



ACTION PLAN FOR THE CONSERVATION OF BIRD SPECIES

LISTED IN ANNEX II OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING
SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS (SPAs)
AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

" Adopted in 2003 "

OBJECTIVES

- 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.

PRIORITIES

Species level

- The present Action Plan should be implemented for all species in Annex II of the Protocol on SPAs and Biological Diversity
- The conservation of globally threatened species is to be considered one of the main priorities of the present Action Plan
- The conservation of other species, which have an unfavourable conservation status at regional level, should also be a priority

National level

- To map the distribution of the species on land as well as at sea
- To identify areas at sea which are important for birds
- To identify and control threats
- To carry out proper Environment Impact Assessments for all proposed development where any of the species occur
- To develop and implement appropriate legislation
- To pursue the principles and requirements of Agreements and Conventions

Regional level

- To strengthen co-operation and exchange of information and experience in research
- To promote and support the identification of areas at sea which are important for birds
- To promote the creation and monitoring of protected areas of coastal and marine areas important for birds
- To prevent and/or control the expansion of invasive species, particularly on small islands of high biological importance for birds
- To identify and monitor migratory hotspots

ACTIONS TO ATTAIN THESE OBJECTIVES

- First Mediterranean Symposium on the Action Plan for the conservation of sea and coastal Birds: Vilanova i la Geltru, Barcelona, 17-19 November 2005
- Establishment of a directory of organisations and experts concerned with the threatened and endangered bird species in the Mediterranean (2006)
- Development of guidelines for monitoring and management plans for threatened and endangered bird species and their habitats in the Mediterranean (2006)
- Support research programmes to fill gaps in knowledge of threatened species (2003 - 2006)
- Support the implementation of National Action Plans (E. g. Libya and Albania)



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