



The Action Plan for the conservation of bird species listed in Annex II to the SPA/BD Protocol

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Historical overview

1995

- Adoption of the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean: **SPA/BD Protocol**

1996

- Adoption of Annexes (I, II & III) to the SPA/BD Protocol
 - Annex I: Common Criteria for the choice of protected marine areas that could be included in the SPAMI List
 - **Annex II: List of endangered or threatened species**
 - Annex III: List of species whose exploitation is regulated

1999

- **Entry into force** of the SPA/BD Protocol

2001

- Setting-up of the SPAMI List (Monaco Declaration)

Implementation of the SPA/BD Protocol under the auspices of the Barcelona Convention

RAC/SPA A MAP Component

Created: 1985
Lieu : Tunis
Host country
agreement : 1991



21 Contracting Parties + EC



The National Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas serve, for their respective countries, as liaison with the RAC/SPA on the technical and scientific aspects of the implementation of the Protocol

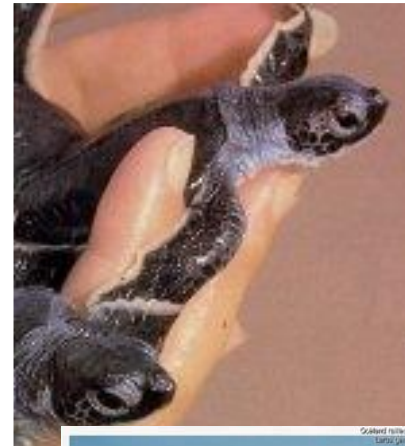
Main Role of RAC/SPA

Assist Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention to implement the SPA/BD Protocol

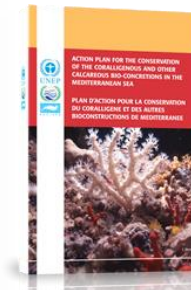
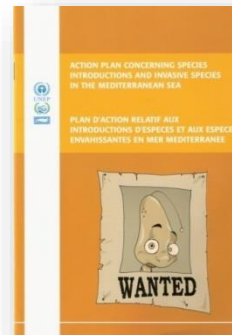
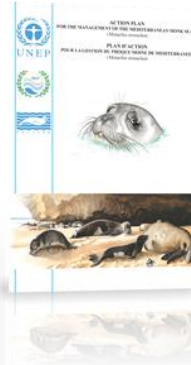
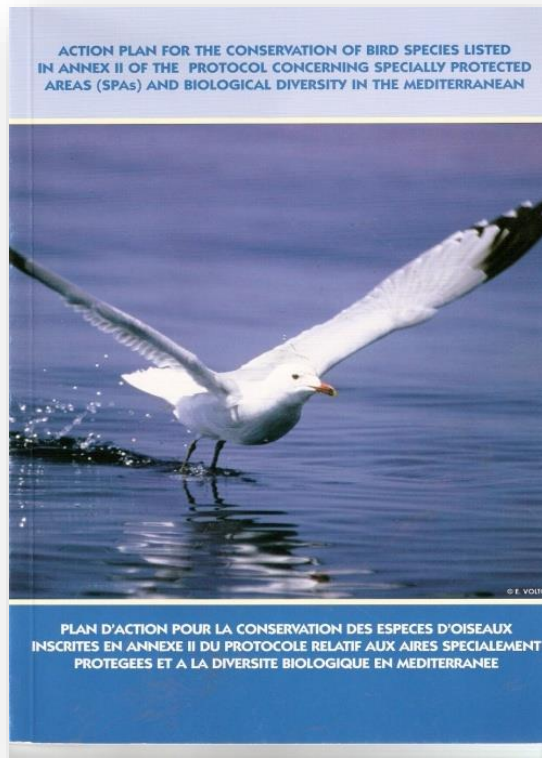
Creation of Marine & coastal Protected Areas



Conservation of threatened species & critical habitats



Action Plans adopted under Barcelona Convention



2003

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Objective:

The main purpose of the Action Plan is to maintain and/or restore the population levels of bird species in the SPA Protocol's Annex II to a favourable conservation status and to ensure their long-term conservation.



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Other Objectives:

To contribute to the sharing of knowledge and expertise between the Mediterranean countries

To co-ordinate efforts among the countries and other relevant initiatives and agreements.

Encourages a synergic approach among the Mediterranean countries in the protection of these bird species and their habitats

Encourages research to fill the many gaps in our knowledge concerning coastal and pelagic birds in the Mediterranean, particularly seabird distribution and their movements, feeding, moulting and wintering areas at sea.



List of Endangered or threatened species (Annex 2)

Aves (15)

Pandion haliaetus

Calonectris diomedea

Falco eleonora

Hydrobates pelagicus

Larus audouinii

Numenius tenuirostris

Phalacrocorax aristotelis

Phalacrocorax pygmaeus

Pelecanus onocrotalus

Pelecanus crispus

Phoenicopterus ruber

Puffinus yelkouan

Sterna albifrons

Sterna bengalensis

Sterna sandvicensis

BIRD SPECIES ADDED TO ANNEX II OF THE SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY PROTOCOL



Sterna nilotica

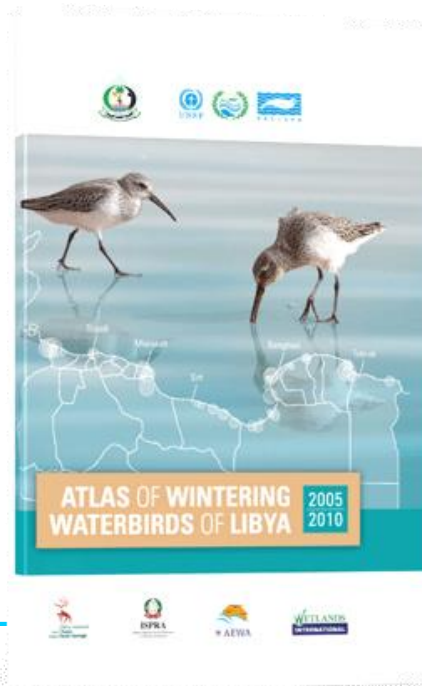


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Main Achievements

Within its assistance to the Mediterranean countries RAC/SPA supported:

- The water birds winter census in **Libya, Egypt and Tunisia**
- The census and ringing of Ghara Island (Libya) colony of the Lesser Crested terns.
- The preparation of the National Action Plan for the conservation of marine and coastal birds in **Syria**.
- The elaboration of the report on the status of Pelicans in **Montenegro**.
- The elaboration of the Atlas of wintering waterbirds of Libya.

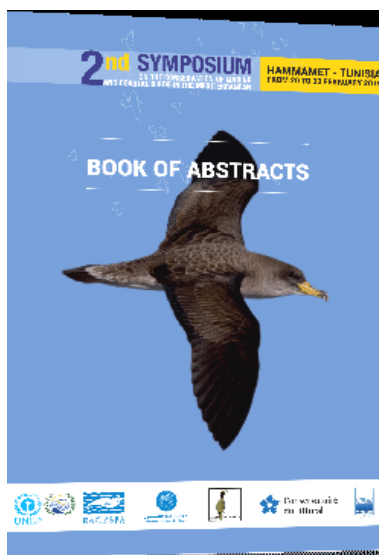


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First symposium on marine and coastal bird species in the Mediterranean (Villanova, Spain, November 2005)

- Training session on the identification and census methodologies of waterbird species, (Benghazi, December 2008)

- **Second Symposium** on the conservation of marine and coastal birds in the Mediterranean (Hammamet, 20-22 February 2015)

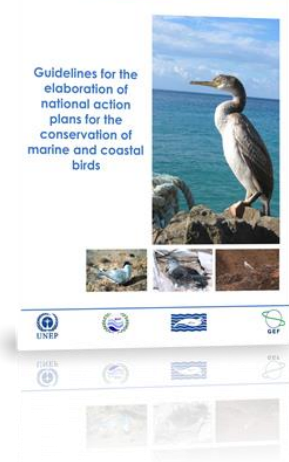


-The Slender-billed Curlew Initiative” which is coordinated by Birdlife International, AEWA and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Guidelines

The Guidelines for the elaboration of National Action plans for the conservation of marine and coastal birds

Guidelines for Management and Monitoring Threatened Population of Marine and Coastal Bird Species and their Important Areas in the Mediterranean



Guidelines for reinforcing laws and regulations on the conservation and management of bird species listed in Annex II & III of the SPA/BD Protocol

These Guidelines contains general recommendations as well as specific recommendations that deal with four main fields:

- Conserving, managing and restoring **bird species**
- Conserving, managing and restoring **the habitats** of bird species
- Measures of **information** and **awareness** for the various actors
- Integrating measures for the conservation of bird species and habitats within **coastal and marine planning processes**.

Guidelines for reducing by catch of seabirds in the Mediterranean region

Mediterranean States are called to assess their fisheries and to identify whether they have a seabird bycatch problem
Observer programmes are fundamental to obtain data on species composition and temporal-spatial occurrence of bycatch

Mitigation measures



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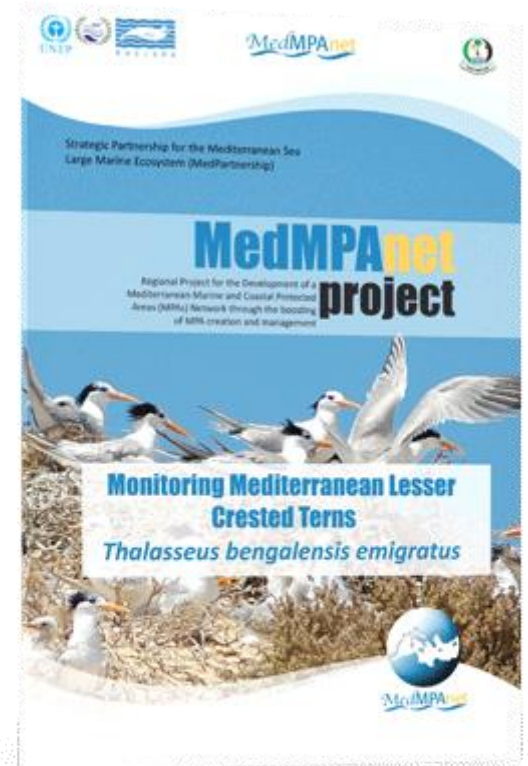


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Monitoring Mediterranean Lesser Crested Terns

The aim is providing a tool which will allow a coherent and safe approach to a population of extremely high conservation value, which is potentially vulnerable to many sources of threat, not least monitoring itself.



Progress on the implementation of the Action Plan for conservation of bird species listed in Annex II of the SPA/BD protocol:

2007 / 2013

Based on a questionnaire sent to all NFPs and to some partner organisations with the aim to collect further information on the implementation of the AP.

A New Implementation Timetable (2014-2019)

- Update the Mediterranean Action Plan for the conservation of seabird to include all 25 target species.
- Optimize synergies with international agreements and organizations dedicated to bird conservation.
- Organise specific training courses and workshops in coordination/synergy with international and/or national NGOs

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