



NGO PERSPECTIVE: PROGRESS ASSESSMENT ON THE ERADICATION OF IKB IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND EUROPE

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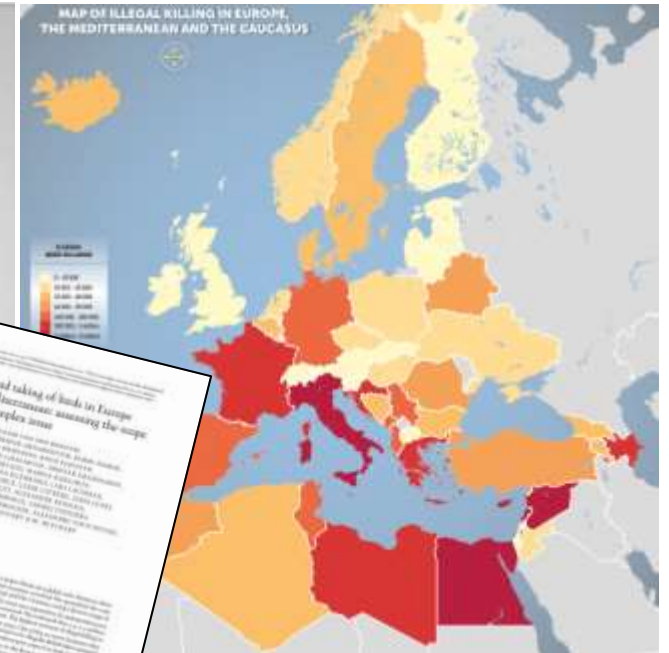
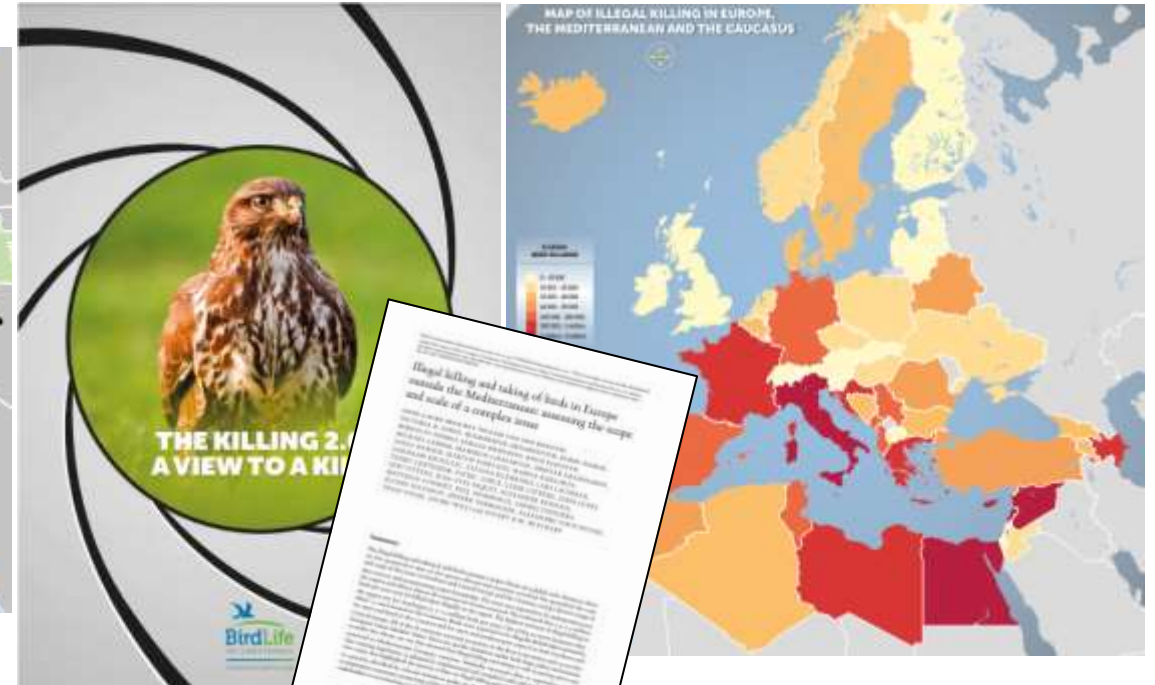
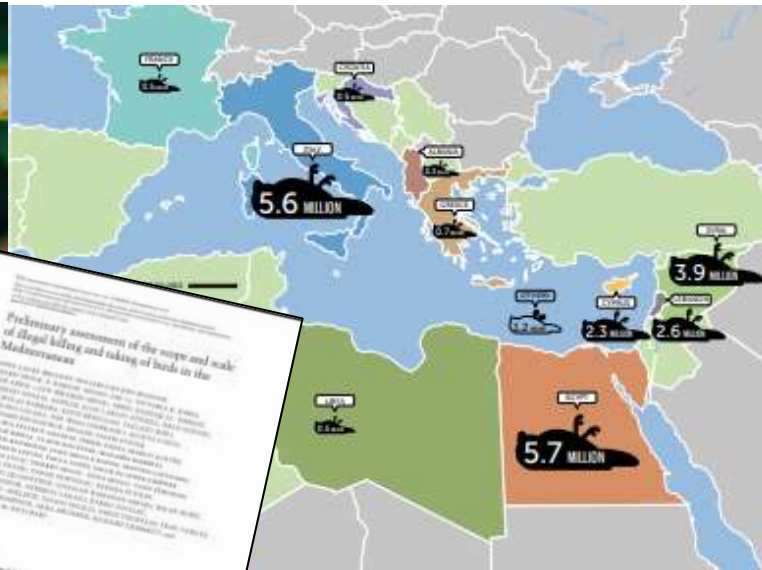


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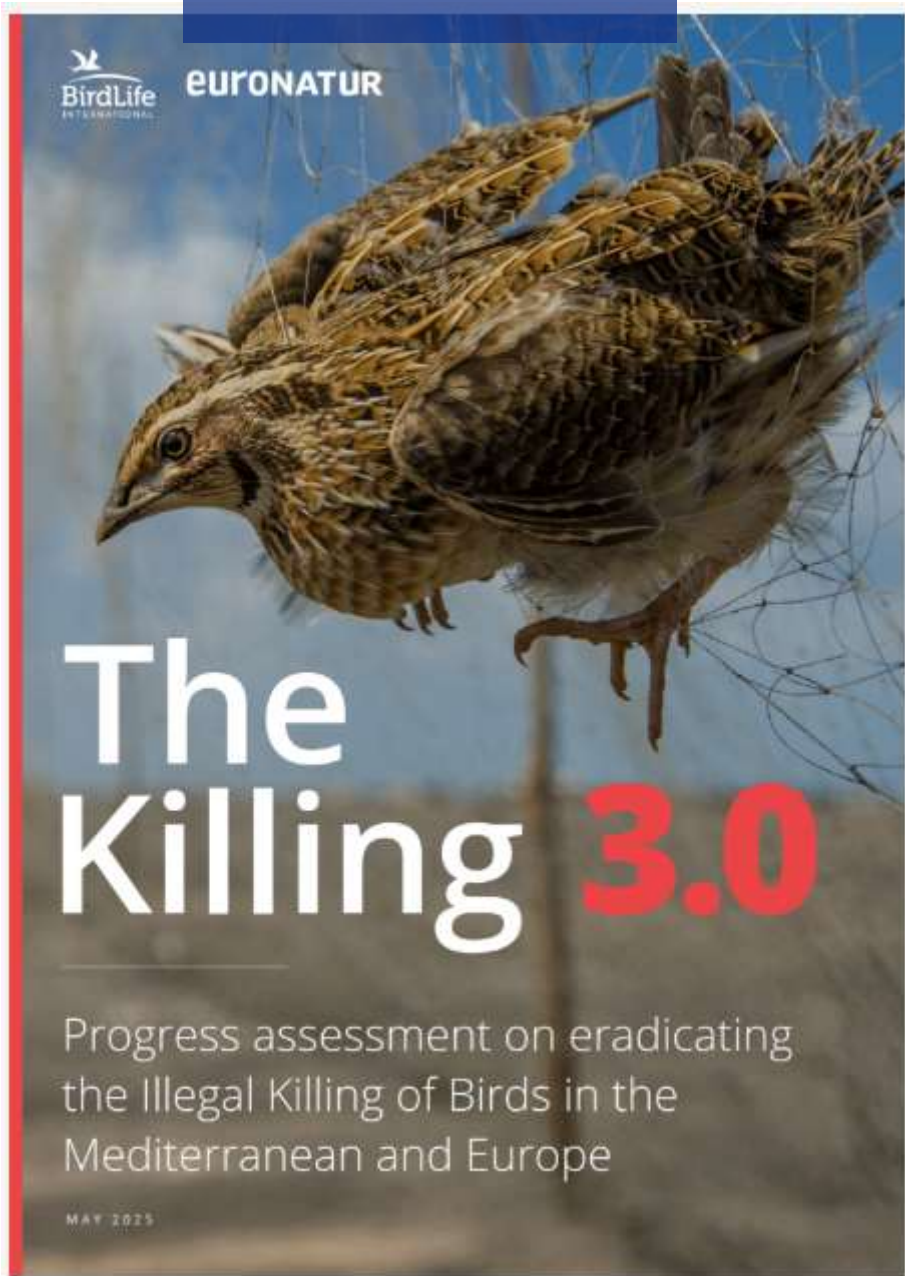
Together, we are the Power of Many

Building on a legacy: previous IKB reports



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What is Killing 3.0?

Comprehensive assessment – of IKB trends

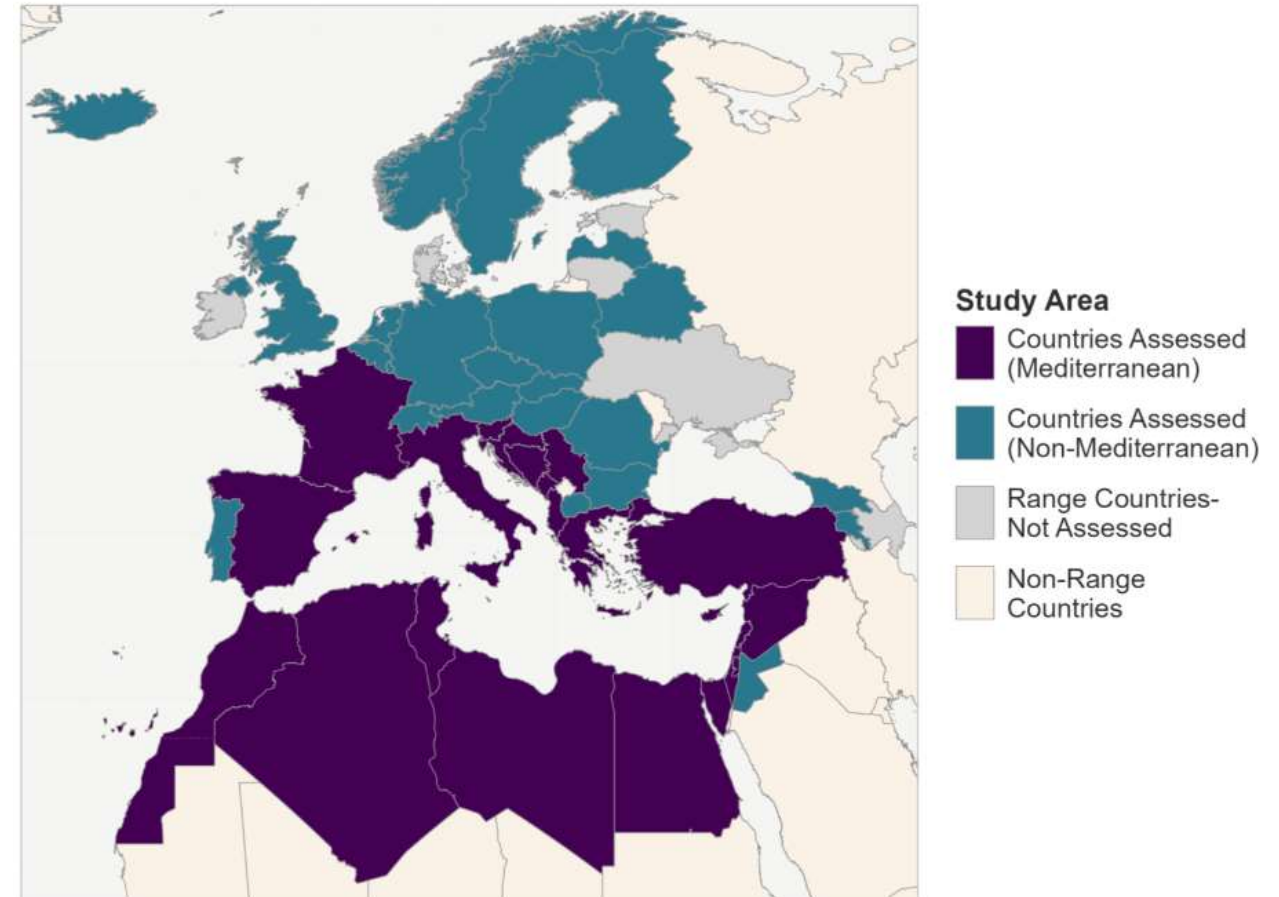
Our aim:

help authorities and stakeholders to implement the zero tolerance on IKB with

- Raising awareness
- Recommendations
- Best practice case studies
- Collection of online resources

Methodology

- Questionnaires sent to 54 range countries: 46 national response from NGOs (BirdLife/EuroNatur partnership) in 2024
- IKB trend estimated for the periods
2020-2024 (short-term)
2015-2024 (long-term)
- National annexes for 22 Mediterranean countries for deeper insight



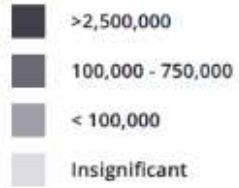
Are we on track to reach the min. 50% reduction?

- Min. -25% reduction during (2020-2024) OR very low level of IKB maintained
- The trend is estimated based on best available data by national NGO/academic partners

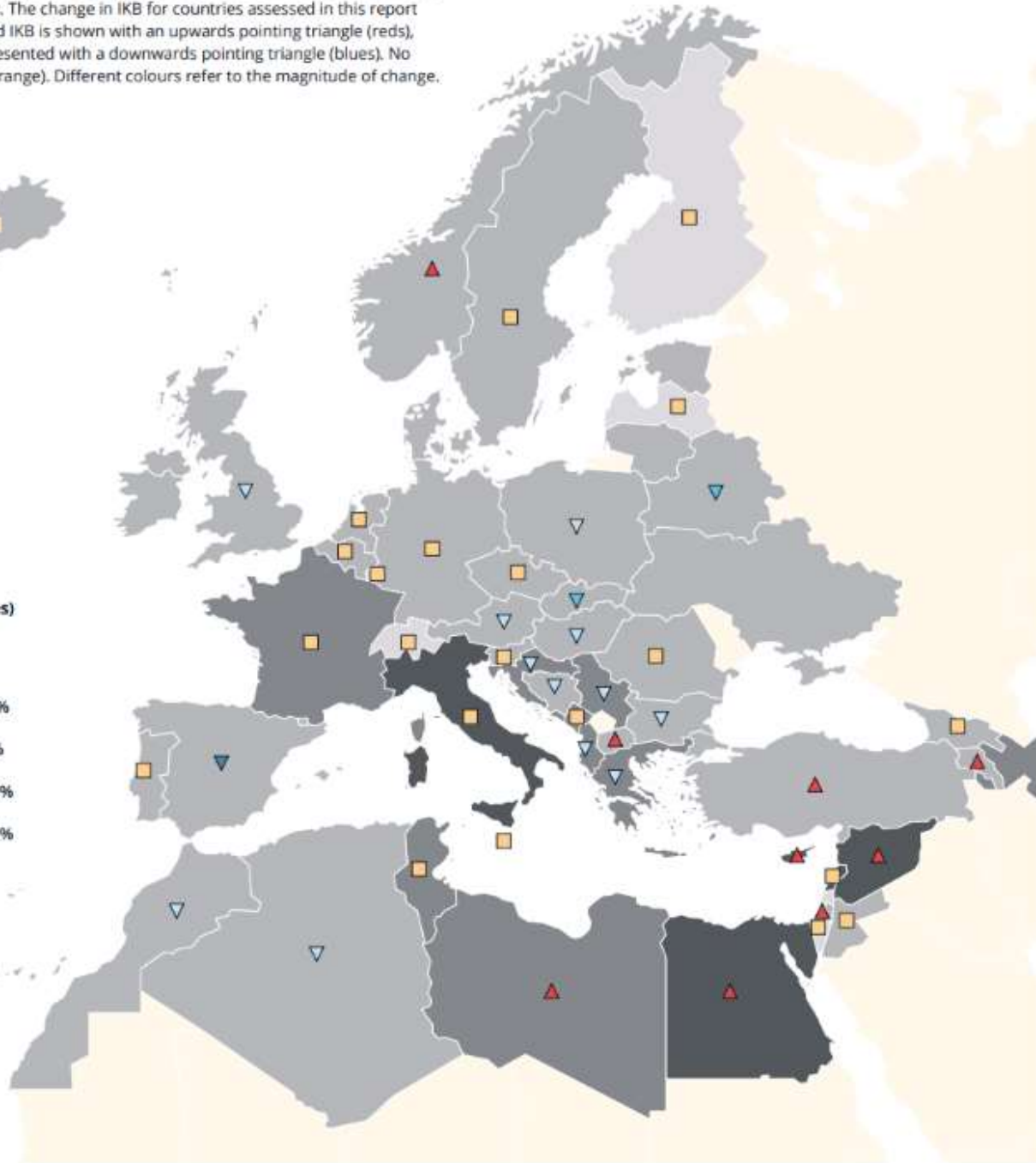
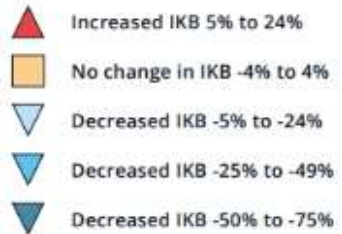
Estimate of progress from 2020									
No change or increase in IKB					Reduction in IKB				
Very large increase in IKB	Large increase in IKB	Moderate increase in IKB	Slight increase in IKB	No significant change in IKB	Slight reduction in IKB	Moderate reduction in IKB	Large reduction in IKB	Very large reduction in IKB	Very low level of IKB maintained
75% or more	50 to 74%	25 to 49%	5 to 24%	-4 to 4%	-5 to -24%	-25 to -49%	-50 to -74%	-75 to -100%	
9 (19.6%)				17 (37.0%)	12 (26.1%)	8 (17.4%)			

Map 3: Countries/territories are shaded by the estimated IKB severity category (=scale of IKB), primarily based on Brochet *et al.* (2016, 2019) estimates, except where more recent estimates are available for the whole country. The change in IKB for countries assessed in this report is represented pictorially: increased IKB is shown with an upwards pointing triangle (reds), whereas decreases in IKB are represented with a downwards pointing triangle (blues). No change is depicted with squares (orange). Different colours refer to the magnitude of change.

Estimated Annual IKB



Changes in IKB (2020-24)
pointing triangle (greens) > (blues)



- “No change” is good, if IKB is low
- Stronger enforcement may result in increased trend
- Really short-term (2020-2024) and it may differ significantly from the longer-term trend
- Several countries with high levels of IKB are not on track and some are getting worse

Complementing the Scoreboard



Number of Scoreboards submitted by governments	Number of countries reported in our analysis	Country codes
0	11.5	AM, AT, BE (Flanders), JO, LU, LY, LV, MK, PL, PT, PS, RO
1	10	DE, DZ, BY, BA, IL, EG, LB, MA, NL, NO
2	11.5	AL, BE (Wallonia), BG, CY, FI, FR, IS, SI, SK, SE, SY, TR
All 3 times	13	HR, CH, CZ, GE, GR, HU, IT, MT, ME, RS, ES, TN, GB

CMS/BERN Scoreboard initiatives: 2018, 2020-2021, 2023

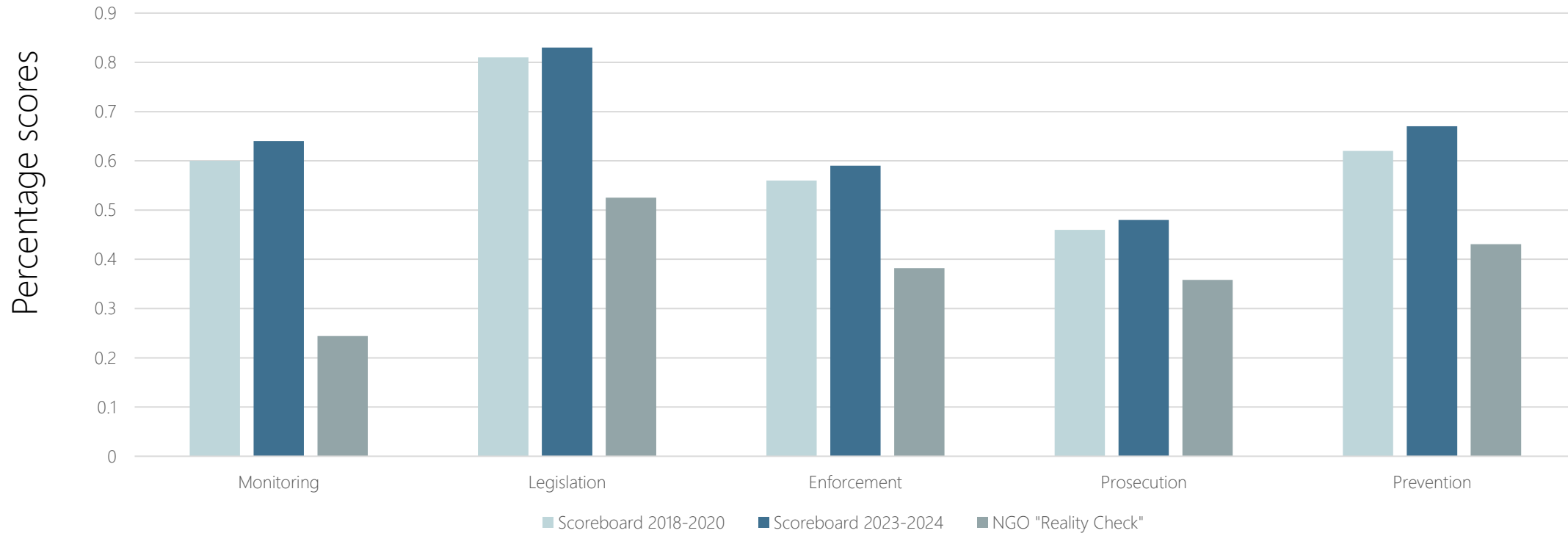


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Complementing the Scoreboard

	Scoreboard: 5 areas (indicator groups)	Assessment Report: 6 response strategies
		1. Political will and cooperation
	A. National monitoring of IKB	2. Monitoring
	B. Comprehensiveness of national legislation	3. Legislation
	C. Enforcement response	4. Enforcement
	D. Prosecution and sentencing	5. Prosecution and sentencing
	E. Prevention	6. Communication and prevention

Comparison of official scoreboard and our assessment in five response strategies



Spotlight on the Mediterranean region

More detailed questionnaire:

- Which type(s) of IKB is a major problem?
- What is the importance of the different drivers behind IKB?
- What major changes affected IKB in the past 5 years (both negatively and positively)?
- What key areas of action would result in greatest progress towards reducing IKB in the country?

Annex: Country-specific recommendations for 22 Med countries



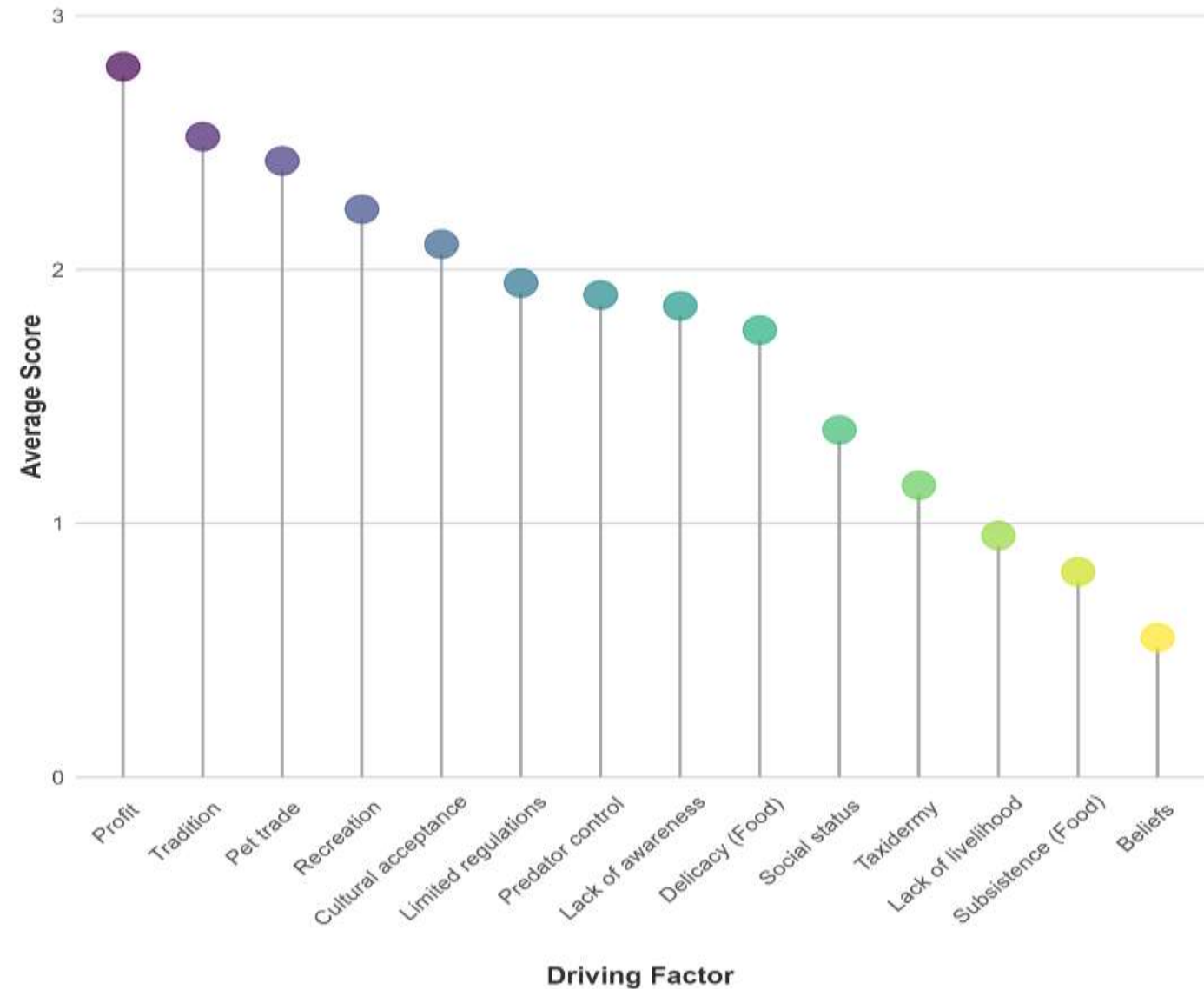
Annex 1.

National IKB situation & recommendations for priority countries

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Main drivers

1. Profit
2. Tradition
3. Pet trade
4. Recreation

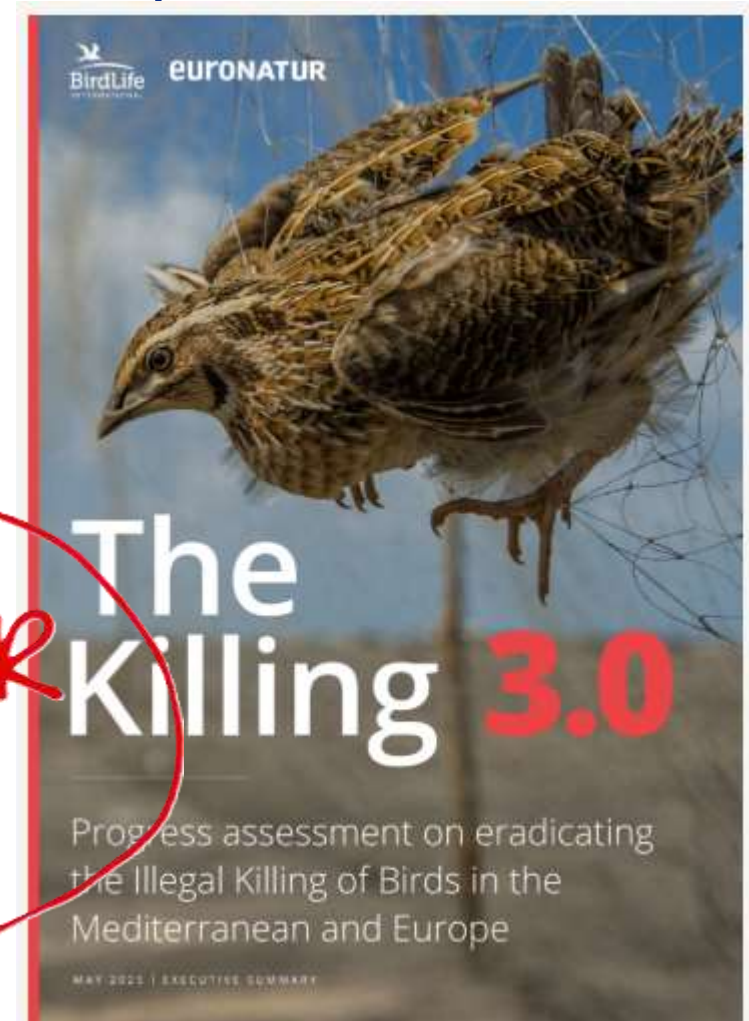


Recommendations in the Summary Report

Summary Report is available also in paper copies

- condensing our most important recommendations in only 14 pages
- for different stakeholders at national and international level
- list of useful resources

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Conclusion

- **Implementation must accelerate:** There has been progress – but need to scale up efforts to reach the min. 50% reduction target
- Progress can quickly reverse without ongoing investment
- **We know what works:** There are strong examples, good initiatives, several tools and resources exist
- **Combatting IKB requires flyway-level efforts**

Where to find the report

<https://datazone.birdlife.org/publications/the-killing-3>

- **Full Assessment Report** (digital)
- **National-level Annexes for 22 Med countries** (digital)
- **Executive Summary** with key findings and general recommendations (printed / digital)



Please, read the full report!

Official launch: **May 15th**



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