

Eradication of the Ruddy Duck in Spain.

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Action Plan for the Eradication of Ruddy Duck in Europe
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The eradication efforts (I)

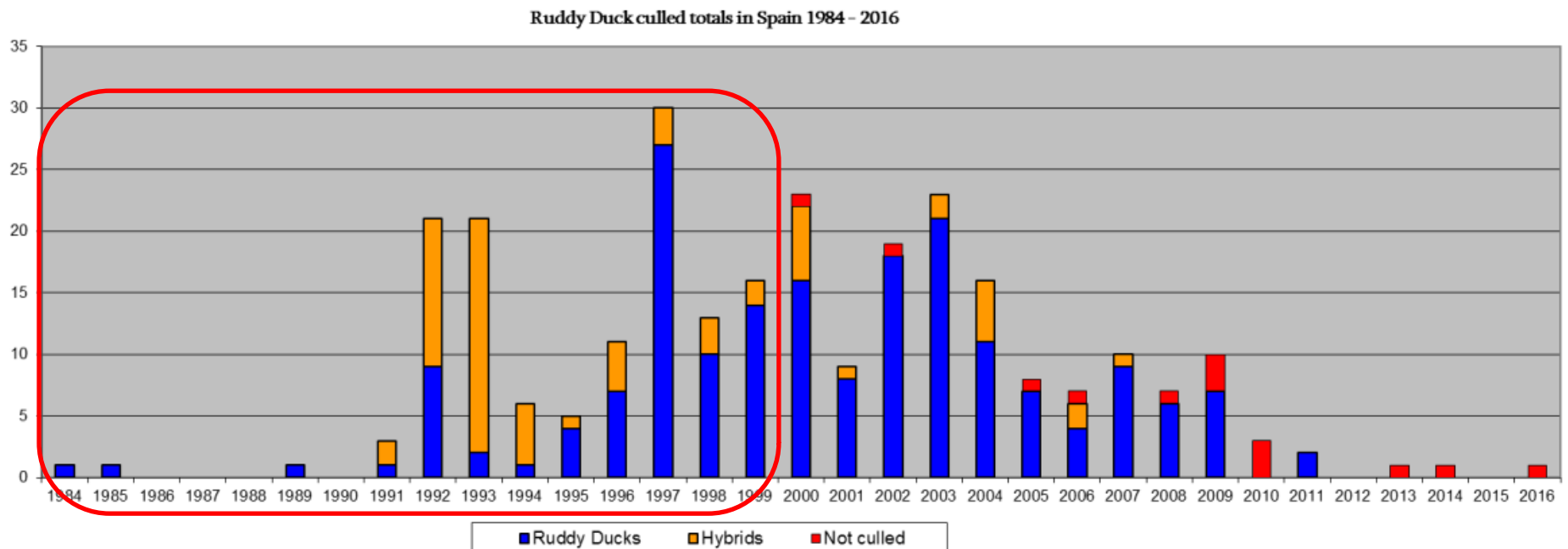
The beginning (1984-2000)

First observations of Ruddy Ducks in Spain and numerous hybridization events

Urgent actions to stop the severe hybridization process.

Implementation of the monitoring schemes on each autonomous region

Beginning of the *Oxyura* coordinated censuses: all white-headed duck wetlands visited on the same day, five times a year (January, April, June, September and November), by numerous local surveying teams.



The eradication efforts (II)

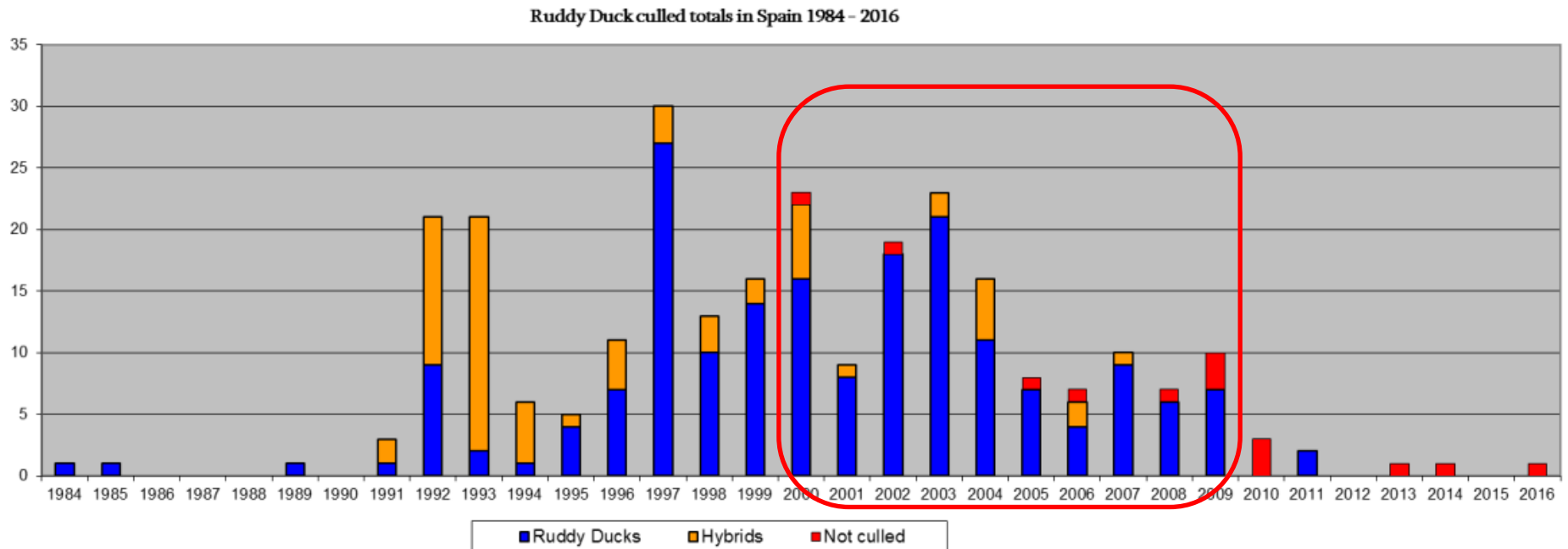
The coordinated eradication (2000 - 2010)

Local monthly monitoring fully implemented.

Only one hybridization event reported.

Creation of a national team with almost special dedication:

- Immediate response to each Ruddy Duck sight
- Three specific Oxyura national surveys



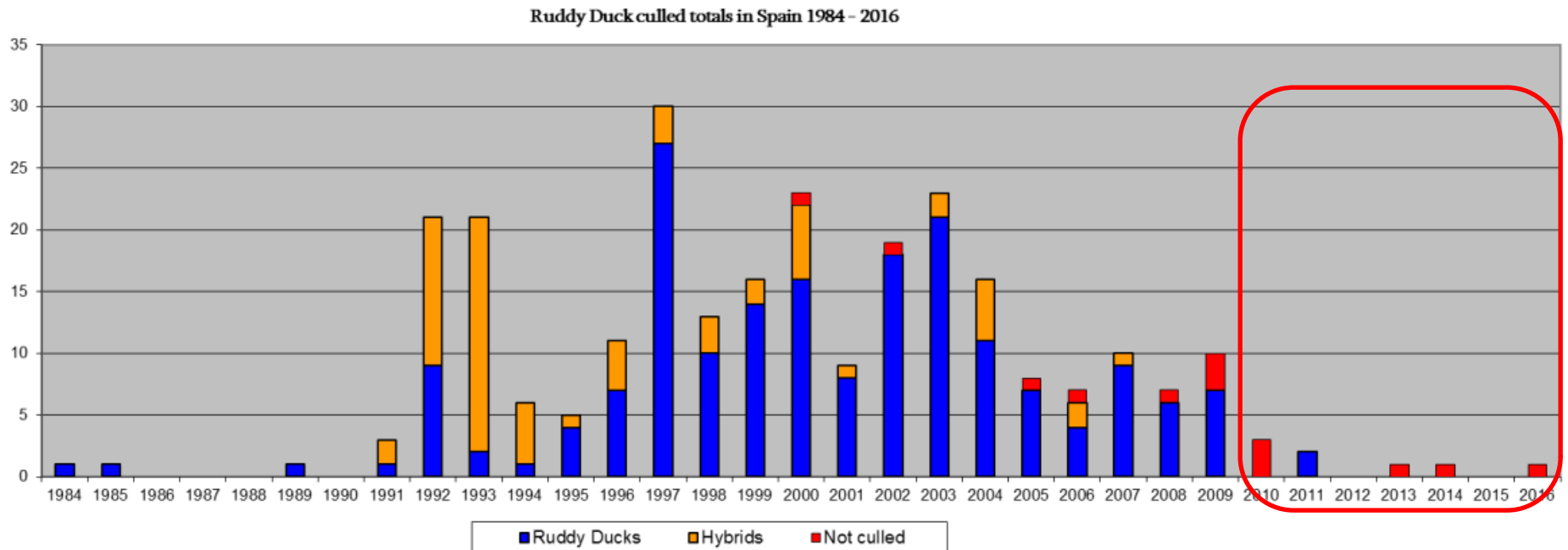
The eradication efforts (III)

The current situation (2010 onwards)

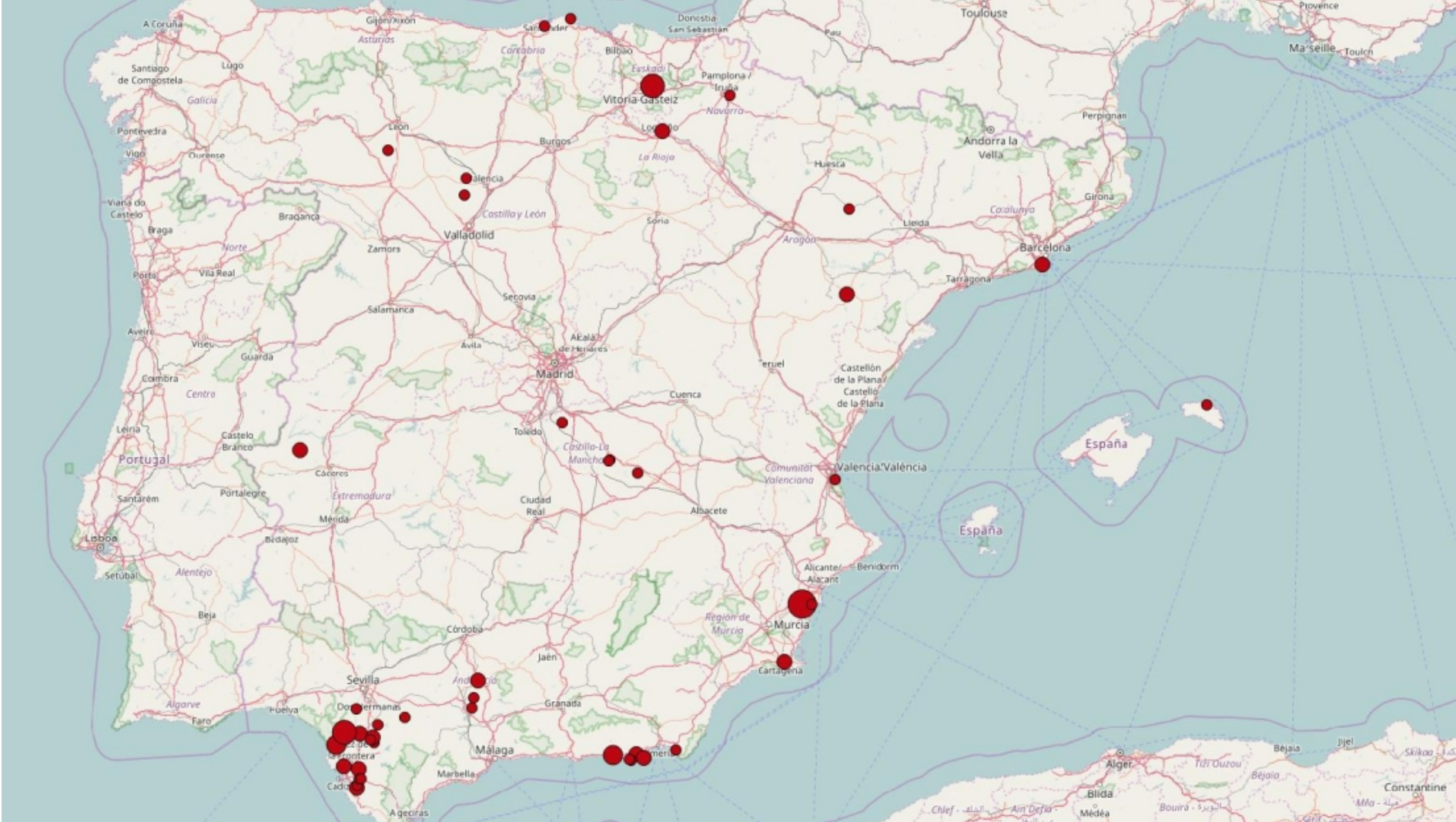
Responsibilities lay in each local government.

Monitoring in a monthly survey basis is maintained.

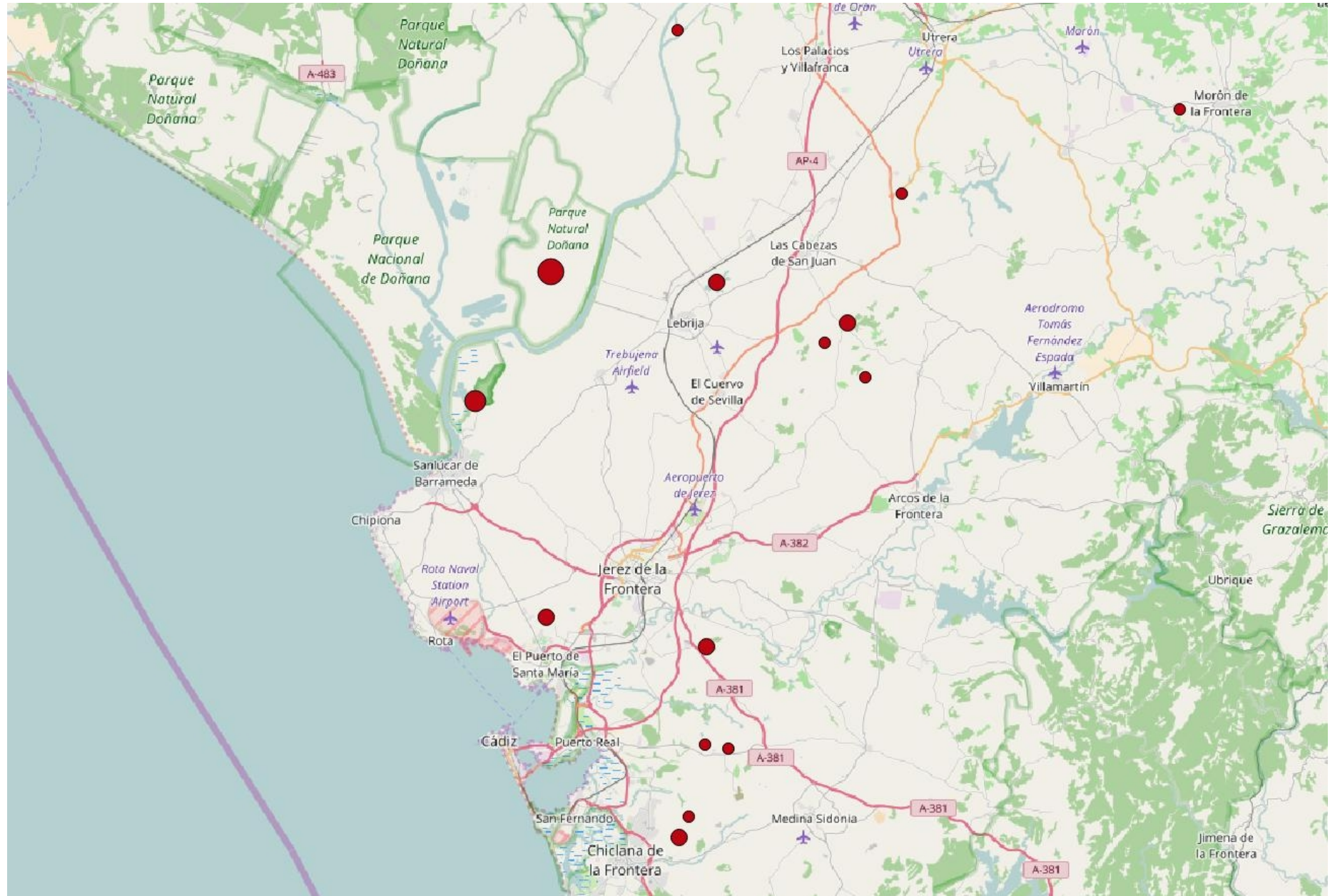
Ruddy Duck is now regarded as a vagrant to the Iberian Peninsula



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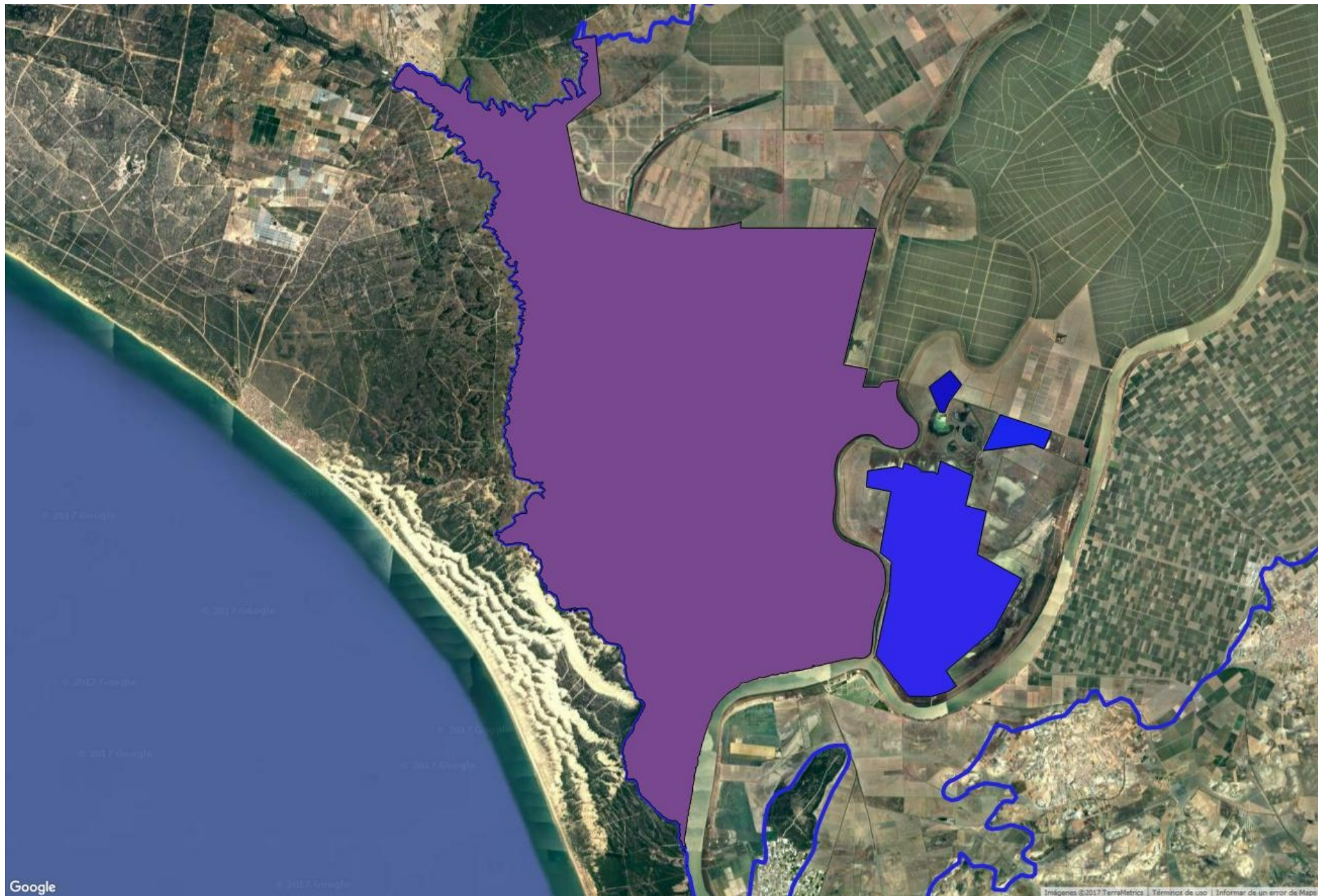
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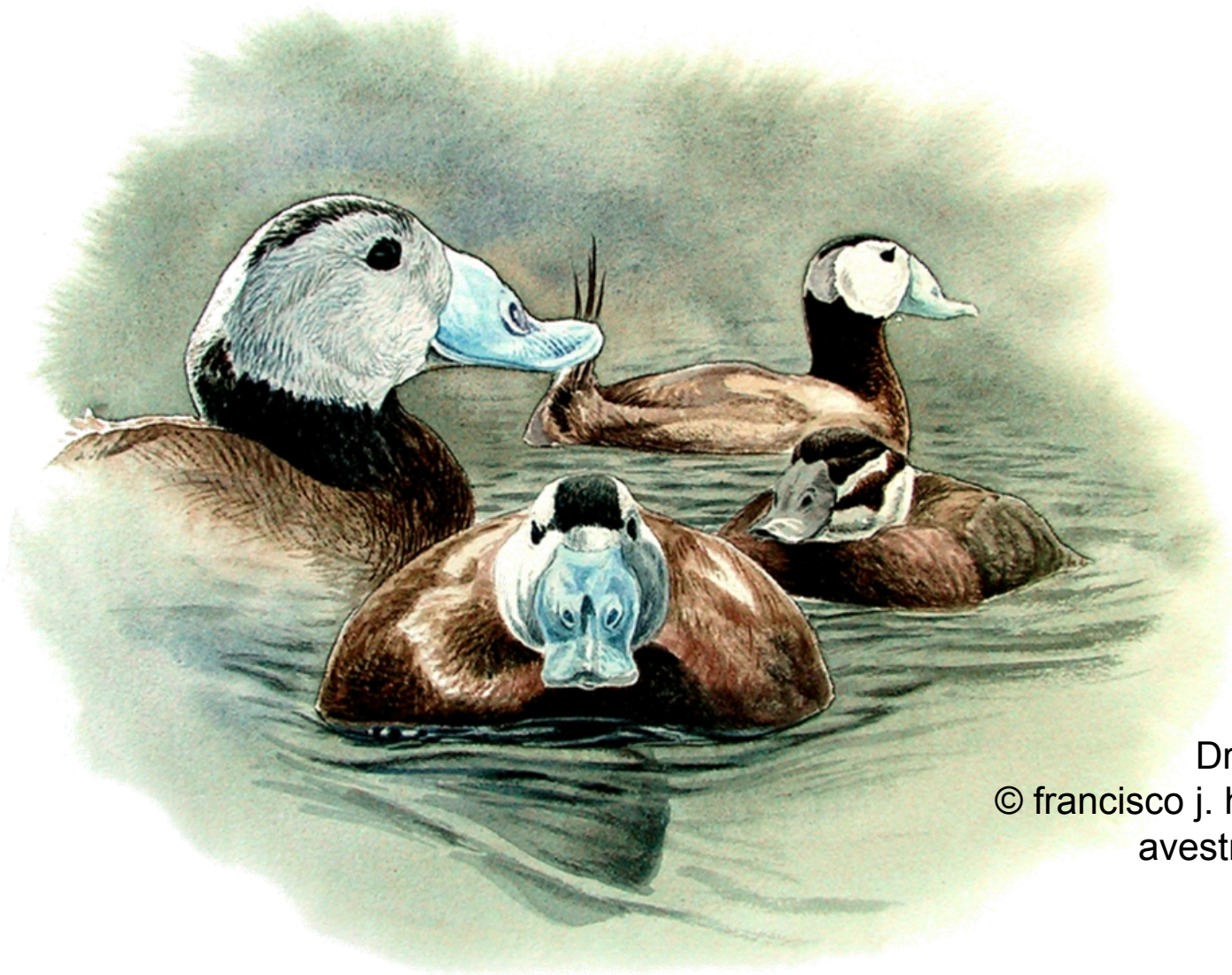
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