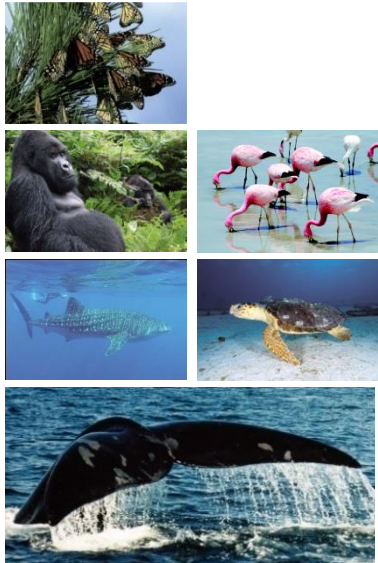


Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)



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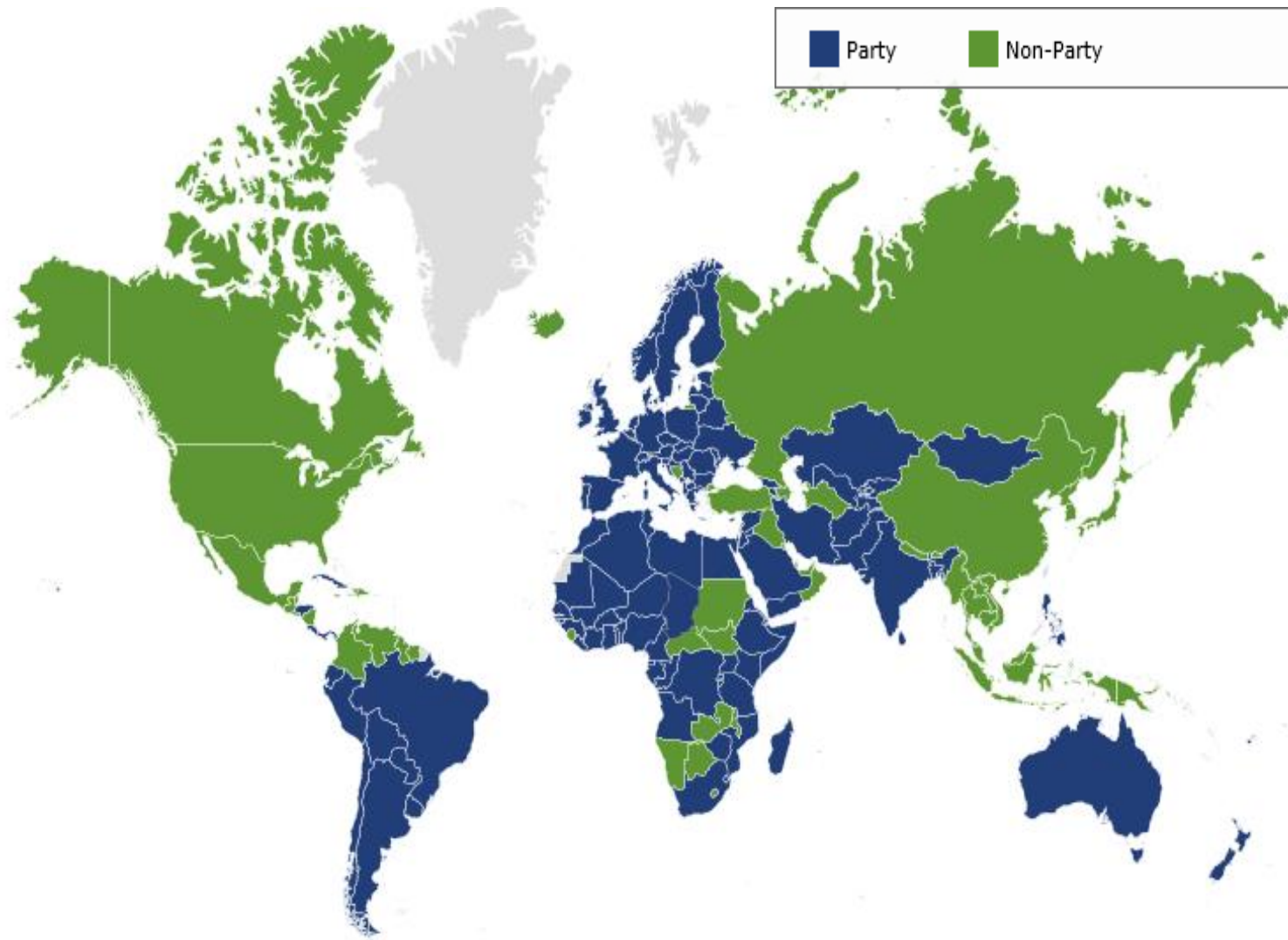
The Convention



- ❑ Stockholm 1972 - UN Conference on the Human Environment
- ❑ CMS signed on 23 June 1979 in Bonn (also known as “the Bonn Convention”)
- ❑ Entered into force on 1 November 1983



122 Parties to CMS



Resolution 11.16 on IKB

“Illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds still represent important factors against the achievement and maintenance of the favourable conservation status of bird populations **in all major flyways**, negatively affecting conservation actions undertaken by States and resulting in adverse impacts on the conservation, legal hunting, agriculture and tourism sectors”



Mediterranean region



- Recommendation No 164 (2013) of the Bern Convention on the implementation of the **Tunis Action Plan 2013-2020** for the eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds;
- The EU Roadmap towards eliminating illegal killing, trapping and trade of birds (12/2012) developed in relation to EU Birds Directive;
- The AEWA-led, multi-stakeholder Plan of Action to address bird trapping along the Mediterranean coasts of Egypt and Libya;



Resolution 11.16 (COP11)



*“Calls on Parties, non-Parties and other stakeholders, including NGOs, to engage in **immediate cooperation** to address the IKB through support of, and collaboration with, existing international initiatives and mechanisms to address these issues, as well as establishing **Task Forces** targeted at facilitating concerted action to eliminate illegal killing, taking and trade of shared populations of migratory birds in those areas where such problems are prevalent”*



MIKT



Resolution 11.16 (COP 11) calls on the Secretariat to convene an Intergovernmental Task Force to Address Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade in the Mediterranean (MIKT) in conjunction with Secretariats of AEWA, the Raptors MoU, the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan and the Bern Convention.

- Funds provided by EU Commission - GPGC programme



Composition

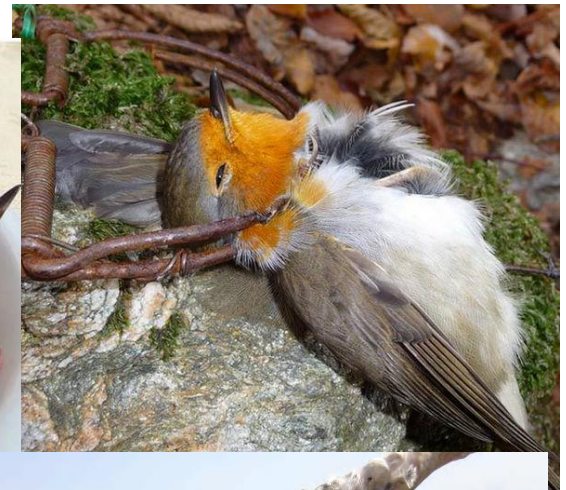
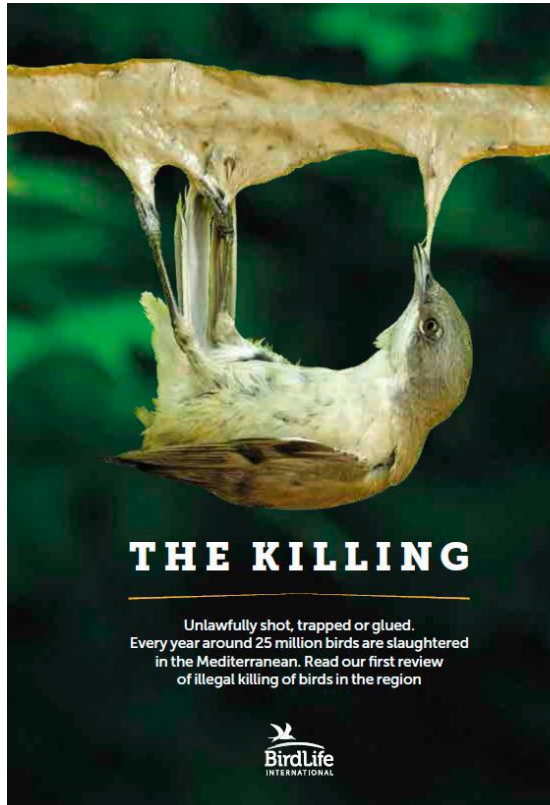
20 MEMBERS - Government officials of CMS contracting Parties

OBSERVERS:

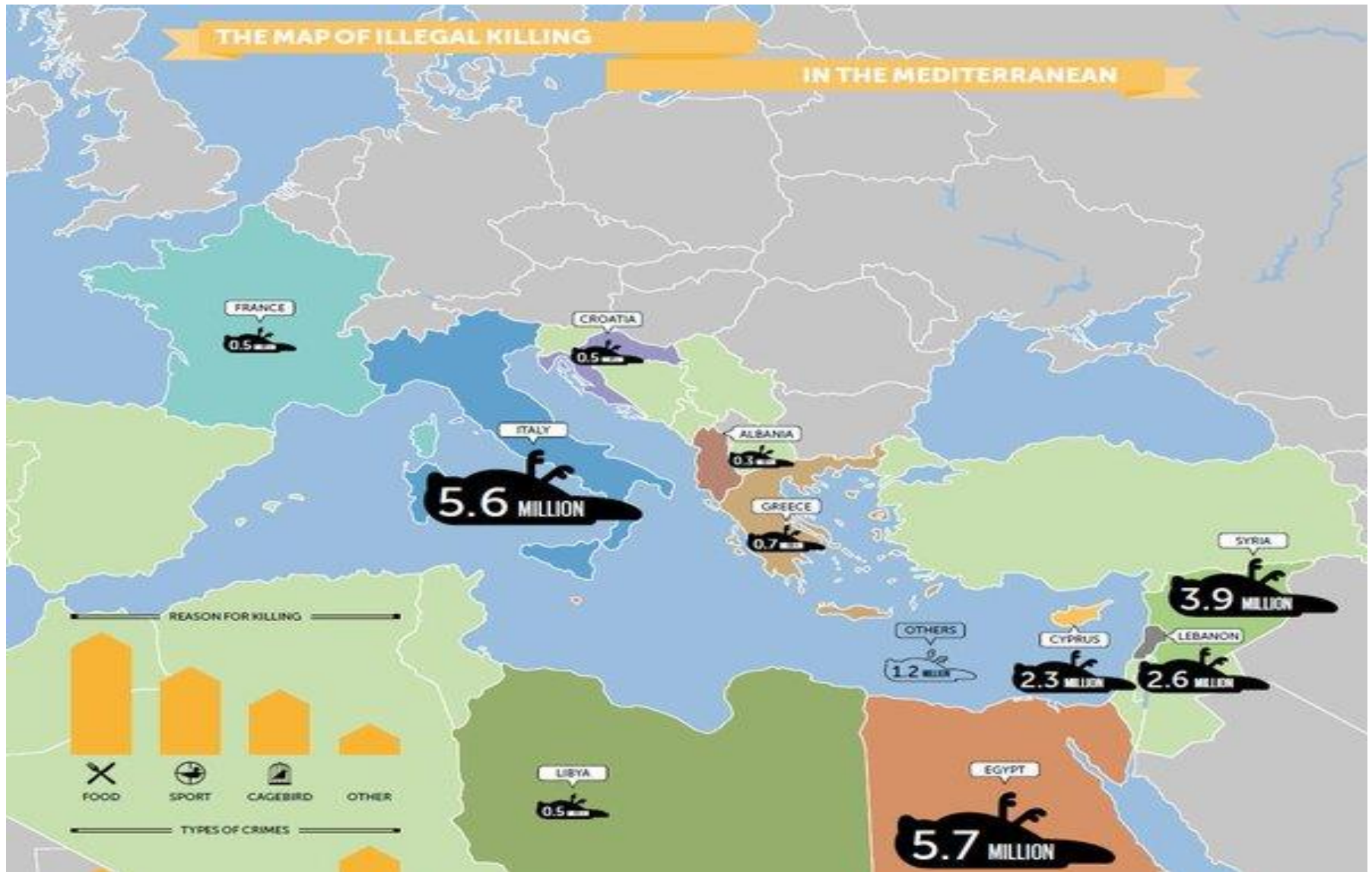
- Non CMS Parties and other interested countries
- Other stakeholders include Secretariats of the participating MEAs, UNEP, UNODC and other UN organizations, law enforcement and judiciary organizations, the hunting community and NGOs

Facts IKB Mediterranean

BirdLife International's review of the scale and extent of illegal killing and taking in the Mediterranean reveals that every year, around 25 million birds are slaughtered through illegal shooting, trapping and gluing



FACTS IKB



MIKT's role



- facilitate **concerted efforts and procedures** to combat illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds in the Mediterranean Region;
- **facilitate the implementation** of the existing guidelines and action plans in particular the **Tunis Action Plan 2013-2020** for the Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade of Wild Birds;
- consider whether any **new guidelines, action plans or other recommendations** to respond to specific problems are necessary.

Monitoring IKB

Requests the Task Force to encourage monitoring of the trends in illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds using comparable methodologies internationally and to facilitate the **exchange of best practice** experience in combating these activities, especially between particular trouble spots around the globe, building on the experience gained in the Mediterranean



First meeting of its members:

Cairo (Egypt)  12-15 July 2016

- ❖ Workplan 2016-2020
(Priority Actions)
- ❖ Measures to strengthen national and local capacity on legal training of police and judiciary at national and international level.
- ❖ Socio-Economic Study on the Hunting and Trapping of Migratory Birds along Egypt's Mediterranean Coast



MIKT Webpage



Intergovernmental Task Force
on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade
of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)

The Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) is operating under CMS and brings together a large number of experts and organizations worldwide working on the issue of illegal killing. The Task Force has been established under [CMS COP Resolution 11.16](#) on the illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds to enable the exchange of information, training and education, law enforcement, deterrence and prevention to reduce the mortality rate among migratory birds significantly. The [first Meeting of this Intergovernmental Task Force](#) will be held from 12 to 15 July 2016 in Cairo, Egypt, to decide on its work plan and define priority actions.

The illegal killing of birds is a global issue but the crimes being committed differ from one region of the world to another. The Mediterranean basin is currently a hotspot for illegal trapping, with more than 20 million birds killed or trapped every year. While in South America, in Brazil for instance, the illegal trade of birds is the most common crime.

If many studies already exist for the Mediterranean region, similar research has not been done for the other parts of the world. MIKT is therefore the first Task Force to be developed and has a distinctly regional focus and aims to be a precedent to be replicated for other parts of the world. With its large number of members, MIKT will work as a catalyst to gather the information scattered amongst diverse organizations around the world, and will help experts coordinate their work, offering amongst other things a remote work platform.

 [List of Members](#)

Useful Links

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[A Statement from Bradnee Chambers, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species](#)

MIKT webpage



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 [Key Documents](#)

- [UNEP/CMS Resolution 11.16: The Prevention of Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds](#)
- [Bern Convention Recommendation No. 164 \(2013\) of the Standing Committee on the implementation of the Tunis Action Plan 2013-2020](#)

Another milestone in the action against illegal killing is the “Tunis Action Plan” of the Bern Convention. Following the principle of the “zero tolerance”, CMS and the Bern Convention are working closely to fill the gaps in their common and complementary actions against the illegal killing and trade of birds.

 [Studies / Publications](#)

- [The Killing \[PDF\]](#)
The BirdLife Partnership presents this review based on the first ever comprehensive scientific study to quantify the scale and scope of illegal killing across the Mediterranean region. The results are gruesome. Despite legal protection, illegal bird killing is taking place at quite extraordinary and unsustainable levels. While many turn a blind eye, an estimated 25 million birds are being illegally massacred annually.
- [Socio-Economic Study on the Hunting and Trapping of Migratory Birds along Egypt's Mediterranean Coast](#)

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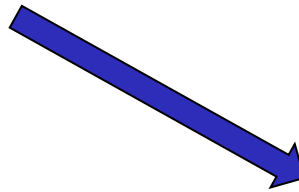


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WMBD'16



World Migratory Bird Day



Events WMBD'16

- **Opera Choir "Chorale Lirica San Rocco"** from Bologna
 - ❑ Venue: Hall of the University of Bonn, Germany
 - ❑ When? Sunday 8 May 2016, at 11am
- **Video competition: official WMBD'16 trailer—**
Winner: 25 April



Every contribution counts!



- ❖ **Help to spread the word** through media and your networks & upload your unique photos, artwork and interesting resources using the [#WMBD2016](#)
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- ❖ **Share your photos:** They can be easily uploaded to the WMBD Flickr Account by using our Flickr Email Uploader. We might share your spectacular photos also on the new WMBD Instagram account





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❖ Register your event!

So far 41 WMBD 2016 events have been registered!

If you are interested in organizing an event to mark WMBD, register your planned activity. This way, individual events can be shared with others around the world and help inspire them to take action too!

<http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/>

We need you!



- **Translate WMBD materials**
- **Provide feedback** on our texts and website (both in terms of language and content) - help us improve them!
- **Any other ideas?** Any contribution is highly appreciated!

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