrocución de aves rapaces en el sudoeste de Marruecos

Identification de la mortalité des rapaces par électrocution dans le sud-ouest du Maroc

A. Godíno, J.R. Garrido, F. El Khamichi, D. Burón, C. Machado, M. Amezian, A. Irizi, C. Numa, V. Barrios





# INTEREST GROUP IN THREATENED RAPTORS OF NORTH AFRICA

IUCN Med has an engagement with Spanish and north African members to continue working towards improvement of conservation status of threatened migratory birds in the region





## SYNERGIES AND OTHER PROJECTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ON IKB

Birdlife, EURNATUR, Vulture Conservation and IUCN Med will work together to support the MAVA Action Plan 2016-2022 to reduce human-induced mortality on priority species for the Med basin

The main goal is to minimize human induced mortality (illegal killing, infrastructure collision, poisoning) of 3 priority groups (Migratory birds, vultures and lynxes)



Strategic lines :

- Increase international pressure to stop IKB
- Advocate national strategies against IKB
- Support local action to stop IKB



## SYNERGIES AND OTHER PROJECTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ON IKB

Organization of a seminar on hunting management and its implications for conservation in North Africa to be held in Tunisia in November 2016.

Goal:

To share the experience gained in other Mediterranean countries in relation to the management of hunting, particularly in the following themes:

- Legislation, regulation and enforcement in the field: legal framework, which applies the law, types of crimes, etc.
- Organization of the hunting activity: hunting licenses, seasons, supervision, statistics, etc.
- Principles of Sustainable Resource Management: counting protocols, creation and management of game reserves, heritage monitoring wildlife research programs for the management of species and habitats, etc.
- socio-economic interests: development and local development





## PERSPECTIVES ON MEDITERRANEAN BIRD CONSERVATION

- IUCN Med is willing to become in a bridge for national authorities, civil society organizations, private and public sectors and network of scientific experts to provide the conditions for assessing the impacts of these threats and implementing appropriate mitigation measures through capacity building and national and international policy reinforcement.
- IUCN Med is willing to mobilize its membership (national authorities, civil society organizations and network of scientific experts) towards a leading process seeking effective strategies to address the root causes of these threats, to prevent them becoming more pervasive in the Mediterranean region.



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