

The role of the NGOs in the implementation of the Tunis Action Plan



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The role of NGOs

- How are the NGOs contributing to the implementation of the Tunis Action Plan?
 - > Examples (not exhaustive)
- How can the cooperation & coordination between MEAs, national authorities and NGOs be improved?
 - > Discussion

A) Enforcement and Legal Aspects

- 1. National wildlife crime priorities are established**
- 2. Conservation Impact Statements (CIS) are generalised**
- 3. Identification and standardisation of gravity factors**
- 4. Sentencing Guidelines are elaborated**

No direct responsibility of NGOs, but indirect contributions, e.g. by expert knowledge.

B) Biological and Institutional Aspects

- 1. Biological and Institutional Aspects are fully taken into account in all the levels of enforcement chain**

**Direct (co-)responsibility of NGOs
in various actions.**

B) Biological and Institutional Aspects

Data sampling

Birds



Habitats



Illegal hunting



Adriatic Flyway project III

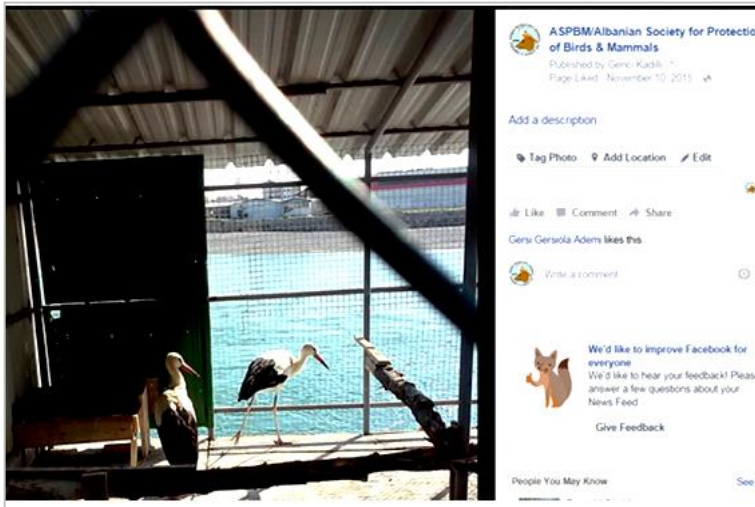
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B) Biological and Institutional Aspects

Data sampling



Clipped wings: Hunter caught after posting rare pheasant pictures on Facebook

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B) Biological and Institutional Aspects

Data sampling

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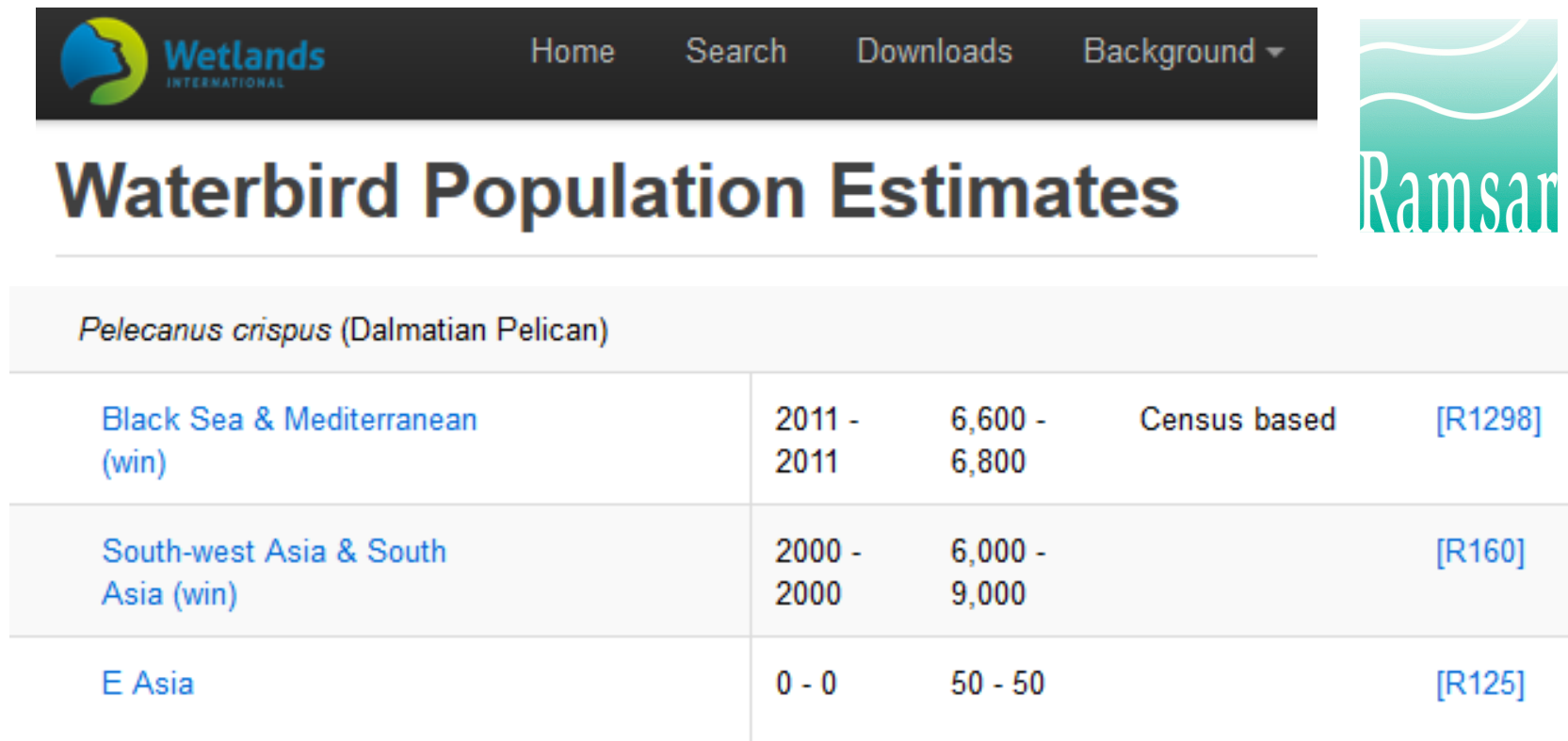
Hunting bag statistics



B) Biological and Institutional Aspects

Data analyses

WPE6 in progress

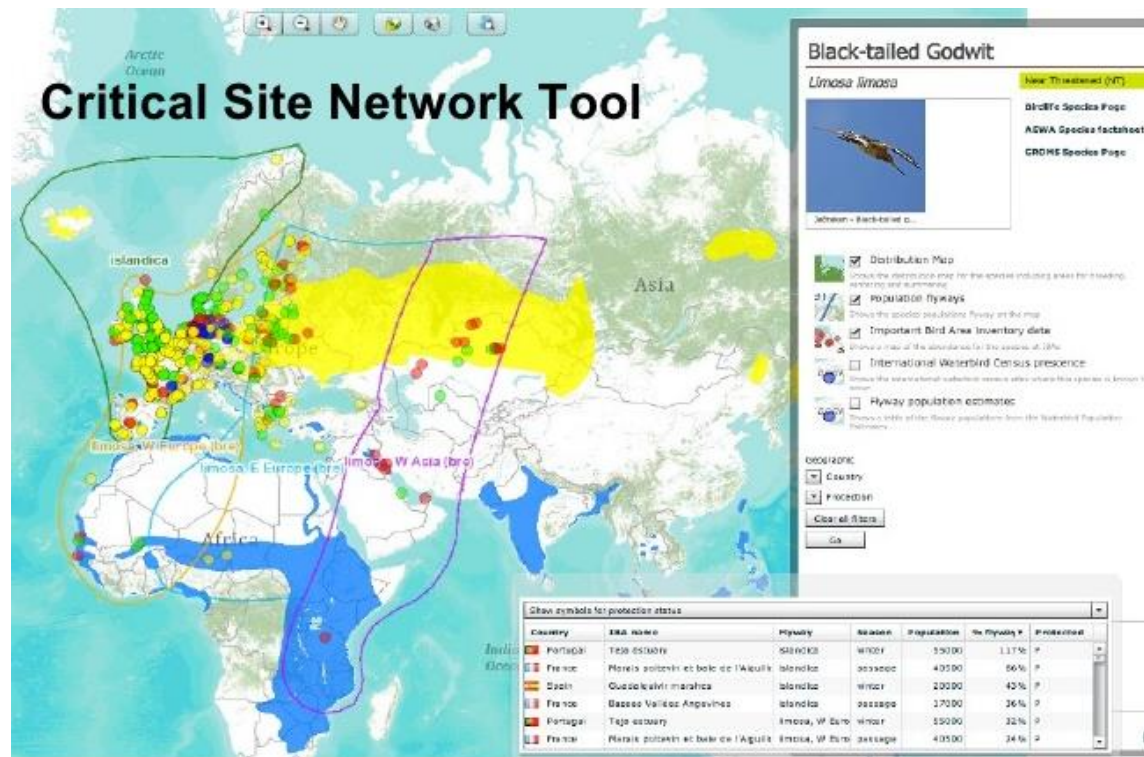


<i>Pelecanus crispus</i> (Dalmatian Pelican)				
Black Sea & Mediterranean (win)	2011 - 2011	6,600 - 6,800	Census based	[R1298]
South-west Asia & South Asia (win)	2000 - 2000	6,000 - 9,000		[R160]
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B) Biological and Institutional Aspects

Data analyses

CSN 2.0 in progress



B) Biological and Institutional Aspects

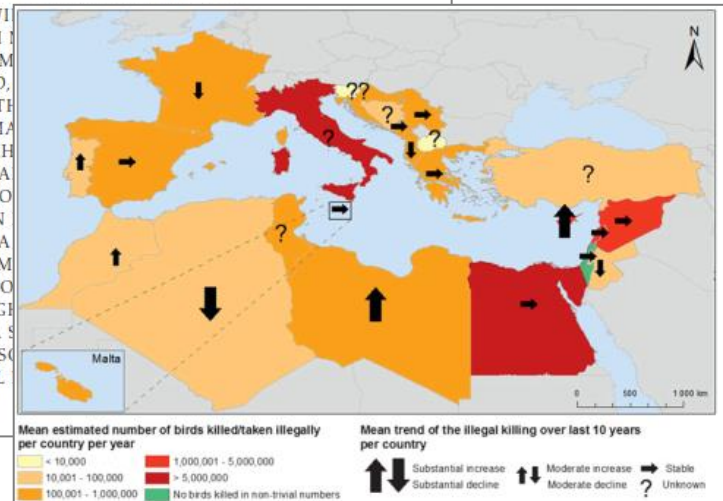
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Preliminary assessment of the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds in the Mediterranean

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Review of illegal killing in Europe and Middle East in progress

B) Biological and Institutional Aspects

Participation in working groups / task forces



Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean, 12-15 July, Cairo

C) Awareness Aspects

1. Positive and effective alliances with stakeholders are developed by establishing a mechanism to create an opportunity for national dialogue on IKTTB issues
2. Enforcement results are publicised
3. Tailored messages are developed and used by key actors
4. Positive biodiversity education is put in place to show people how nature and ecosystems work and how vital nature is for human life, to make them realise that Conservation is a serious issue

**Direct (co-)responsibility of NGOs
in various actions.**

C) Awareness Aspects

Campaigns



The screenshot shows a website header with the WWT logo (a stylized white swan) and navigation links: About, Visit, Join, Support. The main heading is "Illegal shooting of migratory swans". Below it, the text reads: "Every autumn in the UK... We eagerly anticipate the arrival of up to 6,000 Bewick's swans from the tundras of arctic European Russia and around 16,000 whooper swans from Iceland. The swans face a number of threats on their long journeys. Some survive, some do not." A photograph shows two swans in flight against a cloudy sky. Below the text, it states: "Both species are legally protected from hunting under national and international legislation throughout their migratory ranges. Yet despite this protection, our recent study has shown that illegal shooting continues with 22.7% of live Bewick's and 13% of whoopers found to have shotgun pellets embedded in their bodies when recovered in the 21st Century. It would seem..."



C) Awareness Aspects

Communication, education, public awareness raising



The NGOs contribute...

- ...expert knowledge, opinions and assessments.
- ...monitoring data on birds, habitats and illegal activities.
- ...communication, education and public awareness raising.

The NGOs contribute, but...

- How can the cooperation & coordination between MEAs, national authorities and NGOs be improved?
- How can the NGOs' commitment be formalized and supported by the MEAs and national authorities?
- How can the NGOs contribute in a more systematic way?
- What are the priorities on international / national / regional / local scale?

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