



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



## FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORT OF PARTIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

**The reporting period is 15 June 2014 to 1 May 2017.**

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions. Parties are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, including, where appropriate, a summary of activities, information on factors limiting action and details of any assistance required.

Reporting format agreed by the Standing Committee at its 40th Meeting (Bonn, November 2012) for mandatory use by Parties, for reports submitted to the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11) 2014.

The questions below combine elements of Resolution 4.1 (Party Reports) adopted by the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi, June 1994) and Resolution 6.4 (Strategic Plan for the Convention on Migratory Species 2000-2005), adopted by the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Cape Town, November 1999), the COP8 Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and Resolution 8.24 adopted by the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi 2005), as well as commitments arising from other operational Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties.

COP Resolution 9.4 adopted at Rome called upon the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation. The CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) has been successfully implemented and used by AEWA in their last Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5, 2012) reporting cycle. CMS now offers the Convention's Parties to use the ORS for submitting their national reports for the COP11 (2014) reporting cycle.

**Please enter here the name of your country**

**Which agency has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report?**

**Please list any other agencies that have provided input**

Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change

### **I(a). General Information**

Please enter the required information in the table below:

**Period covered:**

June 2014-May 2017

**Territories to which the Convention applies:**

Malta

### **Designated National Focal Point**

**Full name of the institution:**

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(ERA)

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## Submission

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## Implementation

### Competent Authority:

[ERA is the relevant authority on all biodiversity issues, excluding avifauna, which is addressed by the Wild Birds Regulation Unit \(WBRU\), within the Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change](#)

### Relevant implemented legislation:

- [Reptiles \(Protection\) Regulation, 1992 \(Legal Notice 76 of 1992\)](#)
- [Capture and Killing Methods \(Prohibition\) Regulations, 2002 \(Legal Notice 167 of 2002\)](#)
- [Marine Mammals Protection Regulations, 2003 \(Legal Notice 203 of 2003\)](#)
- [Trade in Species of Fauna and Flora Regulations, 2004 \(Legal Notice 236 of 2004\)](#)
- [Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006 \(Legal Notice 79 of 2006\), as amended \[SL549.42 \]](#)
- [Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 \(Legal Notice 311 of 2006, as amended\)](#)

**Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party:**

- International Plant Protection Convention [IPPC]
- Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution [Barcelona Convention]
- Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage [World Heritage Convention]
- Protocol concerning Mediterranean Specially Protected Areas, 1982 [SPA Protocol]
- Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, 1995 [SPA & Biodiversity Protocol]
- The Convention on Wetland of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitats [Ramsar Convention]
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna [CITES]
- Amended International Plant Protection Convention [FAO-Amended IPPC]
- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [UNCLOS]
- Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats [Bern Convention]
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC]
- United Nations Conventions to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in those Countries experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa
- Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean [Amended Barcelona Convention]
- Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean, 1995 [SPA & Biodiversity Protocol]
- United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity [CBD]
- Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe [EuroBats]
- Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area [ACCOBAMS]
- Agreement on the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks
- European Landscape Convention [Florence Convention]
- General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

**National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.):**

Note: All texts are available on internet, mostly on the Laws of Malta web-site, available at <http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/>

Main Relevant Acts:

- Environment Protection Act [Cap.549]

- Filfla Nature Reserve Act [Cap.356]
- Fisheries Conservation and Management Act [Cap. 425]
- Malta Resources Authority Act [Cap.423]
- Authority for transport in Malta Act [Cap. 499]
- Code of Police Laws [Cap. 10]
- Criminal Code [Cap. 9]
- Fertile Soils Preservation Act [Cap. 236]
- Sand Preservation Act. [Cap. 127]

Main Relevant Regulations:

- Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations [Legal Notice 311/06, as amended]
- Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection (Declaration of SACs) Regulations [Government Notice 112/07]
- Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations (Declaration of Wied Moqbol to Il-Ponta ta' Benghisa Special Protection Area), 2006 [Government Notice 812/2008]
- Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations (Declaration of Ta' Ċenċ Special Protection Area and Special Area of Conservation), 2006 [Government Notice 859/2008]
- Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006- Special Areas of Conservation of International Importance [Government Notice 851/10]
- Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations [Legal Notice 79 of 2006, as amended]
- Trade in Species of Fauna and Flora Regulations [Legal Notice 236/04]
- Marine Mammals Protection Regulations [Legal Notice 203/03]
- Reptiles Protection Regulations [Legal Notice 76/92]
- Selmunett Islands (St. Paul's Islands) Nature Reserve Regulations [Legal Notice 25/93]
- Fungus Rock (il-Ġebbla tal-Ġeneral) Natural Reserve Regulations [Legal Notice 22/92]
- Rubble Walls and Rural Structures Conservation and Maintenance Regulations [LN 160 of 1997, as amended]
- Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations [Legal Notice 340/01]
- Waste Management Permit and Control Regulations [Legal Notice 337/01]
- Deposit of Waste and Rubble (Fees) Regulations [Legal Notice 128/97]
- Trees and Woodlands Protection Regulations [Legal Notice 200/11]
- Antiquarian Trees Regulations [Government Notice 269/33]

Other Regulations:

- Water Policy Framework Regulations [Legal Notice 194/04, as amended]
- Convention on Biological Diversity Incorporation Regulations [Legal Notice 160/02]
- Importation of Skins of Certain Seal Pups and Derived Products Regulations [Legal Notice 335/01]
- Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations [Legal Notice 418/05, as amended]
- Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2007 Arrangement of Regulations (Legal Notice 114 of 2007, as amended)

Other Policies:

- Malta's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2012-2020)
- Strategic Plan for the Environment and Development
- Dossier on the Capture, Killing of Wild Terrestrial Fauna in the Maltese Islands (Draft for consultation)
- Guideline and Designation Framework for Marine Protected Areas

## CMS Agreements/MoU

**Please indicate whether your country is part of the following Agreements/MoU. If so, please indicate the competent national institution**

### Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

☐ Party

☐ Non-party Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signed but not yet entered force

### National Focal Point

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Membership  
of the Trilateral Seal Expert Group

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## EUROBATS (1994)

- ☒ Party
- ☐ Non-party Range State
- ☐ Non Range State
- ☐ Signed but not yet entered force

### National Focal Point

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### Administrative Focal Point

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**Address:**

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## ASCOBANS (1994)

- ☐ Party
- ☐ Non-party Range State
- ☒ Non Range State
- ☐ Signed but not yet entered force

### National Coordinator

Name: **N/A**

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**Appointed  
member of the Advisory Committee**

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### **AEWA (1999)**

- ☐ Party
- ☒ Non-party Range State
- ☐ Non Range State
- ☐ Signed but not yet entered force

#### **National Focal Point**

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### **ACAP (2001)**

- ☐ Party
- ☐ Non-party Range State
- ☒ Non Range State
- ☐ Signed but not yet entered force

#### **Focal Point**

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### Gorilla Agreement (2008)

☐ Party

☐ Non-party Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signed but not yet entered force

### National Focal Point

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### ACCOBAMS (2001)

☒ Party

☐ Non-party Range State

☐ Non Range State

☐ Signed but not yet entered force

### National Focal Point

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**Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)**

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☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

**Competent Authority**

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**Point**

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**Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)**

☒ Non-signatory Range State

☐ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

### Competent Authority

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0	<b>Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)</b>
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☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

### Competent Authority

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### Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

**Competent Authority**

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**IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)**

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

**Competent Authority**

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**Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)**

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☒ Non Range State

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**Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)**

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☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

**Competent Authority**

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**West African Elephants MoU (2005)**

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

**Competent Authority**

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### Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

#### Competent Authority

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### Saiga Antelope MoU (2006)

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

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**Ruddy-headed Goose MoU (2006)**

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

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**Monk Seal in the Atlantic MoU (2007)**

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

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**Southern South American Grassland Birds MoU (2007)**

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

**Competent Authority**

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### Dugong MoU (2007)

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

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#### Competent Authority

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### Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

☐ Non-signatory Range State

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#### Competent Authority

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## Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)

☒ Non-signatory Range State

☐ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

### Competent Authority

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**High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)**

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

### Competent Authority

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### Sharks MoU (2010)

☒ Non-signatory Range State

☐ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

#### Competent Authority

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### South Andean Huemul MoU (2010)

☐ Non-signatory Range State

☒ Non Range State

☐ Signatory

#### Competent Authority

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### **Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector**

#### **1. Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.)**

Wild Birds Regulation Unit (WBRU)  
Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture DFA  
Malta Police Force  
Armed Forces of Malta  
Transport Authority (Malta) (TM)  
Civil Protection Department (CPD)

#### **2. If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments:**

The relationship between the entities/governmental departments mentioned above is one of strong collaboration and co-operation, with each entity having its own particular remit and responsibility.

For instance, the DFA is responsible for the regulation, surveillance and control of fisheries and aquaculture, so as to ensure the sustainability of Malta's marine resources.

The Wild Birds Regulation Unit is responsible for the regulation and enforcement of all issues related to the conservation of wild birds, excluding CITES. WBRU coordinates the work of relevant institutional structures such as the Malta Ornis Committee and works in close collaboration with the Malta Police Force, the Armed Forces of Malta, and the Customs Department, ERA and other entities to ensure adequate implementation and enforcement of applicable legislation on the ground. Apart from the Police and AFM, the

Specialist Enforcement Branch of WBRU also liaises with foreign enforcement entities such as Europol, IMPEL and the Italian Corpo Forestale.

The Malta Police Force is responsible for the enforcement of legislation and is supported by the Armed Forces of Malta. TM, on the other hand, is responsible to supervise the organisation of the primary maritime services. Through its functions the latter Authority allows for the efficient operation of ports, merchant shipping and yachting centres, whilst enforcing safety measures and the prevention and control of pollution of ports.

Meetings are held, as necessary, between the Ministry responsible for the environment and the related agency with the respective entities, with each highlighting one's legal obligations and reaching consensus in view of any conservation measures which may be required.

**3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?**

☐  No

☒ Yes

**Please provide contact information:**

The Malta Ornis Committee is established by virtue of regulation 10 of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations for the purpose of advising the Minister on a range of matters concerning conservation of wild birds, including, inter alia, regarding parameters of any bird hunting seasons, authorization of derogations and monitoring of their implementation, policies related to conservation of wild birds, scientific studies and similar matters. The Ornis Committee is composed of eleven members appointed by the Minister for a period of one year. The Committee consists of a Chairman, Secretary, two representatives of hunting organisations (FKNK), two representatives in the bird conservation sector (Birdlife Malta), three independent experts appointed by the government, an expert on the conservation of birds and an expert on hunting and trapping.

**4. List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:**

BICREF (Biological Conservation Research Foundation) – The principal activities of this foundation is the undertaking of scientific research so as to acquire additional data on local fauna which could aideffective species and habitat conservation.

BirdLife Malta - The mission of this NGO is for the protection of wild birds and their habitats. Activities carried out by the organisation include the managing of two bird sanctuaries (Ghadira and is-Simar), an afforestation project, the carrying out of research, the collection of data (including through bird ringing), the running of conservation projects (e.g. the EU LIFE Seabirds Project) and the carrying out information campaigns. Birdlife Malta is also represented on the Malta Ornithological Committee.

Hunting organizations are actively involved in habitat conservation, dissemination of information and act as field marshals during hunting seasons. Malta's main hunting Federation, FKNK, is also represented on the Malta Ornithological Committee.

Nature Trust (Malta) - This NGO helps to protect local natural heritage through the rescue of stranded dolphins/turtles, nature walks and clean-ups, educational campaigns, courses and publications.. The organization has been entrusted with the management a number of sites in Malta which include the salt marsh at Marsaxlokk and the Nature Reserves of Wied Għolliet and Xrobb l-Għagin.

**4a. Please provide detail on any devolved government/overseas territory authorities involved.**

N/A

**5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:**

N/A

**6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:**

N/A

**I(b). Information about involved Authorities**

Identify the ministry, agency/department or organization that is responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I species

**1- Birds**

Since 2013 most of the responsibilities pertaining to the protection of avifauna, with the exception of responsibilities related to CITES, shifted to the Wild Birds Regulation Unit within the Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change (MSDEC).

**2- Aquatic Mammals** ERA

**3- Reptiles** [ERA](#)

**4- Terrestrial Mammals** [ERA](#)

**5- Fish**

[ERA and the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture , within MSDEC](#)

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**II. Appendix I species**

**1. BIRDS**

**1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species**

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

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1a. If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

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2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:

- ☐ Electrocutation
- ☐ By-catch
- ☐ Pollution
- ☐ Habitat destruction
- ☐ Wind turbines
- ☐ Other (please provide details):

N/A

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

- ☒ Poaching
- ☒ Illegal trade
- ☐ Other (please specify)

The main pressures stem from illegal targeting of protected species mainly for the purpose of illegal taxidermy and trade.

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

The actions undertaken by Maltese authorities during the reporting period to prevent, reduce and control such factors were centered around four pillars:



1. [Strengthening of legislation concerning conservation of wild birds](#)
2. [Improving enforcement in the field](#)
3. [Improving effectiveness of judiciary processes concerning bird-related crime](#)
4. [Improving awareness](#)

These actions are described in further detail below.

### ***Strengthening legislation***

Building further on the success of the major legal reforms implemented in 2013, during the reporting period Malta has further consolidated progress in strengthening national legislation on the conservation of wild birds. On 28 March 2014, the Government further increased legal deterrent against the most serious bird-related crime which involves the targeting of protected species listed in Schedule I and Schedule IX of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations (SL 549.42). Through the publication of LN 110/14 which amends these Regulations, any hunting or taking, or attempting to hunt and or take protected bird species listed in Schedules I and IX, even in the case of a first time offence, will automatically incur a penalty comprising of a fine of €5,000 and / or imprisonment for one year, as well as permanent revocation or ban on obtaining a licence, and the confiscation of the corpus delicti. In case of a second or subsequent offence, the applicable penalty comprises an automatic fine of €10,000 and / or imprisonment for two years as well as permanent confiscation of the corpus delicti. These measures represent a ten-fold increase in the previously applicable minimum fine for a first time offence and for subsequent offences. Permanent revocation of licence, and imprisonment, which previously, only applied to repeat offenders, will also apply in the case of a first time offence in such cases.

To further consolidate the progress of legal reforms implemented in 2013 and in 2014 to strengthen the fight against bird-related crime, in August 2015, the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations (SL 549.42) was amended by means of Legal Notice 281 of 2015. The amendments, amongst other, resulted in the following changes:

a) A list of 8 gravity factors, drawn up on the basis of the recommendations of the Tunis Action Plan on the Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds under the Bern Convention, has now been firmly embedded within Regulation 27(2) of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, which provides the highest penalties for serious bird-related offences;

b) A high level of general legal protection that was previously afforded to all species of wild birds naturally occurring in the wild state in Europe was extended to all other birds that do not naturally occur in the wild state in the territory of the European Union and that were, until this amendment came into force, with the exception of CITES-listed species, not explicitly protected under Maltese legislation. Offences in respect to such birds that were previously not covered by the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations are now subject to the same level of penalty as that applicable to European territory birds;

- c) The enforcement powers of the competent authority were clarified and strengthened to become on par with the powers granted to environment inspectors under the Environment and Development Planning Act;
- d) The powers of the Malta Ornithology Committee were expanded to enable making of recommendations concerning alternation of any parameter of any hunting season (including closure of any season) on the basis of latest scientific data;
- e) The number of bird species listed in Schedule IX of the Regulations was increased from 10 to 21, which, together with the 142 species listed in Schedule I of these Regulations, benefit from the highest level of protection possible under the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations. Any offence against that involves the targeting of such species automatically incurs the highest penalty under these Regulations, i.e. on first conviction an automatic fine of €5,000, permanent revocation of all licenses, confiscation and imprisonment for one year; further increasing to an automatic €10,000 fine, imprisonment for up to two years and a lifetime license ban in the case of a second offence;
- f) Several further categories of offences under these Regulations have been included to qualify for maximum penalties under Regulation 27(2). Prior to this amendment only those offences that related to illegal shooting or taking of protected birds qualified for the highest penalty; however in August 2015 the list of offences was expanded to encompass all other offences concerning protected birds, including their illegal possession, importation, transport, sale, taxidermy, as well as breaches of the parameters of hunting seasons and related temporal and spatial restrictions. In the case of some offences (e.g. illegal importation, sale or taxidermy) this effectively implied the doubling of the penalty in comparison with that which applied prior to this amendment.

In addition to the amendments published in August 2015, further amendments to the above Regulations came into force in the first quarter of 2016, to further build upon and consolidate the progress reached under previous legal reforms. Amongst other enacted amendments there has been a provision for the setting up of the national Conservation of Wild Birds Fund, which will support activities and projects directly contributing to conservation of wild birds. Moreover, the amendments repealed the old hunting licensing system with the modern system that involves the use of latest technologies for mandatory game reporting. Other amendments introduced in 2016 included declaration of a moratorium on the application of spring hunting derogation for Turtle Dove, the removal of Red Breasted Merganser from the huntable species list, the shortening of the autumn hunting season for Turtle Dove to the month of September only, and the introduction of a national quota for hunting of this species in the autumn.

### **Strengthening field enforcement**

During peak autumn and spring bird migration periods (September – January and April) in 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Maltese authorities fielded a composite enforcement complement comprising between 60 and 100 personnel consisting of enforcement officers from the

Administrative Law Enforcement Unit of the Malta Police Force, detachments of the Armed Forces of Malta, patrols by Mounted Police as well as officers from District Police units and personnel of the Specialist Enforcement Branch of the Wild Birds Regulation Unit. The officers received specialised training during 8 training sessions (2 sessions in 2014, 2 sessions in 2015 and 4 sessions in 2016) on enforcement priorities and techniques, organised by the Wild Birds Regulation Unit. The objectives of enforcement deployment were:

1. To ensure continuous deployment presence in the countryside to deter any potential abuse from occurring in the first place;
2. To ensure that no illegal targeting of protected species occurs, and that any detected incidents of abuse are dealt with swiftly and effectively;
3. To ensure that the general prohibitions and parameters related to the open season are enforced.

The officers utilised a mixture of techniques, including vehicular patrols, covert observation, stationary observation posts, foot patrols, physical inspections and spot-checks on individual hunters, and road-blocks. The number of inspections and spot checks in the field conducted by these officers has doubled in 2014 in comparison with 2013, and increased further in 2015 and 2016. Detailed statistics on enforcement deployment has been published on the Wild Birds Regulation Unit's website. Officers were on field duty on shift basis between 0530 hours and 2130 hours. Night patrols were held on specific dates around locations where sightings of protected birds were reported.

Statistics of offences disclosed during the reporting period, with the exception of autumn 2016 which has seen a spike in the number of incidents of illegal targeting of protected birds due to particularly intense bird migration, indicated a clear and sustained trend for the decline in crime levels across virtually all categories of bird-related crime, particularly in relation to major offences. Improvement was particularly pronounced with regards to the number of offences related to hunting within prohibited distances, illegal trapping of protected birds, killing or taking using illegal means, during the closed season, without a valid license, and breaches of license conditions.

In order to consolidate further the progress attained, in March 2016 the Maltese authorities have developed a set of national enforcement priorities in the field of bird-related crime. The priorities are broadly divided into two categories: (a) the national policing and enforcement priorities, which are established by administrative means and (b) legal priorities. Administratively, the list of policing and enforcement priorities was discussed at the Malta Ornis Committee, which includes representatives of the Environment Agency, the Wild Birds Regulation Unit of the Parliamentary Secretariat for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, representatives of the hunting community, Birdlife Malta as well as independent experts on bird conservation. The priorities were also discussed with the Malta Police Force. These priorities were developed with the primary aim of improving the coordination and prioritisation of physical enforcement measures on the ground.

In February 2017, the Wild Birds Regulation Unit embarked on an exercise to draw up a formal national enforcement strategy to eradicate illegal killing, trapping and trade in wild birds. This strategy will be subject to stakeholder consultation and is envisaged to be adopted later in 2017.

### ***Improving the effectiveness of judicial processes***

Further to the reform of the judicial processes concerning bird-related crime undertaken in 2013, in 2015 Malta became the first country to have legislated to introduce a set of gravity factors transposing Bern Convention Standing Committee Recommendation N 17(2015) into national law. A set of sentencing guidelines was also disseminated to the Ministry responsible for Justice, and amongst those members of the Judiciary who are involved in the hearing of cases concerning bird-related crime. The sentencing guidelines were also brought to the attention of the Office of the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Police.

### ***Stakeholder engagement, awareness raising and education***

During the reporting period, the Wild Birds Regulation Unit has focused its attention on raising regulatory awareness amongst the members of the hunting community through dissemination of a number of information materials, and through intensive engagement with the hunting organisations and other NGOs. Several projects formed part of this effort, including a project with Malta's main hunting federation – FKNK – to reintroduce the Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*); the setting up of a rehabilitation centre for injured wild birds together with Birdlife Malta, organisation of joint training in the handling of injured wild birds and the introduction of a national procedure concerning recovery and rehabilitation of such birds. In parallel, during the reporting period, the Wild Birds Regulation Unit implemented major changes to hunting examinations procedures that emphasize preparation and regulatory knowledge and awareness amongst hunting license applicants.

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

Statistics of disclosed offences during the current review period indicate a continuing trend for the decline in virtually all categories of bird-related crime, particularly in relation to major offences. Improvement is particularly pronounced with regards to the number of offences related to hunting within prohibited distances, illegal trapping of protected birds, killing or taking using illegal means, during the closed season, without a valid license, and in breaches of license conditions. The 2015-16 autumn season was characterised by the lowest ever number of offences concerning illegal targeting (killing or trapping) of protected birds (one case of illegal shooting of protected bird and two cases of illegal trapping of protected birds). The vast majority of all breaches detected (102 cases) pertained to illicit use of pre-recorded bird calls (69 cases), firearms irregularities (7 cases), reporting irregularities (2 cases) and other breaches of license conditions (24 cases).

<b>Offences disclosed during autumn hunting / trapping seasons (1st September - 31st January of the following year)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Hunting within prohibited distances / prohibited areas	17	12	1	6
Hunting / trapping without license	76	21	4	8
Illegal trapping of protected birds	137	29	1	2
Illegal shooting of protected birds	2	6	4	1
Hunting / trapping using illegal means / firearms irregularities / other breaches of license conditions	236	89	78	102
Hunting / trapping during closed season / outside of permitted hours	16	1	2	5
Possession of dead protected birds	4	16	5	3
Possession of live protected birds	137	30	3	3
Illegal sale of protected birds	0	0	7	1
Smuggling of protected birds	1	3	1	0
<b>Total offences disclosed</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Persons against whom legal action is taken</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>128</b>

The above statistics points to the continuation of the overall trend towards reduction in the incidence of most categories of bird-related crime, with only a slight increase registered in the relatively minor breaches category, which increase is largely attributed to higher crime disclosure rate resulting from increased intensity of inspections and surveillance.

At the time of compilation of this report, statistics for 2016 was still in the process of being compiled; however there is an indication that there has been a spike in the number of reported offences concerning illegal targeting of protected birds during 2016 autumn season, when compared to the lowest ever number of illegalities detected in 2015. The factors that have lead to this spike in incidents are still being analysed; however when the overall situation during the present reporting period is compared to previous reporting period, significant overall progress has been made, in particular through:

- The doubling of the penalties for all forms of bird-related crime and a ten-fold increase in the penalties against illegal targeting of birds
- Introduction of administrative fines system for minor offences
- Inclusion of several additional bird species on the list of species with the highest legal protection
- Affording full legal protection to birds not naturally occurring in Europe on par with the protection enjoyed by European territory birds
- Strengthening the legal remit of the Ornis committee
- Complete revamp and major strengthening of regulatory controls over hunting and taking activities
- Modernisation of sustainable hunting governance systems, including introduction of technology-based licensing and game reporting systems
- Establishment of Conservation of Wild Birds Fund
- Doubling of enforcement strength deployed in the field during bird migration seasons
- Six-fold increase in inspections and spot checks
- Systematic compilation of scientific and enforcement data and statistics
- Publication of detailed scientific and technical reports for public scrutiny
- Reform of hunting examinations system

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard: File attachments

Notwithstanding the considerable and visible improvement in the enforcement situation during the review period, which is also explicitly recognised by a number of stakeholders including environmental NGOs and hunting organizations; a number of challenges remain to be addressed in the future. These challenges can be summed up as follows:

- **The need for greater collaboration amongst stakeholders:** experience has shown that only concerted effort involving close collaboration between the public, environmental NGOs, hunting organisations and the authorities can lead to marked and sustainable improvement in the overall enforcement situation, with the ultimate objective being total eradication of bird-related crime. Despite considerable progress achieved on this front over the past few months, further effort to build bridges between the hunting organisations on the one hand, and bird conservation NGOs on the other, is required. As a symbolic measure aimed at reconciling the differences that exist amongst various organisations, on 28 March 2014, the Government appealed to all NGOs active within this sector to publically endorse a Joint Communiqué “on our common resolve to eradicate illegal taking and trade in wild birds in Malta”. This Communiqué has been published in the local media and is available for download from:  
<http://www.gov.mt/en/Government/Press%20Releases/Pages/2014/March/28/pr140638.aspx>.

- **The need for greater strategic coordination** amongst all stakeholders in a common drive to eradicate illegal killing, trapping and trade in wild birds. Despite considerable strengthening of the appropriate governance structures, most notably – the setting up of the Wild Birds Regulation Unit with a dedicated Specialist Enforcement Branch, there is a pressing need for a national strategy that would channel all enforcement efforts proactively towards attainment of common enforcement objectives.
- **The need for greater public awareness of zero-tolerance policy towards bird-related crime.** Despite overall marked improvement and strengthening of enforcement structures, isolated sporadic incidents of illegal targeting of protected birds still occur and it is felt that there is a need for much greater awareness of the zero-tolerance policy amongst the hunting community in order to prevent and deter any rogue individuals from committing such criminal acts in the future.

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

Greater collaboration at international level.

## 1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I bird species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

**Species name: *Anas formosa***

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Not a range state.

“Recorded only once in April 1912”. Fenech, N. (2010) *A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, p201.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known



3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☐ Species protection

☐ Species restoration

☐ Control hunting / poaching

☐ Education/awareness rising

☐ Research

☐ Monitoring

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Aythya nyroca*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

This species is very scarce in Malta occurring only during migration. Sultana, J. (2001) *L-Għasafar ta' Malta*, PIN Publications, 182pp.

“Scarce but regular annual visitor which has been recorded in all months of the year, with peaks being March and October. During peak migration, the highest counts tend to be recorded over a number of consecutive days with sightings suddenly tailing off soon after the main passage has taken place”. Fenech, N. (2010) *A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, 205p.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

This species is included in Schedule I of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations (SL 549.42) and hence afforded maximum protection.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

In 2013 and 2014 legislation was amended, so that offences relating to species listed under Schedule I and IX of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, would incur higher fines. This also served as an increased deterrent to control illegal hunting. Improved enforcement in the field, especially during open season for hunting, further reduced the illegal targeting of the species.

☒ Education/awareness rising

Birdlife Malta runs a national education and awareness raising programme concerning conservation of wild birds. The programme entitled “Dinja Wahda” involves collaboration between parents, teachers, school students and the authorities in promoting knowledge, appreciation and awareness of wild birds and their habitats.

☐ Research

☒ Monitoring

The data collection of avifauna observations is regularly carried out by NGOs and local independent ornithologists. Local authorities also assist in the publication of such records. The observation records of such species during the reporting period are currently in the process of being published in the 33<sup>rd</sup> issue of the scientific bulletin, *il-Merill* by BirdLife Malta.

☒ Habitat protection

☒ Habitat restoration

ERA has prepared management plans/conservation orders for all terrestrial Natura 2000 sites in the Maltese Islands and these are currently in the process of being formally adopted. These plans include a comprehensive assessment of the conservation status of habitats and species found within these sites; the development of conservation objectives; and the establishment of conservation measures. Habitat restoration and management which may indirectly be beneficial to the species are addressed in these plans.

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Haliaeetus albicilla*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Malta not a range state.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☐ Species protection

☐ Species restoration

☐ Control hunting / poaching

☐ Education/awareness rising

☐ Research

☐ Monitoring

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Neophron percnopterus*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Although Malta is considered as part of the geographic range for this species, its occurrence is very scarce and irregular. Sultana, J. (2001) *L-Ghasafar ta' Malta*, PIN Publications, 182pp.

“Until quite recently it was a very scarce visitor which used to be recorded only up to five times each year. Now rare and absent entirely in some years”. Fenech, N. (2010) *A complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, p237.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable



☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

This species is included in Schedule I of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, and hence has been afforded maximum protection.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

In 2013 and 2014 legislation was amended, so that offences relating to species listed under Schedule I and IX of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, would incur higher fines. This also served as an increased deterrent to control illegal hunting. Improved enforcement in the field, especially during open season for hunting, further reduced the illegal targeting of the species.

☒ Education/awareness rising

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☐ Research

☒ Monitoring

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☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Falco naumanni*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

This species is a frequent visitor in Malta and occurs only during migration periods.  
Sultana, J. (2001) *L-Għasafar ta' Malta*, PIN Publications, 182pp.  
This species can be seen on migration in both spring and autumn. Fenech, N. (2010) *A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, p251.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

This species is included in Schedule I of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, and hence has been afforded maximum protection.

☒ Species restoration

The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), published as part of Malta's obligations under the Convention for Biological Diversity, provides policy guidance and objectives for the period leading up to 2020. Although not specifically targeting the conservation of Lesser Kestrel, the NBSAP adopts an integrated approach towards biodiversity conservation and aims at contributing towards halting or reversing the trend of global biodiversity loss. More information may be found on: <http://era.org.mt/en/Pages/NBSAP.aspx>.

☒ Control hunting / poaching

In 2013 and 2014 legislation was amended, so that offences relating to species listed under Schedule I and IX of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, would incur higher fines. This also served as an increased deterrent to control illegal hunting. Improved enforcement in the field, especially during open season for hunting, further reduced the illegal targeting of the species.

☒ Education/awareness rising

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☐ Research

☒ Monitoring

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☒ Habitat protection

☒ Habitat restoration

ERA has prepared management plans for all terrestrial Natura 2000 sites in the Maltese Islands and these are currently in the process of being formally adopted. These plans include a comprehensive assessment of the conservation status of habitats and species found within these sites; the development of conservation objectives; and the establishment of conservation measures. Habitat restoration and management which may indirectly be beneficial to the species are addressed in these plans.

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name: *Falco cherrug* (except Mongolian populations)**

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Although Malta is considered as part of the geographic range for this species, its occurrence is rare and irregular. Sultana, J. (2001) *L-Għasafar ta' Malta*, PIN Publications, 182pp.

This species is rare but is an annual autumn visitor mostly in October and November and happens to be very rare in spring. Fenech, N. (2010) *A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, p258.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

This species is included in Schedule I of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations 2006, and hence afforded maximum protection.



☒ Species restoration

The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), published as part of Malta's obligations under the Convention for Biological Diversity, provides policy guidance and objectives for the period leading up to 2020. Although not specifically targeting the conservation of Saker Falcon, the NBSAP adopts an integrated approach towards biodiversity conservation and aims at contributing towards halting or reversing the trend of global biodiversity loss. More information may be found on: <http://era.org.mt/en/Pages/NBSAP.aspx>.

☒ Control hunting / poaching

In 2013 and 2014 legislation was amended, so that offences relating to species listed under Schedule I and IX of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, would incur higher fines. This also served as an increased deterrent to control illegal hunting. Improved enforcement in the field, especially during open season for hunting, further reduced the illegal targeting of the species.

☒ Education/awareness rising

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☐ Research

☒ Monitoring

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☒ Habitat protection

☒Habitat restoration

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☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Falco vespertinus*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

This species is a frequent visitor in Malta and occurs only during spring migration periods. Sultana, J. (2001) *L-Għasafar ta' Malta*, PIN Publications, 182pp.

“It is common in spring between April and May, although it may appear in very small numbers in some years, but very rare and irregular in autumn, when it is then seen in September and October. It is sometimes seen in June and July and it was also recorded once in August”. Fenech, N. (2010) *A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, p253.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

This species is included in Schedule I of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, and hence afforded maximum protection.

☒ Species restoration

The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), published as part of Malta's obligations under the Convention for Biological Diversity, provides policy guidance and objectives for the period leading up to 2020. Although not specifically targeting the conservation of Red-footed Falcon, the NBSAP adopts an integrated approach towards biodiversity conservation and aims at contributing towards halting or reversing the trend of global biodiversity loss. More information may be found on: <http://era.org.mt/en/Pages/NBSAP.aspx>.

☒ Control hunting / poaching

In 2013 and 2014 legislation was amended, so that offences relating to species listed under Schedule I and IX of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, would incur higher fines. This also served as an increased deterrent to control illegal hunting. Improved enforcement in the field, especially during open season for hunting, further reduced the illegal targeting of the species.

☒ Education/awareness rising

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collaboration between parents, teachers, school students and the authorities in promoting knowledge, appreciation and awareness of wild birds and their habitats.

☐ Research

☒ Monitoring

The data collection of avifauna observations is regularly carried out by NGOs and local independent ornithologists . Local authorities also assist in the publication of such records. The observation records of such species during the reporting period are currently in the process of being published in the 33<sup>rd</sup> issue of the scientific bulletin, *il-Merill* by BirdLife Malta.

☒ Habitat protection

☒ Habitat restoration

ERA has prepared management plans for all terrestrial Natura 2000 sites in the Maltese Islands and these are currently in the process of being formally adopted. These plans include a comprehensive assessment of the conservation status of habitats and species found within these sites; the development of conservation objectives; and the establishment of conservation measures. Habitat restoration and management which may indirectly be beneficial to the species are addressed in these plans.

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Numenius tenuirostris*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

This species is very rare and irregular in Malta. Sultana, J. (2001) *L-Għasafar ta' Malta*, PIN Publications, 182pp.

This species is described as a vagrant for the Maltese Islands. Fenech, N. (2010) *A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, p284.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

This species is included in Schedule I of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, and hence afforded maximum protection.

☒ Species restoration

The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), published as part of Malta's obligations under Convention for Biological Diversity, provides policy guidance and objectives for the period leading up to 2020. Although not specifically targeting the conservation of Slender-billed Curlew, the NBSAP adopts an integrated approach towards

biodiversity conservation and aims at contributing towards halting or reversing the trend of global biodiversity loss. More information may be found on: <http://era.org.mt/en/Pages/NBSAP.aspx>.

☒ Control hunting / poaching

In 2013 and 2014 legislation was amended, so that offences relating to species listed under Schedule I and IX of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, would incur higher fines. This also served as an increased deterrent to control illegal hunting. Improved enforcement in the field, especially during open season for hunting, further reduced the illegal targeting of the species.

☒ Education/awareness rising

Birdlife Malta runs a national education and awareness raising programme concerning conservation of wild birds. The programme entitled “Dinja Wahda” involves collaboration between parents, teachers, school students and the authorities in promoting knowledge, appreciation and awareness of wild birds and their habitats.

☐ Research

☐ Monitoring

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration



☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Larus audouinii*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

This species is a scarce occurrence in Malta and only during migration periods. Sultana, J. (2001) *L-Għasafar ta' Malta*, PIN Publications, 182pp.  
“In the past considered as a vagrant, but it is now recorded annually in increasing numbers. It has occurred in all months of the year, with highest frequency in August”. Fenech, N. (2010) *A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, p292.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

This species is included in Schedule I of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, and hence afforded maximum protection.

☒ Species restoration

The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), published as part of Malta's obligations under Convention for Biological Diversity, provides policy guidance and objectives for the period leading up to 2020. Although not specifically targeting the conservation of Audouin's Gull, the NBSAP adopts an integrated approach towards biodiversity conservation and aims at contributing towards halting or reversing the trend of global biodiversity loss. More information may be found on: <http://era.org.mt/en/Pages/NBSAP.aspx>.

☒ Control hunting / poaching

In 2013 and 2014 legislation was amended, so that offences relating to species listed under Schedule I and IX of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, would incur higher fines. This also served as an increased deterrent to control illegal hunting. Improved enforcement in the field, especially during open season for hunting, further reduced the illegal targeting of the species.

☒ Education/awareness rising

Birdlife Malta runs a national education and awareness raising programme concerning conservation of wild birds. The programme entitled "Dinja Waħda" involves collaboration between parents, teachers, school students and the authorities in promoting knowledge, appreciation and awareness of wild birds and their habitats.

☐ Research

☒ Monitoring

The data collection of avifauna observations is regularly carried out by NGOs and local independent ornithologists. Local authorities also assist in the publication of such records. The observation records of such species during the reporting period are currently in the process of being published in the 33<sup>rd</sup> issue of the scientific bulletin, *il-Merill* by BirdLife Malta.

☒ Habitat protection

ERA has prepared management plans for all terrestrial Natura 2000 sites in the Maltese Islands and these are currently in the process of being formally adopted. These plans include a comprehensive assessment of the conservation status of habitats and species found within these sites; the development of conservation objectives; and the establishment of conservation measures. Habitat restoration and management which may indirectly be beneficial to the species are addressed in these plans.

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Emberiza aureola*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Not a range state.

This species was described as a vagrant in Malta. Fenech, N. (2010) *A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta*, Editorial Midsea Books, p292.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☐ Species protection

☐ Species restoration

☐ Control hunting / poaching

☐ Education/awareness rising

☐ Research

☐ Monitoring

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I birds in general:

## 2. AQUATIC MAMMALS

### 2.1 General questions on Appendix I aquatic mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

National legislation affords strict protection to all cetacean species.

1a. If the taking of Appendix I aquatic mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

During the reporting interim the following exceptions to handle marine mammals were authorised:

In 2015 an exception was granted allowing the carrying out of a necropsy, the taking of measurements and samples from a deceased stranded *Stennella coeruleoabla* specimen.

In 2016, an exception was granted for the taking and keeping of samples on dead stranded specimens of cetacean species found in the wild in Malta. Reports on the activities and whether any handling of cetacean specimens has taken place are still pending.

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I aquatic mammals:

- ☐ Collision with fishing traffic  
☐ Illegal hunting  
☐ By-catch  
☐ Pollution  
☒ Other threats to migration (please provide details)

Possible threats include disturbance generated by maritime traffic, impulsive noise generated by seismic studies, dredging and drilling; the depletion/ modification of fish



stocks which serve as prey and habitat modification in view of marine/ coastal development and/or bad fishing practices.

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

All cetacean species are legally protected through a variety of local legislations, which in addition to directly protecting cetaceans also protect their habitat and lay down measures which prohibit the use of indiscriminate means and forms of capture capable of causing the local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, populations of mammals and fish.

The legislations include the *Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006* (Legal Notice 311 of 2006 as amended) and the *Marine Mammals Protection Regulations, 2003* (Legal Notice 203 of 2003).

Additionally, during the reporting period a number of information initiatives were in place which aimed to increase the public's and sea-users awareness on cetacean protection.

- In March 2015, a five-day training course on cetacean conservation was organised by ACCOBAMS at the University of Malta. The course was particularly relevant for people working on species conservation, science students and marine enthusiasts. The training course, which was delivered by local marine biologists, covered topics such as species of cetaceans, threats to cetaceans, study skills and the legislative framework on conservation.
- Through an EU funded LIFE project (LIFE MIGRATE) a public talk was also held in August 2015, which gave an overview on the identification of cetaceans and sea turtles and the correct handling procedures.
- Other education and public awareness initiatives undertaken through the above-mentioned LIFE project also included the publication of e-newsletters, brochures, posters and other publications.
- As part of the LIFE MIGRATE Project, volunteers were also invited to support the initial collection of data on cetacean and turtle sightings. Such volunteers, received training on how to collect data and how to identify the species when out at sea. In total twenty-five training workshops were carried out and more than 250 persons were trained.

The LIFE MIGRATE Project's identification of potential hotspots for the species (such as potential feeding areas or important migratory routes), assessment of the conservation status of the species and analysis of adequate sites for protection with the aim of designating relevant SCIs for the loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) and the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) also contributed towards overcoming these obstacles. In April 2016, three new proposed Sites of Community Interest (pSCIs) were designated due to their importance for the conservation of turtles and cetaceans.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

Reference can be made to the progress reports made on the LIFE MIGRATE project website: <http://lifeprojectmigrate.com/>; as well as reports and newsletters available on ERA's website: [era.org.mt](http://era.org.mt).

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

Assistance to overcome such obstacles may include

- an increased collaboration with national and regional fisheries;
- support from other countries and Conventions through the sharing of experiences (eg. on how to address obstacles, enhancing public awareness and attracting public support for conservation);
- financial support for the carrying out of research and monitoring studies;
- technical assistance for the monitoring of populations in the Maltese territorial waters and
- training for the local judiciary and enforcement

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I aquatic mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

- ☐ Pollution
- ☐ By-catch
- ☒ Other (please specify)

Pressures arise from those issues linked with interaction between the species and other activities. Reference to these is made in Question 2.

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger aquatic mammals species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

Various legal instruments issued prior to this reporting period address actions which could endanger cetaceans, such as *Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006* (Legal Notice 311 of 2006 as amended) and the *Marine Mammals Protection Regulations, 2003* (Legal Notice 203 of 2003). The former Regulations protect all cetacean species and establish a series of processes related to the establishment of protected areas, including marine protected areas to be designated for cetacean species

In 2016 Malta designated an additional 9 marine protected sites which brings the total coverage of marine protected areas to 3,487 Km<sup>2</sup>. The new sites include three proposed sites for Community Importance (pSCIs) and eight Special Protection Areas (SPAs), with

two of the sites bearing both designations. The pSCIs in particular would ensure adequate protection to the population of bottlenose dolphins in Malta in line with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.

Malta has also ratified a number of regional and/ or international multilateral environment agreements which address noise as a pressure on the marine biota as well as agreements on the prevention of marine pollution by dumping of waste.

The agreements which refer to the amelioration of anthropogenic noise include the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention) and the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS),

With regard to the dumping of waste, one can consider the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, also known as the Barcelona Convention. Two protocols under the Barcelona Convention are relevant to marine litter: the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution e,

It should be noted that Malta is also a party to most of the major IMO and ILO International Maritime Conventions, with the International Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 also being relevant in this regard.

Malta has also signed the MARPOL 73/78 (Annex V) which relates to the prevention of dumping of garbage from ships.

In line with the requirements of the MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive), following the compilation of the Initial Assessment of the status of marine waters, the initial definition of Good Environmental Status (GES) and the establishment of environmental targets, Malta developed a monitoring programme for marine reptiles and mammals (available from:

[https://era.org.mt/en/Documents/MonitoringFactsheet\\_D1\\_D4\\_MarineReptilesMammals.pdf](https://era.org.mt/en/Documents/MonitoringFactsheet_D1_D4_MarineReptilesMammals.pdf)). The programme is geared towards assessing environmental status (which covers features, activities and pressures relevant for GES) and progress towards achieving GES. The programme shall focus on the assessment of the species': distributional range and abundance; the population size and demography; as well as data obtained from strandings. The monitoring programme shall also assess the interactions of selected species with anthropogenic activities.

Other monitoring programmes developed as part of the MSFD requirements would also contribute towards the planning and implementation of effective management and conservation actions for the protection of both marine reptiles and mammals. Reference is made to the eleven monitoring factsheets incorporating the thirteen monitoring programmes in accordance with the MSFD GES descriptors developed by Malta.

Additional information may be downloaded through the following link: <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/MSFD.aspx>.

The LIFE MIGRATE Project, continued with its activities which aimed at enabling studies to be carried out on the status of the population of the loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) and the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) in the Maltese Islands; identify potential hotspots for the species (such as potential feeding areas or important migratory routes); and analysing adequate sites for protection with the aim of designating relevant SCIs for these two species. Further to the project's end in April 2016, 3 new proposed Sites of Community Interest (pSCIs) were designated (see above).

The availability of such information would contribute towards the planning and implementation of effective management and conservation actions for the protection of both marine reptiles and mammals.

During the reporting interim public awareness, communication and educative campaigns also highlighted the current threats to cetaceans. In addition, training on the identification of cetaceans was also given to the Armed Forces of Malta, NGOs (like BirdLife Malta) and other individuals who may encounter such marine species. As indicated in a previous section, through the LIFE MIGRATE, a number of public awareness activities were carried out as part of the project.

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

Reference is made to the Initial Assessment carried out under MSFD, such an assessment is available at: <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/MSFD-IAs-GES-Targets.aspx>. The relevant monitoring factsheet on the other hand may be downloaded from: [https://era.org.mt/en/Documents/MonitoringFactsheet\\_D1\\_D4\\_MarineReptilesMammals.pdf](https://era.org.mt/en/Documents/MonitoringFactsheet_D1_D4_MarineReptilesMammals.pdf).

Further information on the LIFE MIGRATE project website is available at: <http://lifeprojectmigrate.com/>.

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

The need to streamline policies with conservation actions; and the need for additional financial and human resources.

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

The shared experiences on how other Contracting Parties have managed to address factors endangering marine species would be warmly welcomed.

## 2.2 Questions on specific Appendix I aquatic mammals

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I aquatic mammals species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

**Species name:** *Physeter macrocephalus*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Baldacchino, A.E. & Schembri, P.J. (2002): *Amfibji, Rettili, u Mammiferi*. Malta: Publikazzjonijiet Indipendenza, 258pp.

Lanfranco, G.G. (1969): *Maltese mammals (Central Mediterranean)*. Malta: Progress Press, 28pp. + 8 plates.

MEPA. (2013): *Habitats Directive: Report on Implementation Measures*. Malta. Available at: <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/eu/art17/>.

Notarbartolo di Sciara, G. & Demma, M. (2004): *Guida dei Mammiferi Marini del Mediterraneo, Terza Edizione Aggiornata*. Padova : Franco Muzzio Editore, 264pp.

Vella, A. (2007) “*A Desk top study on cetaceans in the Maltese Islands, with reference to ongoing field research and data on cetaceans distribution towards assessing the impacts of the proposed development of a marine and tourist village (PA 37982/02) at Hondoq ir-Rummien*”.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

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☐ increasing

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☐ decreasing

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☐ unclear

☒ not known

Due to the limited data on marine habitats and species, the population trends of this species in the Maltese waters is not known. The species is probably occasional in Maltese waters.

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

Due to the limited data on marine habitats and species, the population trends of this species in the Maltese waters is not known.

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

National legislation affords strict protection of all cetacean species. In addition, a Code of Practice for the stranding of cetacean species was introduced in 1999, this protocol set out

the various procedures which are to be followed in the case of such an event. It aims at providing effective and timely assistance to any live animal, the collection of scientific data and the acceptable method for the disposal of a carcass. The leading entity in such events would be ERA, who may request assistance from local or international organisations.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

Under national legislation the killing and taking of this species from the wild is prohibited unless, if in possession of a prior permit from the competent authority, or Director of Environment. Such a permit is granted when there is no satisfactory alternative and an authorization is not detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

☒ Education / awareness rising

During the reporting interim various communication, education and public awareness on cetacean species in general was carried out. In addition, training on the identification of marine mammals was also given to the Armed Forces of Malta, NGOs (like BirdLife Malta) and other individuals who may encounter such marine species.

☒ Research

Although the LIFE MIGRATE Project mainly aimed at gathering information on the populations of the loggerhead turtle and the bottlenose dolphins, any other important species encountered through the study were also recorded (including migratory dolphins and/or whales).

☒ Monitoring

Records on stranded cetaceans are kept by ERA as well as other entities involved in the local cetacean standings network. Such entities require specific permits in terms of the *Marine Mammal Protection Regulations, 2003* (Legal Notice 203 of 2003) and the *Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulation, 2006s* (Legal Notice 311 of 2006, as amended) and regularly submit reports on stranding episodes.

Also, the MSFD monitoring programme for marine mammals mentioned above, shall aim at monitoring all marine mammals encountered, including *Physeter macrocephalus*.

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☒ Identification and establishment of protected areas

Through the EU LIFE MIGRATE co-funded project, which was on-going during the reporting interim, three proposed sites of Community Interest (pSCIs) were declared under the Habitats Directive in 2016 due to their potential importance for turtles and cetaceans. The project indicated that the areas chosen also had a high incidence of cetacean presence.

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

No activities are currently being planned which directly involves this species.

**Species name: *Delphinus delphis* (Mediterranean population)**

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Baldacchino, A.E. & Schembri, P.J. (2002): Amfibji, Rettili, u Mammiferi. Malta: Publikazzjonijiet Indipendenza, 258pp.

Lanfranco, G.G. (1969): Maltese mammals (Central Mediterranean). Malta: Progress Press, 28pp. + 8 plates.

MEPA. (2013): Habitats Directive: Report on Implementation Measures. Malta. Available at: <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/eu/art17/>.

Notarbartolo di Sciara, G. & Demma, M. (2004): Guida dei Mammiferi Marini del Mediterraneo, Terza Edizione Aggiornata. Padova : Franco Muzzio Editore, 264pp.

Vella, A. (2005) Common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*) status in the central and southern Mediterranean around the Maltese Islands, in Common dolphins: Current Research, threats and issues. Eds: K. Stockin, A. Vella, & P. Evans. ECS newsletter no. 45 - special issue July 2005.



Vella, A. (2007) “A Desk top study on cetaceans in the Maltese Islands, with reference to ongoing field research and data on cetaceans distribution towards assessing the impacts of the proposed development of a marine and tourist village (PA 37982/02) at Hondoq ir-Rummien”.

(Note: most of the data is available through stranding reports)

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

Owing to the limited data on marine habitats and species, the population trends of this species in the Maltese waters is not known. However, this species has been observed in various locations off the three main islands, normally close to the shore. According to a study by Vella A. (1997-98) this cetacean is one of the more common dolphin species found in the Maltese waters.

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

Owing to the limited data on marine habitats and species the population trends of this species in the Maltese waters is not known.

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

National legislation affords strict protection to all cetacean species. In addition, a Code of Practice for the stranding of cetacean species was introduced in 1999, this protocol set out the various procedures to be followed in the case of such an event. It aimed at the providing effective and timely assistance to any live animal, the collection of scientific data and the acceptable method for the disposal of a carcass. The leading entity in such events is ERA, who may request assistance from local or international organisations.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

Under national legislation the killing and taking of this species from the wild is prohibited unless, if in possession of a prior permit from the competent authority, or Director of Environment. Such a permit is granted when there is no satisfactory alternative and an authorization is not detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

☒ Education / awareness rising

During the reporting interim various communication, education and public awareness on cetacean species in general was carried out. Moreover, training on the identification of species was also given to the Armed Forces of Malta, NGOs (like BirdLife Malta) and other individuals who may encounter such marine species

☒ Research

Although the LIFE MIGRATE Project aimed at gathering information on the populations of the loggerhead turtle and the bottlenose dolphins, any other important species encountered through the study were also recorded (including migratory dolphins and whales).

☒ Monitoring

Records on stranded cetaceans are kept by ERA as well as other entities involved in the local cetacean standings network. Such entities require specific permits in terms of the *Marine Mammal Protection Regulations, 2003* (Legal Notice 203 of 2003) and the *Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulation, 2006s* (Legal Notice 311 of 2006, as amended) and regularly submit reports on stranding episodes.

Also, the MSFD monitoring programme for marine mammals mentioned above, shall aim at monitoring all marine mammals encountered, including *Delphinus delphis*.

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☒ Identification and establishment of protected areas

Through the EU LIFE MIGRATE co-funded project, which was on-going during the reporting interim, three proposed sites of Community Interest (pSCIs) were declared under the Habitats Directive in 2016 due to their potential importance for turtles and cetaceans. The project indicated that the areas chosen also had a high incidence of cetacean presence.

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

No activities are currently being planned which directly involves this species.

**Species name:** *Balaenoptera borealis*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☐ Species protection

☐ Species restoration

☐ Control hunting / poaching

☐ Education/awareness rising

☐ Research

☐ Monitoring

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Balaenoptera physalus*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Baldacchino, A.E. & Schembri, P.J. (2002): Amfibji, Rettili, u Mammiferi. Malta: Publikazzjonijiet Indipendenza, 258pp.

MEPA. (2013): Habitats Directive: Report on Implementation Measures. Malta. Available at: <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/eu/art17/>.

Vella, A. (2007) “A Desk top study on cetaceans in the Maltese Islands, with reference to ongoing field research and data on cetaceans distribution towards assessing the impacts of the proposed development of a marine and tourist village (PA 37982/02) at Hondoq ir-Rummien”.

Vella, A. (2007): First Research Sightings Of Fin Whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*) in Coastal Waters of The Maltese Islands, Central-Southern Mediterranean.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

Due to the limited data on marine habitats and species the population trends of this species in the Maltese waters is not known.

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

Due to the limited data on marine habitats and species the population trends of this species in the Maltese waters is not known.

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3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

National legislation affords strict protection to all cetacean species. In addition, a Code of Practice for the stranding of cetacean species was introduced in 1999, this protocol set out the various procedures which are to be followed in the case of such an event. It aims at providing effective and timely assistance to any live animal, the collection of scientific data and the acceptable method for the disposal of a carcass. The leading entity in such events is ERA, who may request assistance from local or international organisations.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

Under national legislation the killing and taking of this species from the wild is prohibited unless, if in possession of a prior permit from the competent authority, or Director of Environment. Such a permit is granted when there is no satisfactory alternative and an

authorization is not detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

☒ Education / awareness rising

During this reporting interim various communication, education and public awareness on cetacean species in general was carried out. Moreover, training on the identification of species was also given to the Armed Forces of Malta, NGOs (like BirdLife Malta) and other individuals who may encounter such marine species. (Such initiatives have been mentioned in previous sections).

☒ Research

Although the LIFE MIGRATE Project mainly aimed at gathering information on the populations of the loggerhead turtle and the bottlenose dolphins, any other important species encountered through the study were also be recorded (including migratory dolphins and whales).

☒ Monitoring

Records on stranded cetaceans are kept by ERA as well as other entities involved in the local cetacean standings network. Such entities require specific permits in terms of the *Marine Mammal Protection Regulations, 2003* (Legal Notice 203 of 2003) and the *Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulation, 2006s* (Legal Notice 311 of 2006, as amended) and regularly submit reports on stranding episodes.

The MSFD monitoring programme for marine mammals mentioned above, shall aim at, monitoring all marine mammals encountered, including *Balaenoptera physalus*.

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☒ Identification and establishment of protected areas

Through the EU LIFE MIGRATE co-funded project, which was on-going during the reporting interim, three proposed sites of Community Interest (pSCIs) were declared under the Habitats Directive in 2016 due to their potential importance for turtles and



cetaceans. The project indicated that the areas chosen also had a high incidence of cetacean presence.

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

No activities are currently being planned which directly involves this species.

**Species name:** *Megaptera novaeangliae*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☐ Species protection

☐ Species restoration

☐ Control hunting / poaching

☐ Education/awareness rising

☐ Research

☐ Monitoring

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine mammals in general:

### 3. REPTILES

#### 3.1 General questions on Appendix I reptiles

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I reptiles species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

With the exception of the *Lepidochelys olivacea*, which has never been recorded in the Maltese Islands and the Mediterranean,, national legislation affords strict protection to all marine reptile species.

1a. If the taking of Appendix I reptiles species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

☐ No

☒ Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

During the reporting interim the following exceptions on marine turtles were authorised:

In 2015 eighteen (18) exceptions were granted for the disturbance of stranded *Caretta caretta* in order to administer first-aid and take measurements. Stranded specimens were

transported from the site of stranding to the rehabilitation centre at San Lucjan and then turtles released back into the wild following treatment.

In 2015 one (1) exception was granted for the disturbance of stranded *Dermochelys coriacea* in order to administer first-aid and take measurements. Stranded specimens were transported from the site of stranding to the rehabilitation centre at San Lucjan and then turtles released back into the wild following treatment.

In 2014 three (3) exceptions were granted for the taking of tissue samples, as well as the capture and measuring of *Caretta caretta* specimens from the wild for research purposes. All specimens were released immediately back into the wild further to the sampling exercises.

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2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I reptiles species:

☒ By-catch

☒ Pollution

☐ Other threats to migration (please provide details)

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

Marine reptiles are legally protected through a variety of local legislations, which in addition to directly protecting the species also protect their habitat. These legislations are specified in the reply to question 3a below.

During the reporting interim various information initiatives were undertaken which aimed at increasing the public's and sea users awareness on turtle protection:

- A 'Sea Turtle Handling Guidebook for Fishermen' was also produced in collaboration with RAC/SPA and translated into Maltese. This guidebook, which was distributed to local fishers and sea users, delivers clear and easy direction to fishers on how to handle turtles which accidentally get entangled in the fishing gear.
- Through an EU funded LIFE project (LIFE MIGRATE) a public talk was also held in August 2015, which gave an overview on the identification of cetaceans and sea turtles and the correct handling procedures.
- Other education and public awareness initiatives undertaken through the above-mentioned LIFE project also included the publication of e-newsletters, brochures, posters and other publications.

■As part of the LIFE MIGRATE Project, volunteers were also invited to support the initial collection of data on cetacean and turtle sightings. Such volunteers, received training on how to collect data and how to identify the species when out at sea. In total, twenty-five training workshops were carried out and more than 250 persons were trained.

The LIFE MIGRATE Project's identification of potential hotspots for the species (such as potential feeding areas or important migratory routes), assessment of the conservation status of the species and analysis of adequate sites for protection with the aim of designating relevant SCIs for the loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) and the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) also contributed towards overcoming these obstacles. In April 2016, three new proposed Sites of Community Interest (pSCIs) were designated due to their importance for the conservation of turtles and cetaceans.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

An increased level of communication between the fishers and the Competent Authority has been noted on the landing of such species and this has resulted in a more adequate response to stranding events.

Reference can be made to the progress reports made on the LIFE MIGRATE project website: <http://lifeprojectmigrate.com/>; as well as reports and newsletters available on ERA's website: [era.org.mt](http://era.org.mt).

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

Assistance to overcome such obstacles may include

- an increased collaboration with national and regional fisheries;
- support from other countries and Conventions through the sharing of experiences (eg. on how to address obstacles, enhancing public awareness and attracting public support for conservation);
- financial support for the carrying out of research and monitoring studies;
- technical assistance for the monitoring of populations in the Maltese territorial waters and
- training for the local judiciary and enforcement.

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I reptiles species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

☐ Collection of eggs

- ☐ Destruction of nesting beaches
- ☐ Predation of eggs
- ☐ Other (please specify)

N/A

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger reptiles species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

Various legal instruments issued prior to this reporting period address actions which could endanger marine turtles, such as *Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006* (Legal Notice 311 of 2006 as amended) and the *Reptiles (Protection) Regulations, 1992* (Legal Notice 76 of 1992). The former Regulations protects all marine turtles found locally and establish a series of processes related to the establishment of protected areas, including marine protected areas to be designated for such species.

In 2016 Malta designated an additional 9 marine protected sites which brings the total coverage of marine protected areas to 3,487 Km<sup>2</sup>. The new sites include three proposed sites for Community Importance (pSCIs) and eight Special Protection Areas (SPAs), with two of the sites bearing both designations. The pSCIs in particular would ensure adequate protection to the population of the Loggerhead Turtle in Malta in line with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.

Malta also ratified a number of multilateral environment agreements which address noise as a pressure on the marine biota as well as agreements on the prevention of marine pollution by dumping of waste.

In line with the requirements of the MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive), following the compilation of the Initial Assessment of the status of marine waters, the initial definition of Good Environmental Status (GES) and the establishment of environmental targets, Malta developed a monitoring programme for marine reptiles and mammals (available from:

[https://era.org.mt/en/Documents/MonitoringFactsheet\\_D1\\_D4\\_MarineReptilesMammals.pdf](https://era.org.mt/en/Documents/MonitoringFactsheet_D1_D4_MarineReptilesMammals.pdf)).

The programme is geared towards assessing environmental status (which covers features, activities and pressures relevant for GES) and progress towards achieving GES. The programme shall focus on the assessment of the species' distributional range and abundance; the population size and demography; as well as data obtained from strandings.

The monitoring programme shall also assess the interactions of selected species with anthropogenic activities.

Other monitoring programmes developed as part of the MSFD requirements would also contribute towards the planning and implementation of effective management and conservation actions for the protection of both marine reptiles and mammals. Reference is made to the eleven monitoring factsheets incorporating the thirteen monitoring programmes in accordance with the MSFD GES descriptors developed by Malta. Additional information may be downloaded through the following link: <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/MSFD.aspx>.

The LIFE MIGRATE Project, continued with its activities which aimed at enabling studies to be carried out on the status of the population of the loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) and the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) in the Maltese Islands; identifying any potential hotspots for the species, and analysing adequate sites for protection with the aim of designating relevant SCIs for these two species. Further to the project's end in April 2016, 3 new proposed Sites of Community Interest (pSCIs) were designated (see above).

Public awareness, communication and educative campaigns undertaken during the reporting interim also highlighted the current threats to turtles.. As indicated in a previous section, through the LIFE MIGRATE, a number of public awareness activities were carried out as part of the the project

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

An increased level of communication between the fishers and the Competent Authority has been noted on the landing of such species and this has resulted in a more adequate response to stranding events.

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

Factors which limit the action taken included the requirement to streamline fisheries policies with conservation actions and the lack of financial and human resources.

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

The shared experiences on how other Contracting Parties have managed to address factors endangering marine species would be warmly welcomed.

### 3.2 Questions on specific Appendix I reptiles

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I reptiles species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please

complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

**Species name:** *Chelonia mydas*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

The species is occasional in Maltese waters.

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear



☒ not known

Refer to 2a.

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

National legislation affords strict protection to all marine reptile species, with the exception of *Lepidochelys olivacea* which has never been recorded in the Maltese Islands and the Mediterranean.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

Under national legislation the killing and taking of this species from the wild is prohibited unless, if in possession of a prior permit from the competent authority, or Director of Environment. Such a permit is granted when there is no satisfactory alternative and an authorization is not detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

☐ Education/awareness rising

☐ Research

☐ Monitoring

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

**Species name:** *Caretta caretta*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Baldacchino A.E. & Schembri P.J. (1993): Ir-Rettili u l-Amfibji tal-Gzejjer Maltin. Valletta, Malta: Socjeta' ghall-Istudju u l-Harsien tan-Natura – SSCN.

Baldacchino A.E. & Schembri P.J. (2002): Amfibji, Rettili, u Mammiferi. Malta: Publikazzjonijiet Indipendenza, 258pp.

Despott G. (1913): I nostri rettili. Malta: Archivium Malitense.

Despott, G. (1915): The Reptiles of the Maltese Islands. The Zoologist. ser. 4 19 (891).

Gulia, G. (1890): Erpetologia Maltese Il Naturalista Maltese. Anno 1 No. 2.

Lanfranco G. & Schembri P.J. (1989): Vertebrates other than birds. In: Schembri, P.J. & Sultana, J. (eds.): Red ata Book for the Maltese Islands, pp: 129-142. Malta: Department of information.

MEPA. (2013): Habitats Directive: Report on Implementation Measures. Malta. Available at: <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/eu/art17/>.

Mifsud, C.R.; Baldacchino, A.E.; Gruppetta, A. & Stevens, D.T. (2005a): Analysis of Tagging and Recovering of Marine Turtles in Malta. In: Second Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, pp. 31. Turkey: Lebib Yalkin Yayimlari ve Basim isleri Anonim Sirketi.

Mifsud, C.R.; Baldacchino, A.E.; Gruppeta, A. & Stevens, D.T. (2005b): Preliminary Data on Stranded and on landed accidentally caught Loggerhead Turtles in Malta. In: Second Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, pp. 31. Turkey: Lebib Yalkin Yayimlari ve Basim isleri Anonim Sirketi.

Mifsud, C.R.; Baldacchino, A.E.; Stevens, D.T. & Gruppeta, A. (2006): Status and Conservation of Marine Turtles in Malta. In: Proceedings of the 26th Annual symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. Greece: Archelon, the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece.

Mifsud, C.R.; Schembri, P.J.; Rizzo, M.; Baldacchino, A.E.; Stevens, D.T. & Gruppeta, A. (2005): Preliminary Data on the Epibionts of *Caretta caretta* from Maltese Waters. In: Second Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, pp. 19. Turkey: Lebib Yalkin Yayimlari ve Basim isleri Anonim Sirketi.

Mifsud C.R., Baldacchino A.E., Stevens D.T., Borg J. & Gruppeta A. (2005): Marine Turtles in Malta: Legal framework, conservation efforts and a status update. . In: Second Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles, p.32. Turkey: Lebib Yalkin Yayimlari ve Basim isleri Anonim Sirketi.

Yésou P. & Sultana J. (eds.) (2000): Monitoring and Conservation of Birds, Mammals and Sea Turtles of the Mediterranean and Black Seas. Malta: Environment Protection Department, 320pp.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☒ stable

Reference to the *Caretta caretta* Article 17 datasheet is made. This is available at: <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/eu/art17/>.

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☒ stable

Refer to 2a.

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

National legislation affords strict protection to all marine reptile species, with the exception of *Lepidochelys olivacea* which has never been recorded in the Maltese Islands and the Mediterranean.

In August 2016 a loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*) laid a number of eggs at Ir-Ramla tal-Mixquqa (Għajn Tuffieħa / Golden Bay) on mainland Malta, the second confirmed sea turtle nesting in Malta in almost a century, further to the previous turtle nesting back in June 2012 at Gnejna Bay. In this regard, Malta took additional actions, including the issuance of an Emergency Conservation Order, the cordoning of the nesting-site, 24-hour surveillance. Sixty-six (around 85%) eggs successfully hatched in September, with the remaining eggs having died in the earlier stages of development.

☒ Species restoration

ERA and the Veterinary Regulation Directorate, in collaboration with local non-government organisations regularly rescue injured stranded turtles which are then taken to San Lucjan rehabilitation centre for treatment. Following a rehabilitation programme these turtles are then released back into the wild.

☐ Control hunting / poaching

Under national legislation the killing and taking of this species from the wild is prohibited unless, if in possession of a prior official permit from the competent authority or Director of Environment. Such a permit is granted when there is no satisfactory alternative and an authorization is not detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

☒ Education/awareness rising

During the reporting interim communication, education and public awareness on marine turtles were carried out, as indicated above.

☒ Research

The LIFE MIGRATE Project, which commenced in 2012, aimed at enabling studies to be carried out on the status of the population of the loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) in the Maltese Islands. In addition, the project also identified any potential hotspots for the species (such as potential feeding areas or important migratory routes), assessed its conservation status, and analysed adequate sites for protection, with the aim of designating relevant SCIs for these two species. Studies on biometries in connection with stranded and landed individuals is also currently on-going.

☒ Monitoring

Records on stranded turtles are kept by ERA as well as other entities involved in the local cetacean standings network. Such partners, which require specific permits in terms of the *Reptiles (Protection) Regulations, 1992* (Legal Notice 76 of 1992) and the *Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006* (Legal Notice 311 of 2006, as amended), also submit reports in accordance with permit conditions and report the relevant stranding episodes.

The FAD also collated statistics on turtle by-catch through surface and bottom long-lining, as reported by fishers. The MSFD monitoring programme for marine reptiles mentioned above, shall aim at monitoring all marine reptiles encountered, including *Caretta caretta*.

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☒ Identification and establishment of protected areas

Through the EU LIFE MIGRATE co-funded project, potential hotspots for the *Caretta caretta* and adequate sites for protection were identified, and three pSCIs were designated for the species.

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

Additional communication and public awareness campaigns shall be carried out.

The LIFE MIGRATE project produced an “After-LIFE Conservation Plan” which sets out the strategy for the continuation and development of the actions to be undertaken once the project has ended to ensure the protection of this species within the identified protected areas and other areas, as necessary.

**Species name:** *Dermochelys coriacea*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

The species is occasional in Maltese waters.

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☐ unclear

☒ not known

Refer to 2a.

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

National legislation affords strict protection to all marine reptile species, with the exception of *Lepidochelys olivacea* which has never been recorded in the Maltese Islands and the Mediterranean.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

Under national legislation the killing and taking of this species from the wild is prohibited unless, if in possession of a prior permit from the competent authority, or Director of Environment. Such a permit is granted when there is no satisfactory alternative and an

authorization is not detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

☐ Education/awareness rising

☐ Research

☐ Monitoring

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine turtles in general:

Only single and/ or limited records are known of the *Chelonia mydas* and *Dermochelys coriacea* in the Maltese waters. In this regard Malta is not considered to be a range state.

## 5. FISH

### 5.1 General questions on Appendix I fish species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I fish species prohibited by the national legislation listed as being implementing legislation in Table I(a) (General Information)?



- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

Such a prohibition only covers those Appendix fish species which are naturally found within Maltese territorial waters.

1a. If the taking of Appendix I fish species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I fish species:

- ☐ Lack of legislation  
☒ Other threats to migration (please provide details)

Although sharks are not target fishery species in Malta, such threats to migration may include the incidental capture and killing by fishing activities.

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

Local legislation prohibits the use of indiscriminate means and forms of capture (eg. the use of explosives and the use of driftnets) capable of causing the local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, populations of mammals and fish. Moreover, the capture and killing of *Cetorhinus maximus* and *Carcharodon carcharias* is also prohibited except in cases of defence and national security, public safety and health, salvage operations and the investigations of offences.

During the reporting interim a number of information initiatives were undertaken to increase the public's and sea-users' awareness on the protection status of marine species, such as through radio programmes and news articles.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

N/A

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

Assistance to overcome such obstacles may include:

- An increased collaboration with national and regional fisheries;
- Support from other countries and Conventions through the sharing of experiences (eg. on how to address obstacles, enhancing public awareness and attracting public support for conservation);
- Financial support for the carrying out of research and monitoring studies;
- Technical assistance for the monitoring of populations in the Maltese territorial waters and
- Training for the local judiciary and enforcement.

3. What are the major threats to Appendix I fish species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

☐ Other (please specify)

Pressures arise from those issues linked with the interaction between the species and other activities. Reference to these is made in Question 2.

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger fish species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

Various legal instruments issued prior to this reporting period address actions which could endanger such fish species, such as the *Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006* (Legal Notice 311 of 2006 as amended) and the *Trade in Species of Fauna & Flora Regulations, 2004* (Legal Notice 236 of 2004). The former regulation, besides from protecting certain endangered fish also establishes a series of processes related to the establishment of protected areas, including marine protected areas to be designated for such species.

Malta has also undertaken measures to control and abate marine pollution and waste, such as through the ratification of a number of multilateral environmental agreements on the prevention of marine pollution by the dumping of waste. In line with the requirements of the MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive), following the compilation of the Initial Assessment of the status of marine waters, the initial definition of Good Environmental Status (GES) and the establishment of environmental targets, Malta developed a number of monitoring programmes, some of which focus on the issue of contaminants and pollution. The programmes are geared towards assessing environmental status (which covers features, activities and pressures relevant for GES), and progress towards achieving GES. Some of the monitoring programmes shall also assess the interactions of selected species with anthropogenic activities. The eleven monitoring factsheets incorporating the

thirteen monitoring programmes in accordance with the MSFD GES descriptors may be downloaded through the following link <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/MSFD.aspx>.

In addition, during the reporting interim, work was carried out on the drafting of Malta's Second Water Catchment Management Plan (WCMP) for 2015-2021. The aims of the Plan are to build upon the outcomes of the first plan and are to protect, improve and restore the water environment of Malta. The second WCMP reviews the Programme of Measures set in the First WCMP, establishes Environmental Objectives and identifies additional measures required for the improvement and protection of Maltese waters. The Second WCMP puts forward a number of measures targeting the removal of marine litter, which includes lost fishing gear, from coastal waters; the lack of public awareness on the impacts of marine litter, as well as knowledge improvement on sources, including transboundary sources, of marine litter.

In 2016, Malta designated an additional 9 marine protected sites which brings the total coverage of marine protected areas to 3,487 Km<sup>2</sup>. The new sites include three proposed sites for Community Importance (pSCIs) and eight Special Protection Areas (SPAs), with two of the sites bearing both designations. Although these sites have not been designated for the protection of endangered fish the measures still aid with the conservation of such species.

The Maltese fisheries also implement the European Commission's Action Plan for the Conservation and Management of Sharks, as well as the International Action Plan for the Conservation & Management of Sharks (IPQA) which had been adopted by FAO.

During the reporting interim public awareness, communication and educative campaigns were also undertaken so as to highlight the current threats to marine species.

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

N/A

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

The need to increase the capacity in relation to effective monitoring and enforcement.

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

Assistance is required for capacity building in order to enhance research and/or monitoring programmes.

## 5.2 Questions on specific Appendix I fish species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I fish species, for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

### Species name: *Cetorhinus maximus*

#### 1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Attard, V. & Muscat, S. [eds]. (1999). The most common sharks found around the Maltese Islands and the Mediterranean Sea. Guide Book. Marine Life Care Group (Malta), Valletta, Malta. 21pp.

Despott G. (1919). The Ichthyology of Malta. Critien's Press, Malta. Xi + 60pp.

Fergusson, I.K., Campagno, L.J.V. and Fowler S.L. (1999). Formal Submission to the Maltese Department of the Environment: Proposal to Conserve the Great White Shark *Carcharodon carcharias* in Maltese Waters. [Available on the internet at [http://www.zoo.co.uk/~z9015043/malta\\_ws.html](http://www.zoo.co.uk/~z9015043/malta_ws.html); accessed 23 March 2005.]

Lanfranco, G. (2009). The Fish Around Malta (Central Mediterranean). Progress Press, Malta..

Schembri, T., Fergusson, I.K. and Schembri, P.J. (2003). Revision of the Records of Shark and Ray Species from the Maltese Islands (Chordata: Chondrichthyes). The Central Mediterranean Naturalist 4(1):71-104.

#### 2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

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☐ increasing

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☐ decreasing

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☐ unclear

☒ not known

According to Lanfranco G. (2009) and Schembri et al. (2003) this species is very rare in the Maltese waters.

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☒ unclear

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

National legislation affords strict protection to this species.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

Under national legislation the killing and taking of this species from the wild is prohibited unless, if in possession of a prior permit from the competent authority, or Director of Environment. Such a permit is granted when there is no satisfactory alternative and an authorization is not detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

☒ Education/awareness rising

Through the reporting interim various communication, education and public awareness campaigns were carried out on marine species in general.

☐ Research

☒ Monitoring

The DFA collates statistics on shark by-catch, as reported by fishers.

☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

N/A

**Species name:** *Carcharodon carcharias*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

Attard, V. & Muscat, S. [eds]. (1999). The most common sharks found around the Maltese Islands and the Mediterranean Sea. Guide Book. Marine Life Care Group (Malta), Valletta, Malta. 21pp.

Despott G. (1919). The Ichthyology of Malta. Critien's Press, Malta. Xi + 60pp.

Fergusson, I.K., Campagno, L.J.V. and Fowler S.L. (1999). Formal Submission to the Maltese Department of the Environment: Proposal to Conserve the Great White Shark *Carcharodon carcharias* in Maltese Waters. [Available on the internet at [http://www.zoo.co.uk/~z9015043/malta\\_ws.html](http://www.zoo.co.uk/~z9015043/malta_ws.html); accessed 23 March 2005.]

Lanfranco, G. (2009). The Fish Around Malta (Central Mediterranean). Progress Press, Malta. .

Schembri, T., Fergusson, I.K. and Schembri, P.J. (2003). Revision of the Records of Shark and Ray Species from the Maltese Islands (Chordata: Chondrichthyes). The Central Mediterranean Naturalist 4(1):71-104.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☒ unclear

According to Lanfranco G. (2009) and Schembri et al. (2003) this species is considered to be rare in the Maltese waters.

☐ not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

☐ stable

☐ increasing

☐ decreasing

☒ unclear

Favoured microsites of this species seem to include the islet of Filfla and the environs, the nearshore reef complex of Il-Munxar (St. Thomas) and offshore at Hurds Bank (north-northeast of Marsascala (Fergusson, 1998).

☐ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☒ Species protection

National legislation affords strict protection to this species.

☐ Species restoration

☒ Control hunting / poaching

Under national legislation the killing and taking of this species from the wild is prohibited unless, if in possession of a prior permit from the competent authority, or Director of Environment. Such a permit is granted when there is no satisfactory alternative and an authorization is not detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

☒ Education/awareness rising

Throughout the reporting interim various communication, education and public awareness campaigns were carried out on marine species in general.

☐ Research

☒ Monitoring

The DFA collates statistics on shark by-catch, as reported by fishers.



☐ Habitat protection

☐ Habitat restoration

☐ Identification and establishment of protected areas

☐ Other

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

N/A

## 6. Bats

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I bats in general:

The species of bats listed in Appendix I of the Convention are not known to occur on the Maltese Islands.

## II. Appendix I species

### 6. LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

#### 1. Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species currently listed in Appendix I?

(according to the latest IUCN red data list). N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

☐ Yes

☒ No

If Yes, please provide details:

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1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose listing any of these species?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please provide details:

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1b. What assistance/measures, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of these species?

N/A

### III. Appendix II Species

#### 1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

Information pertaining to the conservation of Appendix II species that are the object of CMS Agreements will have been provided in periodic Party reports to those instruments. It will suffice therefore to reference (below), and preferably append, a copy of the latest report that has been submitted to the Secretariat of each of the Agreement/MoUs to which your country is a Party.

<b>Wadden Sea Seals (1991)</b>	
Date of last report: N/A	Period covered: N/A
<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <b>Siberian</b>	
<b>Crane MoU (1993/1999)</b>	
Date of last report : N/A	Period covered: N/A
<b>EUROBATS (1994)</b>	
Date of last report: 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2010	Period covered: 2001-2010
<b>ASCOBANS (1994)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: N/A	Period covered: N/A
<b>Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)</b>	
<input type="text"/>	

Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<input type="text"/> <b>Atlantic Turtles MoU</b> (1999) <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>AEWA (1999)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>ACCOBAMS (2001)</b>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">25<sup>th</sup> October 2013</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">2011-2013</a>
<b>Middle-European Great Bustard MoU</b> (2001) <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>ACAP (2001)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)</b>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>West African Elephants MoU (2005)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Saiga Antelope MoU (2006)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Ruddy-headed Goose MoU (2006)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Monk Seal in the Atlantic MoU (2007)</b>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Southern South American Grassland Birds MoU (2007)</b>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Dugong MoU (2007)</b>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Gorilla Agreement (2008)</b>	

Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)</b>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)</b>	
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Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<input type="text"/> <b>High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)</b> <input type="text"/>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>Sharks MoU (2010)</b>	
Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>
<b>South Andean Huemul MoU (2010)</b>	
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Date of last report: <a href="#">N/A</a>	Period covered: <a href="#">N/A</a>

## 2. QUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENTS

### Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bird Species

**1. In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bird Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, what is the current state of development?**

**2. In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bird Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

**3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instruments development?**

N/A

**4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bird Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**4.1. If Yes, please provide details:**

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**Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Mammal Species**

**1. In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, what is the current state of development?**

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**2. In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

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**3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instruments development?**

N/A
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**4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Mammal Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**4.1. If Yes, please provide details:**

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**Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Turtle Species**

**1. In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, what is the current state of development?**

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**2. In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

If Yes, please provide details:

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**3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instruments development?**

N/A

**4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Turtle Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**4.1. If Yes, please provide details:**

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**Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species**

**1. In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, what is the current state of development?**

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**2. In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

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**3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instruments development?**

N/A

**4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**4.1. If Yes, please provide details:**

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**Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bat Species**

**1. In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bat Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, what is the current state of development?**

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**2. In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bat Species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

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**3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instruments development?**

N/A
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**4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bat Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**4.1. If Yes, please provide details:**

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**Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Fish**

**1. In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Fish?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, what is the current state of development?**

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**2. In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Fish?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

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**3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instruments development?**

N/A
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**4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Fish, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**4.1. If Yes, please provide details:**

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### 3. LISTING OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX II

**1. Is your country a Range State for any migratory species that has an unfavourable conservation status, but is not currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its conservation?**

N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

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**1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II**

☐ Yes

☐ No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

N/A
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**1b. What assistance, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of this/these species?**

N/A
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#### **IV. National and Regional Priorities**

**1. What priority does your country assign to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues**

☒ High

☐ Medium

☐ Low

**2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**2.1. If Yes, please indicate and briefly describe the extent to which it addresses the following issues:**

Transboundary co-operation

There are diverse measures set out in the National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (NBSAP) which directly or indirectly address transboundary co-operation. Such as:

- Measure IE3: (regarding the continued bilateral and multilateral co-operation with parties of the Convention of the Biological Diversity (CBD) and members of the European Union to advance global and regional progress in biodiversity conservation);
- Measure SH2: (concerning the maintenance of Species and Habitats of European Community across their natural range via the implementation of adequate conservation measures, which support the existing legal protection regime); and
- Measure RD3: (regarding co-operation (e.g. by participating in research projects) with other Mediterranean Countries to help identify marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction eligible for designation as protected areas).

#### Research and monitoring of migratory species

The national strategy also includes a number of measures on research and monitoring such;

- Measure CB4: (Gaps in taxonomic knowledge would be addressed by strengthening expertise and urge the uptake of taxonomic research);
- Measure CC3: (Existing data limitations would be addressed through biodiversity research and monitoring, in order to provide quantitative data on vulnerability analyses based on climate projections and national impact scenarios which factor in Malta's small island state characteristics. This would allow for the prioritisation of measures to safeguard those species and habitats most at risk or most vulnerable to climate change);
- Measure CB5: (Scientific capacity in conservation biology tools for the recovery of endangered species would be strengthened);
- Measure RD1: (Working partnerships with research institutions would be developed or strengthened in order to undertake targeted interdisciplinary research which would improve the understanding of biodiversity in ecological, social and economic aspects, and in line with policy demand);
- Measure BM1: (A national biodiversity monitoring strategy would be formulated taking into account established indicators such as the EU 2010 Biodiversity Baseline and relevant updated Streamline European 2010 Biodiversity (SEBI) Indicators, as well as other national environment monitoring activities undertaken in line with the requirements of EU Directives (such as Water Framework Directive and Marine Strategy Framework Directive) in order to avoid duplication of effort, while maximising best use of resources. The implementation of such a strategy would help Malta fulfill its monitoring obligations under the EC Nature Directives and biodiversity related Multilateral Environment Agreements in a co-ordinated and coherent manner); and
- Measure BM2: (A national volunteer network which carries out biological recording on selected taxonomic groups throughout the Maltese Islands would be set up and supported via training).

Actions to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger migratory species (e.g. alien invasive species or by-catch)

The NBSAP also holds a number of measures which address activities which may endanger migratory species such include:

- Measure SH5: (A strict protection regime is in place, in line with the requirements of the EC Nature Directives, and incorporates measures to address the illegal and the incidental capture and killing of protected species, including those which are migratory);

- .- Measure BR5: (The regulation of the capture and killing of protected species is built on sustainability principles and is in line with the provisions of national law and the EC Nature Directives. This would be ensured via a better regulation initiative and conservation status assessments);

- Measure EF4: (Environmental illegalities such as, but not limited to, the illegal capture and illegal killing of species, would be addressed through strengthened enforcement and corrective action);

- Measure BR4: (Exploitation of wildlife for trade would be based on sustainable practices in line with Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) regulations and would be supported by continued provision of information on biodiversity trade and protection regulations by the CITES Management Authority to importers, exporters and other stakeholders. Where required, the provision of information would be enhanced through the development and dissemination of guidance/ awareness material, which would contribute towards adequate implementation of national legislation on wildlife trade);

- Measure BI1: (A national information and early warning system (e.g. species black list, existing border controls and permitting procedures) would be in place to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive non-native species via priority pathways. Accidental introductions would also be addressed by way of contingency planning thereby avoiding/ minimising any socio-economic and environmental aspects);

- Measure BI2: (A systematic and coherent national strategy on invasive non-native species would be in place and would be based on the CBD's three stage hierarchical approach, which includes prevention, early detection of the species, and rapid action by eradication, containment and control (where feasible). This strategy would be supported by other policy guidance on the removal of invasive species);

- Measure BI3: (Endemic species and areas of conservation value at risk by invasive species would be identified, and prioritised for targeted, well-planned, ecologically and financially feasible remedial action, with the goal of reinstating self-sustaining native communities and healthy ecosystems);

- Measure BI4: (Key stakeholder groups, such as traders (pet shops, breeders and nurseries), as well as land and sea users would co-operate to prevent the unwanted release/escape and spread of non-native and invasive species into the environment. To assist this, national codes of best practices would be established in consultation with key stakeholders and adopted for those sectors that can aid the introduction and spread of invasive species. The drawing up of such codes would build on the European Codes of Conduct as adopted under the Bern Convention);

- Measure BI5: (Measures would be in place to implement the recommendations made in the National Biosafety Framework, and strengthen the legislation describing rules and procedures to further safeguard the environment from potential damage resulting from genetically modified organisms (GMOs); and
- Measure CC1: (The interlinkages of climate change and biodiversity would be taken into account when designing adaptation and mitigation activities, so as to ensure that such activities would be both compatible with the policies for the protection of biodiversity in Malta and the goals of creating a climate resilient and low-carbon economy).

#### Minimizing or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration

Asides from the measures mentioned above, additional measures which help minimize or eliminate barriers to migration include:

- Measure EA1: (Carrying out of environment impact assessments (EIAs), strategic environmental assessments (SEA) and appropriate assessments (AA) ensures that potential adverse and significant effects of projects, plans or programmes, and activities (including those with EU funding) on biodiversity (flora, fauna, habitats, ecosystems, protected areas etc.) are prevented/ mitigated); and
- Measure SI7: (Proposals for the development of renewable energy facilities would be evaluated against obligations stemming from the EU Nature Directives, through appropriate assessments and EIAs. Through site planning, mitigation and monitoring in line with guidance issued by the EU and MEAs, any impacts on wildlife (such as bats, birds and marine mammals) would be minimised.

#### Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species

The NBSAP also holds measures relating to the conservation and restoration of species (including migratory ones) such as Measure SH2 (see above) and:

- Measure SH4: (Priority species, especially endemic species are covered by species action plans. These plans of action would recommend tailored conservation measures and where required, management/ restoration); and
- Measure BR2: (Malta would co-operate and restore fish stocks to levels that could produce maximum sustainable yield in line with the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and in support of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD).

#### Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of the habitats of migratory species, including protected areas

The conservation and restoration of habitats is also addressed in the NBSAP such as through Measure SH2 (see above) and:

- Measure SH4: (Rare specialised habitats would be covered by habitat action plans. These plans of action would recommend tailored conservation measures and where required, management/ restoration);

- Measure SH6: (Guidelines on habitat management and restoration would be adopted and provide information on best practices for managing the different terrestrial and aquatic habitat types in Malta bearing in mind the guidelines established by multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), such as the Ramsar Convention in the case of wetlands);
- Measure EN1: (Efforts would continue to ensure that Malta's National Ecological Network constitutes a comprehensive and ecologically representative national system of protected areas, with improved sufficiency in affording protection to Maltese habitats and species);
- Measure EN2: (Conservation objectives and management plans would be defined and implemented, in a timely manner for Natura 2000 sites, which would be supported by sectoral policies and planning instruments which would allow for a fully integrated ecosystem approach);
- Measure EN5: (A zoning system (which in the case of terrestrial areas would build on adapted principles of the scheduling process) would be in place for protected areas and applies temporal and spatial restrictions so as to direct anthropogenic pressures away from particularly sensitive habitats and species);
- Measure EN6: (A range of governance types for long term management of protected areas would be in place, based on good governance principles);
- Measure EN7: (Standard, criteria and indicators would be established to evaluate the effectiveness of protected area management);
- Measure EN4: (Components for building a green infrastructure (as a holistic framework for resource planning and conservation) would be strengthened to improve the ecological coherence of Natura 2000, via integration into the broader landscape, and hence to curb habitat fragmentation, improve adaptation to climate change and aid in integrated flood management); and
- Measure SI6: (The role and importance of spatial planning as an instrument for biodiversity conservation would be reflected in new policy on spatial planning. The latter would build on the principles of integrated land use planning and devices measures to safeguard the wider countryside from urban sprawl, to support urban biodiversity and to contribute towards the EU priorities on a Green Infrastructure).

**3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**3.1. If Yes, please provide details:**

On a regional scale, the conservation of migratory species currently features in the Ramsar Convention, the Bern Convention, the EU Nature Directives and the Common Fisheries Policy.

In addition, the conservation of migratory species also feature in the following national/regional legislation, plans or policies:

- Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations (Legal Notice 311 of 2006, as amended)
- Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations (Legal Notice 79 of 2006, as amended)
- Marine Mammals Protection Regulations (Legal Notice 203 of 2003)
- Reptiles Protection Regulations (Legal Notice 76/92)
- National Environmental Policy for the Maltese Islands
- Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations SL549.42
- International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) - For quotas on the capture of bluefin tuna, and fishing effort controls on swordfish.
- The Mediterranean Regulation EC1967/2006) lays down technical measures for the conservation of certain stocks of highly migratory species.
- the Malta National Plan to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
- the draft Dossier on the capture and killing of wild terrestrial fauna in the Maltese Islands
- Subsidiary Legislation 425.09 on the Implementation and Enforcement of certain fisheries management plans order.
- Subsidiary Legislation 425.08 Enforcement of Sea Fishing Conventions Order
- United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Article 64)

The above cover the main policies relating to migratory species, however, there are additional policies/ plans such as the Trees and Woodlands Protection Regulations, 2011 and the Sand Preservations Act which indirectly also cover aspects for the conservation of migratory species.



3a. Do these policies/plans cover the following areas?

**Exploitation of natural resources (e.g. fisheries, hunting, etc.)**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**If Yes, please provide details**

Amongst the policies which cover the exploitation of nature resources are the:

i) drafted Dossier on the capture and killing of wild terrestrial fauna in the Maltese Islands. The dossier addresses animal species (excluding avifauna) that are considered, or may likely to be, threatened by deliberate and/or incidental capture and killing as well as animal species whose exploitation should be managed, with a focus on those species included in the Habitats Directive and various subsidiary national legislation.

ii) the Common Fisheries Policy which is the fisheries policy of the European Union, including the Bluefin tuna recovery plan, the Mediterranean Regulation, the Control Regulation), the IUU Regulation, and the ICCAT Regulation 1605/2016(swordfish regulation). These policies are in place to regulate the exploitation of fisheries resources in line with stipulated measures agreed at the regional level.

iii) Malta's National Strategic Plan for Fisheries (2007-2013) which establishes the objectives for the development of the Maltese fisheries sector for the period: [http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/docs/body/malta\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/docs/body/malta_en.pdf)

iv) the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations SL549.42 which transposes the Birds Directive into local legislation. This legislation establishes special conservation measures, sets out prohibitions on activities involving wild birds, imposes hunting restrictions and sets out penalties for any offences against its regulations.

v) the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 as amended, allows the Authority to make management measures to ensure that the taking in the wild as well as the exploitation for certain species is compatible with their maintenance at a favourable conservation status. Such measures could include but not only; the regulation of the period of taking, hunting and fishing rules, the establishment of licenses or quotas etc. The regulation also prohibits the use of indiscriminate means and forms of capture capable of causing the local disappearance of, or serious disturbance to, certain populations of mammals and fish.

**Economic development**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details**

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**Land-use planning**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**If Yes, please provide details**

The Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 and the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006, which fully transpose the EU Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive and lay down provisions for the designation of protected sites, including special areas of conservation (SACs) and special protected areas (SPAs). Such sites are to be covered by management plans which shall include the planning, management, supervision and monitoring measures for the sites in line with the protection category or categories assigned.

As mentioned in a previous section management plans for all the terrestrial SACs and SPAs have been prepared. These are currently in the process of being formally adopted.

Moreover, ERA is also able to issue guidelines for the management and conservation of the protected sites as well as designate zones within and around the sites in such a way as to have different categories of protected areas according to the management requirements set by the Authority.

**Pollution control**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details**

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**Designation and development of protected areas**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**If Yes, please provide details**

On the basis of the criteria set out in the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 and in line with the Habitats and Birds Directive ERA has also designated a number of sites of Community Importance, Special Areas of Conservation of National Importance and Special Protection Areas.

Also, through the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations SL549.42, areas deemed to be essential for the conservation of birds have been protected and declared as bird sanctuaries or protected beaches and no hunting or live-capturing is allowed within such sites.

Malta has also designated two sites as Wetlands of International Importance in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Ramsar Convention and four sites as Specially Protected Areas under the Barcelona Convention, specifically the Protocol for the Specially Protected Areas and Biodiversity.

**Development of ecological networks**

☒  Yes

☐  No

**If Yes, please provide details**

Asides from the National Ecological Network set up in accordance with the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 which comprises of a coherent ecological network of protected areas, Malta also contributes to the European ecological network of special areas of conservation, as established under the title of Natura 2000 through the Habitats Directive.

Two of these Maltese protected sites also form part of Ramsar's network of wetlands of International Importance.

**Planning of power lines**

☐  Yes

☒  No

**If Yes, please provide details**

**Planning of fences**

☐  Yes

☒  No

**If Yes, please provide details**

**Planning of dams**

☐  Yes

☒  No

**If Yes, please provide details**

**Other**

☐  Yes

☒  No

**If Yes, please provide details**

**4. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken**

## V. Protected Areas

### 1. Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and management of protected areas in your country?

☒  Yes

☐  No

#### If Yes, please provide details:

The Birds Directive which was transposed through the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, (SL 549.42) as amended requires Malta to identify Special Protection Areas for rare or vulnerable bird species (as listed in Annex I of the Directive) and regularly occurring migratory bird species with regards to breeding, moulting, wintering areas and staging posts along their migratory routes.

The latter Regulation moreover, also designates bird sanctuaries and protected beaches; areas where no hunting or live-capturing is allowed.

Moreover, the Habitats Directive which is transposed nationally through the Flora, Fauna and Natural Habitats Protection Regulations, 2006 as amended requires Malta to identify special areas of conservation hosting the natural habitat types listed under Annex I and habitats of species listed under Annex II of the Directive. Such areas enable the natural habitat types and the species concerned to be maintained or, where appropriate, restored at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

Prior to the establishment of such protected areas studies are carried out to determine which habitats and species are found therein. In addition, the related management plans also consider migratory species found (or are staging) in the site in question.

#### 1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status:

- Iċ-Ċittadella
- L-Għar tal-Iburdan u inħawi tad-Madwar
- Xlendi u tal-Wied tal-Kantra
- Wied il-Mizieb
- Buskett – Gġirgenti Area;
- Filfla;
- Is-Simar (l/o San Pawl il-Baħar);
- Kemmuna, Kemmunett, il-Ħaġriet ta' Bejn il-Kmiemen u l-Iskoll ta' Taħt il-Mazz ;
- L-Għadira Area;
- Ramla tat-Torri /Rdum tal-Madonna Area;

- Rdumijiet ta' Ghawdex: Ta' Ċenċ ;
- Rdumijiet ta' Ghawdex: Id-Dawra tas-Sanap sa tal-Hajt;
- Rdumijiet ta' Ghawdex: Il-Ponta ta' Harrux sa Il-Bajja tax-Xlendi;
- Rdumijiet ta' Ghawdex: Il-Ponta ta' San Dimitri sa Il-Ponta ta' Harrux;
- Rdumijiet ta' Malta: Ix-Xaqqa sa Wied Moqbol;
- Rdumijiet ta' Malta: Ras il-Pellegrin sa ix-Xaqqa;
- Rdumijiet ta' Malta: Wied Moqbol sal-Ponta ta' Benghisa
- Rdumijiet ta' Malta: Ir-Ramla taċ-Ċirkewwa sal-ponta ta' Benghisa
- Il-Baħar bejn Rdum Majjiesa u Ras ir-Raheb
- Il-Baħar fl-Inħawi ta' Għar Lapsi u ta' Filfla
- Il-Baħar fl-Inħawi ta' Mgarr ix-Xini (Ghawdex)
- Il-Baħar fl-Inħawi tad-Dwejra (Ghawdex)
- Il-Baħar fil-grigal ta' Malta
- Il-Baħar tal-Punent
- Il-Baħar tat-Tramuntana
- Il-Baħar tan-Nofsnhar
- Il-Baħar tal-Grigal
- Il-Baħar tal-Lvant
- Il-Baħar tax-Xlokk
- Il-Baħar tal-Lbiċ
- Il-Baħar ta' madwar Ghawdex
- Il-Baħar tal-Majjistral

**1b. Do these protected areas cover the following areas?**

**Terrestrial**

☒  Yes

☐  No

**If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas**

A total of eighteen terrestrial sites provide a coverage of 43.527 Km<sup>2</sup>.

**Aquatic**

☒  Yes

☐  No

**If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas**

The total aquatic coverage of these protected sites is 0.097 sq km.

### Marine

☒  Yes

☐  No

**If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas**

A total of fourteen marine sites provide a total coverage of 3,487 Km<sup>2</sup>.

**1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:**

ERA

### 2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

The designation of protected areas supports the existing legal protection regime and helps maintain or improve the status of migratory species. In accordance to the assessment carried out in 2013 under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive almost half of the bat species found on the Islands have a favourable conservation status. The conservation status of most marine species is still under study and in this respect, Malta has commission studies and attained funds to gain additional information in relation to selected marine species (particularly through the EU LIFE+ Programme). Other initiatives to collect data regarding other marine species are also to be considered.

Management plans have been prepared for all terrestrial SPAs and SACs forming part of the Natura 2000 network and these are currently in the process of being formally adopted. The management plans were developed by a project entitled 'Natura 2000 Management Planning for Malta and Gozo'.

This project was co-financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) under Measure 323 of the Rural Development Program for Malta.

In 2011, Malta launched for public consultation a Dossier on the Capture and Killing of Wild Terrestrial Fauna in the Maltese Islands. This document addresses protected fauna which are, or are likely to be, threatened by deliberate and/or incidental capture and killing, as well as animal species whose exploitation should be managed and devises strategic recovery plans for each species or group addressed in the Dossier.

## VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

**1. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?**

☒  Yes

☐  No

**If yes what is the state of those projects**

☐  In preparation

☐  on-going

☒  completed

**Please provide details**

The EU LIFE+ Malta Seabird Project (September 2011-June 2016) employed a variety of standardised research protocols and the latest tracking technology to gain a comprehensive picture of key areas of importance to the study species. Seabird colonies were monitored using a mark-recapture method, and samples are collected of regurgitates for dietary analyses.

Between 2012 and 2013 transect counts were carried out from a boat, up to the 25 nautical mile limit of Maltese waters, to record the distribution and behaviour of the study species at sea. The data was collected following the European Seabirds at Sea (ESAS) methodology, and will contribute to global knowledge about seabirds at sea. Observers have also collected information on the habitat use of other species of birds, as well as cetaceans and turtles.

The Project used different tracking devices to gain information about the birds' distribution out at sea. GPS loggers were attached to the back of Yelkouan and Scopoli's shearwaters, for a few days at a time, to record where the birds have been



on their foraging trips out at sea. Small geolocators that stay with the birds for an entire year were used to find out where the birds go during their breeding season, but also during the winter and migration periods. The Project had also, for the first time in the Mediterranean, successfully radio-tracked European Storm Petrels. Small radio-transmitters were attached to these small seabirds, which were then tracked utilising antennae and receiver units onboard boats and small aircraft.

The project also aimed to increase awareness about seabirds in Malta amongst the general public, as well as researchers and seabird experts around the world. This will be achieved by various media outputs, as well as workshops and conferences organised throughout the duration of the project (Source: BirdLife Malta).

**2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?**

☒  Yes

☐  No

**If Yes, please provide details (including the expected timeframe for these projects):**

Although it is envisaged that such tracking methodology could be used during future projects or research, a priori data/ information gaps need to be assessed further so as to determine where best to direct research efforts and which, if any, tracking devices should be required.

**If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard:**

**3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken**

The EU LIFE + Malta Seabird Project aimed to locate the main foraging and rafting sites of the *Calonectris diomedea*, *Hydrobates pelagicus* and *Puffinus yelkouan* during the breeding season, as well as track their movements in their annual cycle. The results, moreover helped identify sites falling under the categories utilised to select Important Bird Areas. They also led to the designation of eight marine Special Protected Areas (SPAs), which form part of the Natura 2000 network.

## VII. Membership

**1. Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non- Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?**

☐  Yes

☒  No

**If Yes, please provide details. (In particular, describe actions taken to recruit the non-Parties that have been identified by the Standing Committee as high priorities for recruitment.)**

**1a. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:**

N/A

**2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken**

N/A

## VIII. Global and National Importance of CMS

**1. Have actions been taken by your country to increase national, regional and/or global awareness of the relevance of CMS and its global importance in the context of biodiversity conservation?**

☒  Yes

☐  No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

Malta has undertaken diverse information/ education initiatives, such as articles in local newspapers and information panels. ERA's website, also provides information on species, habitats, nature protection policies, legislation, protected areas and biodiversity permitting. An example of this is made available through issues of 'BioSnippets', which are available

at <http://era.org.mt/en/Pages/BioSnippet.aspx>. ERA also publishes regular State of the Environment Reports and updates on the key environment indicators used therein.

Malta also carried out monthly Biodiversity Tours to Protected Areas, whereby ERA officials provide free guided tours to selected areas. These tours are carried out on a monthly basis from October to April. In parallel, ERA started participating in the popular Sunday show 'Malta u lil Hinn Minnha', an award-winning television show during which ERA provides weekly guided visits to a protected area, with information snippets on Maltese heritage. Posters on protected species were also distributed to interested parties, as well as a series of bookmarks and coasters depicting important Maltese species.

In addition, information campaigns are also undertaken by various environmental NGOs, research entities, relevant government departments, ministries and authorities.

**2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:**

ERA

**3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken**

Such activities have increased public awareness on the conservation of biodiversity and the activities being carried out. According to last year's EU Flash Eurobarometer "Attitudes of Europeans towards Biodiversity" 29% of Maltese have heard of the term 'biodiversity' and know what the term means, an increase of eleven percent from the 2010 survey. Such education campaigns have moreover, also increased local knowledge on Natura 2000 (the Europe-wide network of protected areas).

**IX. Mobilization of Resources**

**1. Has your country made financial resources available for conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?**



Yes



No

**If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):**

Malta boasts of a local network for the strandings of turtles and cetaceans, which offers a 24/7 service led by ERA, the Veterinary Services Department, Nature Trust (Malta), the University of Malta and the Armed Forces of Malta, amongst others. Sea-turtle rehabilitation and release programs are also undertaken on a regular basis. For this purpose various tools have been purchased such as basic first aid rescue kits and equipment, identification guides, data sheets and measuring tapes. In addition, injured protected avifauna and bats are also cared for by local NGOs.

Initiatives have also been taken in connection with a loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) nesting event which happened in 2014, such as the issuance of an emergency conservation order, the cordoning of the nesting-site, and 24-hour surveillance..

The Wild Birds Regulation Unit also offers a 24/7 service for the public to report any injured or stranded wild birds. These birds are immediately retrieved and taken to a government appointed veterinarian who provides medical assistance and professional advice for rehabilitation. Through this service, a wide range of bird species including seabirds and birds of prey have been rescued and successfully released. This exercise, is carried out in collaboration with the Administrative Law Enforcement Section of the Police, a government appointed veterinarian, and BirdLife Malta. WBRU also coordinates conservation efforts between different NGOs, such as establishing feeding regimes for weak migratory birds wintering in the Maltese islands. Such conservation effort has been carried out in January 2017 with a bevy of mute swans (*Cygnus olor*) seeking refuge during winter in Gozo. With professional advice from the government appointed veterinarian, WBRU coordinated a feeding regime with hunting NGOs and BirdLife Malta.

**2. Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition?**

☐  Yes

☒  No

**If Yes, please provide details:**

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**3. Has your country made other voluntary financial contributions to support conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in other countries (particularly developing countries)?**

☐  Yes

☒  No

**If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):**

**4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):**

**5. Has your country received financial assistance/support from the CMS Trust Fund, via the CMS Secretariat, for national conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

**If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):**

**6. Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other than the CMS Secretariat for conservation activities having direct benefit for migratory species in your country?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

**If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):**

Malta has managed to secure diverse funding through EU projects,

## EU LIFE Projects

### Malta Seabird Project

This EU funded project was in operation between September 2011 and June 2016. This project aimed at creating a catalogue of marine Important Bird Areas (IBAs) for three seabirds: *Puffinus yelkouan*, *Calonectris diomedea* and *Hydrobates pelagicus* and employed various bird tracking methodologies to gain further knowledge on key areas. These sites were then recommended as marine Special Protection Areas.

### Life Arcipelagu Garnija

BirdLife Malta's LIFE Project Arcipelagu Garnija aims at securing the Maltese Islands for the Yelkouan Shearwater, of where approximately 10% of the species' global population can be found. Arcipelagu Garnija's duration is five years (1st September 2015 – 31st August 2020). Protection of this local population is important on the global scale, especially with the drastic declines Yelkouan Shearwaters have been facing over the last decades. The species has been recently listed as 'vulnerable' in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species and is protected by several international conservation agreements, as well as local legislation. It is listed under Annex I of the EU [Birds Directive](#).

### LIFE MIGRATE

On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012, a LIFE MIGRATE Project commenced which ran until April 2016. This project aimed at enabling studies on the status of the population of the loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) and of the bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in the Maltese Islands. This project, sought to identify potential hotspots for the species (such as potential feeding areas or important migratory routes), assess the conservation status of the species, and to analyse adequate sites for protection, with the aim of designating relevant SCIs for these two species. Although the main target species of the project were loggerhead turtles and bottlenose dolphins, other important species encountered through the study were also recorded. The project also included an awareness-raising campaign.

### LIFE BaHAR

The main aim of the on-going LIFE Baħar for Natura 2000 project is to extend existing marine Sites of Community importance (SCIs), if necessary, and to designate new areas as SCIs to form part of the Natura 2000 network. The project will gather existing and new data on the location, range and conservation status of Annex I marine habitats as listed in the EU Habitats Directive.

## X. Implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations

Please provide information about measures undertaken by your country relating to recent Resolutions and Recommendations since the last Report. For your convenience please refer to the list of COP Resolutions and Recommendations listed below:

## **Resolutions**

### **Bycatch (incl. Recommendation) (6.2 / 7.2 / 8.14 / 9.18 / 10.14)**

#### **Fish by-catch**

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In terms of incidental capture or by-catch, it should be noted that discards in Maltese fishery are generally not significant. Information on the catch and landing by local fishing vessels is recorded through the Catch Log book and satellite monitoring in the form of Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) also aid in the tracking of the fishing vessels and thus indicating the areas fished.

The most relevant data for assessing fish populations is generated through the scientific surveys carried out as part of the EC Data Collection Multi Annual Programme (DC-MAP) namely the Mediterranean International bottom trawl survey (MEDITS) and the Pan-Mediterranean pelagic survey (MEDIAS). MEDITS surveys target benthic and demersal assemblages while MEDIAS targets small pelagics.

Further fisheries bycatch data is collected through onboard fishing observations which are also conducted as part of the EC Data Collection Multi Annual Programme (DC-MAP).

Malta is currently planning on implementing a project on the reduction of discards which will be potentially funded by the European and Fisheries Fund. The project is still at a very early stage and further details will be available at a later date.

#### **Turtle/Marine Mammals By-Catch**

In accordance with national legislation, when loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*) or marine mammals are accidentally caught during fishing activities these are to be released back into the sea, should this be possible and are only landed for rehabilitation purposes.

## **Oil Pollution and Migratory Species (7.3)**

Through the obligations laid down under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) Malta carried out an initial assessment on the environment status of the marine environment, which included an analysis on contamination by hazardous substances and significant pollution events. Based on this initial assessment Malta shall establish and implement coordinated monitoring programs for the ongoing assessment of the environment status.

Malta also implements and enforces various legislation, including international conventions to which Malta is a Party and EU Regulations and Directives, having as their scope the prevention of operational and accidental pollution by ships and also deliberate and negligent discharges and which are all aimed at protecting human health and the environment from the such discharges of chemicals into the aquatic environment.

#### **Electrocution of Migratory Birds (7.4 / 10.11)**

Malta is not aware of any documented instances of significant bird collision with electric power lines on the Islands.

#### **Wind Turbines and Migratory Species (7.5)**

The relevant provisions for this are taken into account when Environment Impact Assessments are carried out.

#### **Migratory Species and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (8.27 / 10.22)**

Malta has undertaken various active and passive surveillance on wild birds to determine, or otherwise the presence of strains of Avian Influenza in Malta. Details on the programme may be downloaded through the EU website: [http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/eradication/programme2012/AI\\_MT.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/diseases/eradication/programme2012/AI_MT.pdf).

#### **Climate Change Impacts on Migratory Species (8.13 / 9.7 / 10.19)**

No measures have been taken.

#### **Marine Debris (10.4)**

In line with the requirements of the MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive), following the compilation of the Initial Assessment of the status of marine waters, the initial definition of Good Environmental Status (GES) and the establishment of environmental targets, Malta developed a number of monitoring programmes, one of which focuses on the issue of marine litter. The programmes are geared towards assessing environmental status (which covers features, activities and pressures relevant for GES), and progress towards achieving GES. Some of the monitoring programmes shall also assess the interactions of selected species with anthropogenic activities. The eleven monitoring



factsheets incorporating the thirteen monitoring programmes in accordance with the MSFD GES descriptors may be downloaded through the following link <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/MSFD.aspx>.

Malta is also party to various international conventions for the prevention of marine pollution through the dumping of waste, such as the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matters (Land Convention), the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Protocols, all of which are part of Maltese law and enforced accordingly; as well as transposing the provisions of EU Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues (Legal Notice 278 of 2004), as amended.

Other initiatives include the Blue Flag Programme for beaches and marinas which is run by FEE (the Foundation for Environmental Education) and whose criteria include standards for water quality, environmental management, environmental education and safety. In accordance, to the Blue Flag Guidelines, litter within such beaches is not to accumulate and such sites are to comply with national guidelines and legislation concerning litter and waste management.

#### **Poisoning Migratory Birds (10.26)**

No measures taken. The poisoning of migratory birds is not considered to be an issue in Malta.

#### **Adverse Anthropogenic Impacts on Cetaceans and other Biota (8.22 / 9.19 / 10.24)**

Resolution 10.24 (*Further steps to abate underwater noise pollution for the protection of cetaceans & other migratory species*) and Resolution 9.19 (*Adverse anthropogenic Marine/ Ocean Noise Impacts on Cetaceans and Other Biota*): Malta has ratified a number of regional and/ or international multilateral environment agreements (MEAs) addressing noise as a pressure on the marine biota. In addition, in line with the requirements of the MSFD (Marine Strategy Framework Directive), Malta developed a monitoring programme. The monitoring programme shall assess the interactions of selected species with anthropogenic activities. In this regard, Malta has developed eleven monitoring factsheets incorporating the thirteen monitoring programmes in accordance with the MSFD GES descriptors (Additional information may be downloaded through the following link <https://era.org.mt/en/Pages/MSFD.aspx>).

In addition, any Environmental Impact Assessments undertaken for developments/operations would also consider the effects of any underwater noise created by that particular activity.

Resolution 8.22 (*Adverse human induced impacts of Cetaceans*): As indicated above, the evaluations carried out through environment impact assessments would also highlight the possible impacts on cetaceans of certain activities..

### **Southern Hemisphere Albatross Conservation (6.3)**

N/A

### **Impact Assessment and Migratory Species (7.2)**

According to local legislation any operation or activity not directly connected with or necessary to the management of a Special Area of Conservation, or which is likely to have a significant impact thereon, would be subject to an impact assessment. The possible impacts to the migration of migratory species would be highlighted in the Impact Assessment and mitigation measures to counteract such impacts suggested therein.

### **Antarctic Minke, Bryde's and Pygmy Right Whales (7.15)**

N/A

### **Sustainable Use (8.1)**

No measures have been taken.

### **Implementation of Existing Agreements and Development of Future Agreements (8.5)**

No measures have been taken.

### **Concerted Actions for Appendix I Species (8.29)**

Under national legislation, marine mammals, sharks and marine turtles listed under Appendix I of the Convention are protected and the killing or taking of such specimens from the wild is prohibited. Disturbance during essential stages of their life (such as breeding, rearing and migration) is moreover, also prohibited as is the destruction and/ or deterioration of essential sites.

### **Concerted and Cooperative Actions (9.1 / 10.23)**

No measures have been taken.

### **Priorities for CMS Agreements (9.2 / 10.16)**

No measures have been taken.

### **Migratory Marine Species (9.9 / 10.15)**

As mentioned in previous sections the LIFE MIGRATE Project aimed at enabling studies to be carried out on the status of the population of the loggerhead turtles and the bottlenose dolphin, as well as identifying any potential hotspots for the species, assessing the conservation status and analysing adequate sites for protection.

The project included an “After-LIFE Conservation Plan” which set out the strategy for the continuation and development of the actions to be undertaken once the project has ended to ensure the protection of these species within the identified protected areas and other areas, as necessary.

### **Saker Falcon (9.20 / 10.28)**

The penalties for contraventions concerning Annex I species, including the Saker Falcon, have increased as follows: on a first conviction to an automatic fine of €5,000 and/or imprisonment for one year, permanent revocation of all licenses under the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations SL549.42 and Schedule XV of the Code of Police Laws as well as the confiscation of the *corpus delicti*. On a second or subsequent conviction the penalties consist of €10,000 fine and/or imprisonment for two years and confiscation of the *corpus delicti*. Moreover, the Saker Falcon Global Action Plan questionnaire has been duly compiled and submitted by Malta.

### **Modus Operandi for Conservation Emergencies (10.2)**

As indicated in previous sections a 24/7 service is offered by ERA which enables members of the public to report cetacean strandings. The Armed Forces of Malta, Transport Malta or the Administrative Law Enforcement Section of the Police also collaborate through the provision of a sea-craft, when required. This network also involves veterinarians, biologists, as well as NGOs and volunteers

A Code of Practice for the stranding of cetacean species was introduced in 1999, this protocol set out the various procedures which are to be followed in the case of such an event. It aimed at the provision of effective and timely assistance to any live animal, the collection of scientific data and the acceptable method for the disposal of a carcass.

As indicated in the previous sections, the Wild Birds Regulation Unit also offers a 24/7 service for the public to report any injured or stranded wild birds. These birds are immediately retrieved and taken to a government appointed veterinarian who provides medical assistance and professional advice for rehabilitation. This exercise, is carried out in collaboration with the Administrative Law Enforcement Section of the Police, a government appointed veterinarian, and BirdLife Malta.

### **Ecological Networks (10.3)**

Asides from the setting up of a National Ecological Network, which comprises of a coherent ecological network of protected areas, Malta also contributes to the European

ecological network of special areas of conservation under the Habitats Directive- the Natura 2000 network through the Habitats Directive.

Protected areas such as Special Protection Areas and Special Areas of Conservation are selected in such a way so as to address the needs of migratory species as far as possible throughout their life cycles, such as the inclusion of breeding, moulting, wintering areas and staging posts along their migratory routes

Moreover, two Maltese wetlands form part of the Ramsar's network of wetlands of International Importance.

#### **Global Flyway Conservation (10.10)**

No measures taken.

#### **Migratory Freshwater Fish (10.12)**

N/A

#### **Migratory Landbirds in the African Eurasian Region (10.27)**

Amongst the measures taken to protect avifauna are the increased penalties and enforcement efforts in the field to further eliminate the illegal exploitation of the protected species listed in Resolution 10.27 which fall within Malta's range state.

#### **Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes (7.9)**

Malta welcomes the interest in having close collaborations with all the bodies concerned and supports such initiatives.

#### **CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 (8.2)**

No measures have been taken.

#### **Contribution of CMS in Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target (8.7)**

No measures have been taken.

#### **Synergies and Partnerships / Cooperation with other Conventions (8.11 / 9.11 / 10.21)**

In view that the majority of the nature conventions are implemented locally by the same Authority (ERA) this ensures close collaboration at national level between the focal points of the Convention of Migratory Species and the focal points of other relevant conventions. This system moreover, allows for the development of coherent and synergistic approach across the different conventions.

#### **National Reports for the Eighth and Ninth Meetings of the Conference of the Parties (8.24)**

No measures have been taken.

#### **CMS Information Priorities (9.3)**

No measures have been taken.

#### **Outreach and Communication Issues (9.5 / 10.7)**

Asides, from the awareness initiatives mentioned under Section VIII, Malta has undertaken activities to mark World Environment Day where clean-up activities, appreciation field trails, information campaigns and competitions were organized for the World Turtle Day where various local Authorities joined forces to organise a Turtle release event. In the latter event loggerhead turtles were released back into their natural environment following a rehabilitation process which saw them recover from various injuries and ailments. In 2015, two bat awareness events were also undertaken; such included informative presentations on bats, a hearing exercise (during which participants could hear the different species through a bat detector) and a bat trivia exhibition.

Malta also actively promotes dialogue between decision makers and conservation bodies such as through the Malta Ornis Committee (established by virtue of the Conservation of Wild Birds Regulations, 2006 and composed of members of organisations representing hunters, as well as members of organisations working for the protection of avifauna, and independent experts) which fulfils the important role of making recommendations to the Government on a wide array of issues ranging from conservation status of a particular species to conditions of hunting seasons, as well as recommendations on enforcement or legislative proposals. Stakeholders were also involved throughout the preparation of the management plans and conservation orders for the terrestrial Natura 2000 sites, such as when collecting data (pre-drafting stage) and during the drafting of management objectives and measures.

#### **Capacity Building Strategy (9.12 / 10.6)**

No measures have been taken.

**Financial and Administrative Matters and Terms of Reference for the Administration of the Trust Fund (10.1)**

Malta has paid its contributions up to 2014.

**Future strategies of the CMS Family / “Future Shape” (10.9)**

**Recommendations**

**Recommendation 7.6 - Improving the Conservation Status of the Leatherback Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)**

The harvesting of the *Dermochelys coriacea*, a vagrant species in Malta known locally from a few old historic records, is illegal. The actual recommendation is mostly targeted to the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Ocean.

**Recommendation 8.17 - Marine Turtles**

N/A

**Recommendation 9.1 - Central Eurasian Aridland Mammals**

N/A

**Recommendation 9.2 - Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna**

N/A

### Recommendation 9.3 - Tigers and other Asian Big Cats

N/A

### Recommendation 9.5 - Cooperative Action for the Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) in Central Africa

N/A

### Other resolutions/recommendations:

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### Other remarks:

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### Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species

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1. The lists below contain all the species listed in Appendix II. New Parties which have acceded since COP10 in 2011 and Parties which did not submit a National Report in time in 2011 are requested to complete the entire form.

Parties that did submit a timely report in 2011 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to

Appendix II at COP9 and COP10).

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Summarised information on the species for which Malta is a Range State can be found in the EU Habitats Directive Article 17 Report found at: <http://cdr.eionet.europa.eu/mt/eu/art17/>:

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Rhinolophus</i> sp. (only European populations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Vespertilionidae</i> spp. (European populations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i> (African populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Miniopterus majori</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Miniopterus natalensis</i> (African populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser queldenstaedtii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tadarida insignis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tadarida latouchei</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tadarida teniotis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Eidolon helvum</i> (African Populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Otomops martiensseni</i> (African Populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Otomops madagascariensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Species</i>	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	<i>Published distribution reference</i>
<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Platanista gangetica gangetica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pontoporia blainvillei</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Inia geoffrensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Monodon monoceros</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phocoena phocoena</i> (North and Baltic Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phocoena phocoena</i> (western North Atlantic population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phocoena phocoena</i> (Black Sea population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phocoena phocoena</i> (NW African population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Neophocaena phocaenoides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phocoena spinipinnis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phocoena dioptrica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sousa chinensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sousa teuszii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sotalia fluviatilis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sotalia guiansensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lagenorhynchus albirostris</i> (only North and Baltic Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lagenorhynchus acutus</i> (only North and Baltic Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Grampus griseus</i> (only North and Baltic Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Grampus griseus</i> (only Mediterranean populations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Tursiops aduncus</i> (Arafura/Timor Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (North and Baltic Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (Mediterranean population)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (Black Sea population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Stenella attenuata</i> (eastern tropical Pacific population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Stenella attenuata</i> (Southeast Asian populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Stenella clymene</i> (West African population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Stenella longirostris</i> (eastern tropical Pacific populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Stenella longirostris</i> (Southeast Asian populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i> (eastern tropical Pacific population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i> (Mediterranean population)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Delphinus delphis</i> (North and Baltic Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Delphinus delphis</i> (Mediterranean population)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Delphinus delphis</i> (Black Sea population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Delphinus delphis</i> (eastern tropical Pacific population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lagenodelphis hosei</i> (Southeast Asian populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Orcaella brevirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Orcaella heinsohni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Cephalorhynchus commersonii</i> (South American population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Cephalorhynchus eutropia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Cephalorhynchus heavisidii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Orcinus orca</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Globicephala melas</i> (only North and Baltic Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Berardius bairdii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Balaenoptera bonaerensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<i>Balaenoptera edeni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Caperea marginata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Neophocaena asiaorientalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Balaenoptera omurai</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Carnivora

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
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<i>Arctocephalus australis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Otaria flavescens</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phoca vitulina</i> (only Baltic and Wadden Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Halichoerus grypus</i> (only Baltic Sea populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Monachus monachus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Proboscidea

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
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<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Loxodonta cyclotis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Sirenia

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
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<i>Trichechus manatus</i> (Honduras and Panama)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Trichechus senegalensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Trichechus inunguis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<i>Dugong dugon</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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#### PERISSODACTYLA

<i>Equus hemionus</i> (includes <i>Equus onager</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Equus kiang</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

#### ARTIODACTYLA

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Vicugna vicugna</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Cervus elaphus yarkendensis</i> (Populations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan & Afghanistan)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Oryx dammah</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gazella gazella</i> (only asian populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gazella subgutturosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Procapra gutturosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Saiga tatarica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Saiga borealis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Ovis ammon</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

#### GAVIIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Gavia stellata</i> (WESTERN PALEARCTIC POPULATIONS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Gavia arctica arctica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Gavia arctica suschkini</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Gavia immer immer</i> (Northwest European population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i>

					BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Gavia adamsii</i> (Western Palearctic population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004

#### PODICIPEDIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Podiceps grisegena grisegena</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Podiceps auritus</i> (Western Palearctic populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004

#### PELECANIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Phalacrocorax nigrogularis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i> (Western Palearctic populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004

#### CICONIIFORMES

<i>Species</i>	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	<i>Published distribution reference</i>
<i>Botaurus stellaris stellaris</i> (Western Palearctic populations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Ixobrychus minutus minutus</i> (Western Palearctic populations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Ixobrychus sturmii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Ardeola rufiventris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Ardeola idae</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Egretta vinaceigula</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Ardea purpurea purpurea</i> (populations breeding in the Western Palearctic)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Ciconia episcopus microscelis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Geronticus eremita</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus aethiopicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Platalea alba</i> (excluding Malagasy population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### PHOENICOPTERIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Phoenicopiterus sp.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### ANSERIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Anatidae spp.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### FALCONIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Cathartidae spp.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Accipitridae spp.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Falconidae spp.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### GALLIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Coturnix coturnix coturnix</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### SPHENISCIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Spehniscus demersus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### PROCELLARIIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Diomedea irrorata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Diomedea dabbenena</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Diomedea antipodensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Diomedea chrysostoma</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Phoebetria fusca</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>



Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Macronectes halli</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Procellaria cinerea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Procellaria conspicillata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Procellaria parkinsoni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Procellaria westlandica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Thalassarche impavida</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Thalassarche bulleri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Thalassarche cauta</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Thalassarche steadi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Thalassarche salvini</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Thalassarche eremita</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Thalassarche carteri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### GRUIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Porzana porzana</i> (populations breeding in the Western Palearctic)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Porzana parva parva</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Porzana pusilla intermedia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Fulica atra atra</i> (Mediterranean and Black Sea populations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Aenigmatolimnas marginalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sarothrura boehmi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sarothrura ayresi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Crex crex</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Grus sp.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i> (only Asian populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Otis tarda</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### CHARADRIIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Recurvirostridae</i> sp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Charadriidae</i> sp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Dromas ardeola</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Glareola nuchalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Scolopacidae</i> sp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Larus hemprichii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Larus leucophthalmus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i> (West Eurasian and African population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Larus genei</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Larus audouinii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Larus armenicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Sterna nilotica nilotica</i> (West Eurasian and African populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Sterna caspia</i> (West Eurasian and African populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> - BirdLife Malta 2004

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Sterna maxima albidorsalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna bergii</i> (African and Southwest Asian populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna bengalensis</i> (African and Southwest Asian populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna sandvicensis sandvicensis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna dougallii</i> (Atlantic population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna hirundo hirundo</i> (populations breeding in the Western Palearctic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna paradisaea</i> (Atlantic populations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna albifrons</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna saundersi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna balaenarum</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sterna repressa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Chlidonias niger niger</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> (West Eurasian and African population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Rynchops flavirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

#### COLUMBIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Streptopelia turtur turtur</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i>

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### CORACIIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Merops apiaster</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

### Psittaciformes

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Amazona tucumana</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

### PASSERIFORMES

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Hirundo atrocaerulea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Alectrurus risora</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Alectrurus tricolor</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Pseudocolopteryx dinellianus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Muscicapidae (s.l.) spp.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i>

					BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Sporophila ruficollis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sporophila zelichi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sporophila cinnamomea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sporophila hypochroma</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Sporophila palustris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Agelaius flavus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

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<i>Cheloniidae</i> spp.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Dermochelyidae</i> spp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Podocnemis expansa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Crocodylia

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Orectolobiformes

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Rhincodon typus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Isurus paucus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lamna nasus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>

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Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Squalus acanthias</i> (Northern hemisphere populations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Rajiformes

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Manta birostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Acipenseriformes

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Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Huso huso</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Huso dauricus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser baerii baicalensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser medirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser mikadoi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser naccarii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser nudiiventris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser persicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser ruthenus</i> (Danube population)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<i>Acipenser schrenckii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser sinensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acipenser sturio</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As above</i>
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus kaufmanni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus hermanni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus fedtschenkoi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Psephurus gladius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Lepidoptera

Species	Range State	Extinct at National level	Not a Range State	No information available	Published distribution reference
<i>Danus plexippus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

2. All of the species listed below are listed in Appendix II. If your country is a Range State for any of the species in these Families, please indicate whether your country is a Range State or the species is extinct and, where appropriate, please provide published

## Order FALCONIFORMES, Family CATHARTIDAE

	Range State	Extinct	Published Distribution Reference
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Vultur gryphus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sarcophaga papa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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## Order Falconiformes, Family Accipitridae

	Range State	Extinct	Published Distribution Reference
<i>Accipiter badius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Accipiter gularis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i> <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i>
<i>Accipiter soloensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aquila adalberti</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aquila clanga</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i>
<i>Aquila rapa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Butastur indicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo auguralis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo buteo</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i>
<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo polysoma</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo regalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Chelictinia riocourii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i> <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i>
<i>Circus approximans</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Circus assimilis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i>
<i>Circus macrourus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>

	Range State	Extinct	Published Distribution Reference
<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Circus pygargus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Circus spilonotus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i>
<i>Elanus scriptus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gypaetus barbatus meridionalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gyps rueppelii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Haliaeetus albicilla groenlandicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Ictina mississippiensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Ictina plumbea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Milvus migrans</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Milvus milvus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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## Order Falconiformes, Family Falconidae

	Range State	Extinct	Published Distribution Reference
<i>Falco amurensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i>
<i>Falco biamicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Falco cherrug</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Falco concolor</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Falco eleonora</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
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<i>Falco longipennis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Falco naumanni</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>babylonicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Falco peregrinus peregrinus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Falco peregrinus tundrius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i>
<i>Milvago chimango</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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### Order Passeriformes, Family Muscicapidae

	Range State	Extinct	Published Distribution Reference
<i>Acrocephalus aedon</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004</i> <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Acrocephalus sorghophilus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Acrocephalus tangorum</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	Range State	Extinct	Published Distribution Reference
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<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Ficedula mugimaki</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Hippolais pallida</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of</i> <i>Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Locustella naevia</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	Range State	Extinct	Published Distribution Reference
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<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Muscicapa hodgsoni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Oenanthe hispanica</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of</i> <i>Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Oenanthe leucopyga</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Phylloscopus borealoides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus cantator</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus coronatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus davisoni</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus emeiensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus fuligiventer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus ibericus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus ijimae</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus lorenzii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus neglectus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus proregulus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Phylloscopus ricketti</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004      A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Phylloscopus subvirdis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Phylloscopus tytleri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Regulus calnedula</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Regulus ignicapillus</i> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Regulus regulus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Rhinomyias brunneata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Saxicola caprata</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Ssaxicola ferrea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Saxicola insignis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Saxicola torquata</i> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Seicercus affinis</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Seicercus burkii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Seicercus castaniceps</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Seicercus poliogenys</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Seicercus tephrocephalus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Seicercus valentini</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Sialia currcoides</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Stenostira scita</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sylvia althaea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sylvia borin</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Sylvia cantillans</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Guide to the Birds of Malta</i> . Natalino Fenech 2010
<input type="text" value="0"/>			<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> -BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta</i> . Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Sylvia communis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> -BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta</i> . Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> -BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta</i> . Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sylvia deserticola</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> -BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta</i> . Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta</i> -BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta</i> . Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Turdus kessleri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Turdus pallidus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Turdus rubrocanus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Turdus ruficollis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Zoothera wardii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Aix galericulata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Anas brasiliensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Anas caerulescens</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Anas canagica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004      A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anas punctata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Anas strepera</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anas tadorna</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Anas undulata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anas valisineria</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anser canagica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anser cygnoides</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anser erythropus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anser fabalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anser indicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Anser rossii</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Aythya affinis</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya americana</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya australis</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya baeri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya ferina</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya marila</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Aythya valisineria</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Branta albifrons</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Branta canadensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Branta hrota</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Branta nigricans</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Chloephaga hybrida</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Chloephaga picta</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Chloephaga poliocephala</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Chloephaga rubidiceps</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
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<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Cygnus olor</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Marmaronetta augustirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Melanitta americana</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Mergus cucullatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Mergus serrator</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Mergus squamatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Netta rufina</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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<i>Oxyura maccoa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Oxyura vittata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Somateria fischeri</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Tadorna cana</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			

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<i>Himantopus ceylonensis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Himantopus knudsenii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Himantopus meridionalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Himantopus mexicanus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="text" value="0"/>			
<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of</i> <i>Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Recurvirostra novaehollandiae</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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	Range State	Extinct	Published Distribution Reference
<i>Anarhynchus frontalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Charadrius aegyptius</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius apricarius</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius bicinctus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius coronatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius dominicus</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius dubius</i> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Charadrius falklandicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius forbesi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius fulvus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius gregarius</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Charadrius himantopus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius leucurus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius legubris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius marginatus</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius melanoptreus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius mexicanus</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius modestus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Charadrius oedicnemus</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius pallidus</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius peronii</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius placidus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Charadrius resplendens</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius ruficollis</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius spinosus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius tricolor</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Charadrius venustus</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Charadrius wilsona</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Erythronyctes alba</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Eudromias morinellus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Eudromias ruficollis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Oreopholus ruficollis</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Vanellus indicus</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Vanellus tricolor</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Aphriza virgata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004 <i>A Complete</i> <i>Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
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<i>Calidris acuminata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Calidris canutus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Gallinago media</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Gallinago megala</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Limosa scolopacea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Micropalama himantopus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Numenius arquata</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Numenius borealis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Numenius tahitensis</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Phalaropus fulicaria</i> 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta- BirdLife Malta 2004      A Complete Guide to the Birds of Malta. Natalino Fenech 2010</i>
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<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Scolopax delicata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Scolopax totanus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Steganopus tricolor</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Tringa alba</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Checklist of the Birds of Malta-</i> BirdLife Malta 2004
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Tringa fulicaria</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Tringa fuscicollis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Tringa glareola</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>A Complete Guide to the Birds of</i> <i>Malta.</i> Natalino Fenech 2010
<i>Tringa guttifer</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Tringa ptilocnemis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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#### Order Chiroptera, Family Rhinolophidae (European Populations)

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<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>As cited in previous section on Chiroptera</i>
<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>As cited in previous section on Chiroptera</i>
<i>Rhinolophus mehelyi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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#### Order Chiroptera, Family Vespertilionidae (European Populations)

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<i>Barbastella barbastellus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Eptesicus anatolicus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Eptesicus bottae</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Eptesicus isabellius</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Eptesicus sodalis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Hypsugo savii</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	As cited in previous section on Chiroptera
<i>Miniopterus haradai</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Myotis alcaethoe</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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<i>Plecotus kozlovi</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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## Order Phoenicopteriformes, Family Phoenicopteridae

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### Order Testudinata, Family Cheloniidae

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<i>Natator depressus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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### Order Testudinata, Family Dermochelyidae

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<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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