

News from the Adriatic Flyway

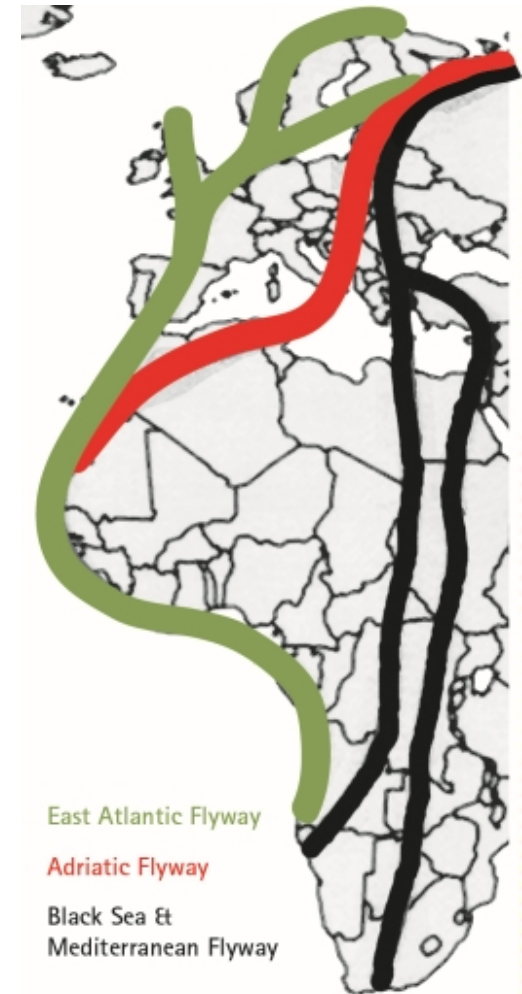


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6th Meeting of the Bern Convention Group of Experts
on the Conservation of Birds,
Malta, 21.06.2017

The Adriatic Flyway

- Part of the Black Sea-Mediterranean Flyway
- Along the Dinaric Mountains
- Across the Adriatic Sea > Southern Italy > Sicily > **Malta** > Northern Africa
- Main migration route for eastern populations of several species (e.g. *Platalea leucorodia*)



Threats

- Habitat loss

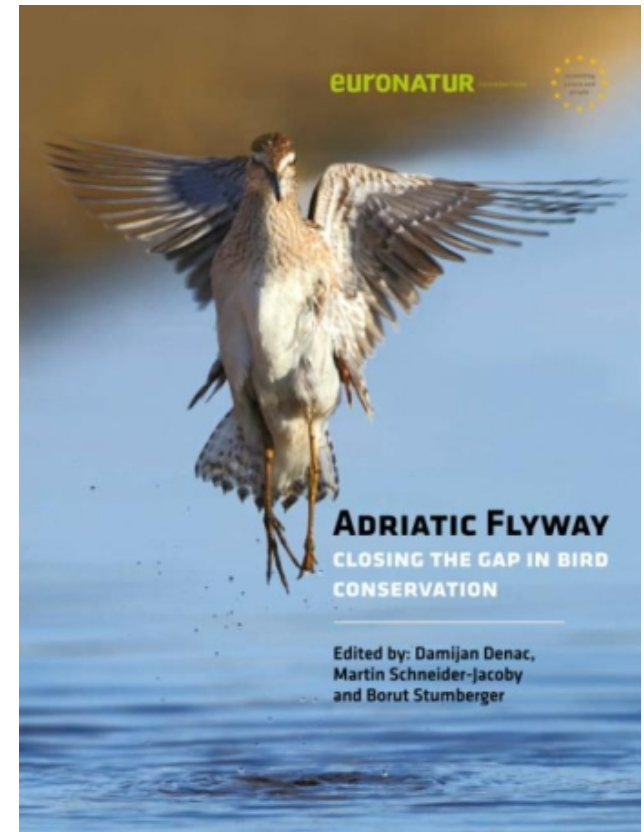


- (Illegal) Killing of Birds



The „Adriatic Flyway“-Program

- Started in 2006
- 3rd phase: 2015-2018
- EuroNatur + local partners
- Goals:
 - Decrease illegal killing
 - Establish hunting ban areas
 - Inform & strengthen civil society
 - Improve hunting laws



Current activities

1) Monitoring:

Birds



Disturbances



Habitats



6 project areas, 5 countries

Labudovo Okno, RS



Livanjsko polje, BA



Bojana Delta, AL &
Ulcinj Salina, ME



Neretva Delta, HR &
Hutovo Blato, BA



Current activities

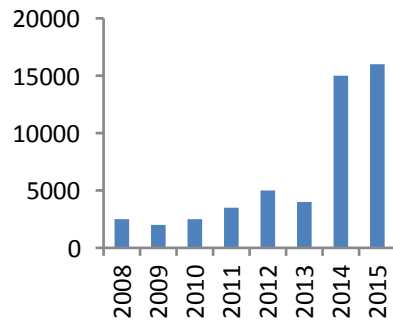
2) Stakeholder-Workshops > Targeted activities



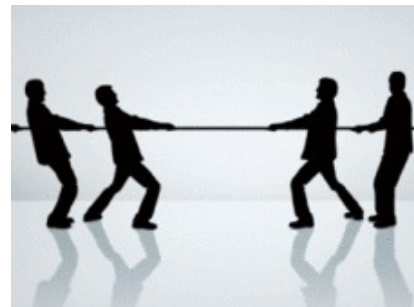
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Current activities

3) Capacity building workshops



Data documentation



Communication



Red Lists



IWC



Migration monitoring



Preventing IKB

Current activities

4) Strengthen local networks & civil society



Current activities

5) Strengthen MEAs (together with secretariats)

AEWA:



- Membership of Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Training workshop for GOs & NGOs
- Translation of CMS family manual into HR and AL



Ramsar:



- Training workshop on management of Ramsar sites for GOs & NGOs

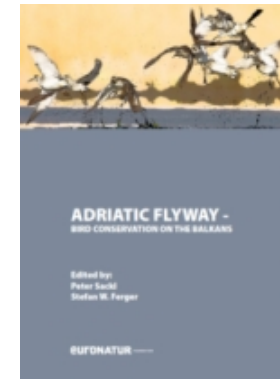


Current activities

6) Communication

- Online database for monitoring data
- Publications, including e.g.
 - Review of hunting legislation along AF
 - Population status of waterbirds at AF
 - Impact on hunting on protected species in Croatia (hunting bag inspections)
- 3rd “Adriatic Flyway”-Conference
> March 2018 in Serbia

The screenshot shows the Euronatur website interface for the 'Bosnia and Herzegovina - Livanjsko polje and Buško lake' area. It displays a table of observations with columns for Date, Species, Status, Observer, and Location. The table lists various bird species such as Mallard, Great Egret, Grebe, Common Buzzard, and others, with their respective observation dates and locations.



Current activities

7) Improve hunting laws and their enforcement

The opportunity of Albania:

- Hunting moratorium from 2014-2016, prolonged until 2021
- Create a platform on sustainable hunting in Albania
- Support the Albanian authorities in the revision of the hunting system



Upcoming activities



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Labudovo Okno

- Danub up to 4 km wide
- > 80.000 *Anser sp.*
- regularly > 60 *Anser erythropus*
- Illegal hunting



Neretva Delta incl. Hutovo Blato

- 20.000 ha
- Only large reed bed along the Eastern Adriatic Coast
- Illegal hunting & increasing agriculture



Livanjsko Polje

- Largest karst polje on Earth
- Important stop over site for *Grus grus* & many waders
- Increasing habitat loss due to peat extraction



Bojana Delta incl. Saline Ulcinj

- “London Heathrow” of Adriatic-Flyway:
min. 15 sp.: > 1 % global pop. on migration
- Illegal hunting, plans for tourism
infrastructure

