

OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic Meeting of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on the implementation and follow up of measures for the protection and conservation of species and habitat (ICG-POSH)

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POSH roadmap action sheets submitted by Spain

Action 43	Promote implementation of the European Commission Species Action Plan for the species (Balearic shearwater and Roseate tern)
Participants	Spain (Balearic shearwater) and Portugal (Roseate Stern) with the assistance of France, the United Kingdom and Ireland and JWGBIRD and the participation of EC representatives
Development Plan:	<p>In order to undertake this action we suggest to create specific working groups for these seabird species, made up of relevant Contracting Parties and EC representatives along with experts on these species, representatives of BirdLife partners and the convenor of JWGBIRD.</p> <p>The aim is to coordinate, develop, share and implement management measures in order to address main actions included in the corresponding SAPs. The terms of reference and roadmaps for both working groups should be defined during the first meetings to be held in Spring of 2019.</p> <p>Regarding Balearic shearwater, the roadmap would include next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize a Workshop to gather and share national/regional updated information on bycatch of Balearic Shearwater and on progress made regarding mitigation measures; 2. Elaborate a report on bycatch of this species throughout its distribution range, taking into account different fishing gears and fisheries (including small-scale vessels), identifying knowledge gaps as well as priority areas and fisheries to be assessed; 3. Seek funding and promote surveys to evaluate the occurrence of bycatch in the priority areas identified and to test potential bycatch mitigation measures, working closely with fishermen; 4. Promote implementation of appropriate mitigation measures (ensuring an ecosystem-based & multi-fisheries approach), specially through the development of Seabird Bycatch Action Plans at national level; 5. Promote the consolidation of monitoring programmes in breeding colonies to assess whether the measures implemented are being effective; 6. Ensure effective site protection together with implementation of adequate management plans in key marine areas for the species (e.g. IBAs, SPAs or other

	<p>marine protected areas), in the frame of the OSPAR MPAs Network;</p> <p>7. Launch a public awareness campaign about predation at colonies by introduced carnivores, particularly feral cats, in collaboration with BirdLife partners</p> <p>Some of the actions included in the SAP and related to predation at colonies are being already implemented by the Government of Balearic Island. Other foreseen actions are expected to be executed in the frame of the LIFE IP INTEMARES Project (e.g. installation of an anti-predator fence in Mola de Maò, one of the colonies more affected by feral cats).</p> <p>It may be convenient to establish collaboration and coordination mechanisms with other organizations and/or international conventions working also on this issue, such as the Agreement on Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) or some RFMOs. In addition, it would be necessary to promote collaboration and capacity building with Algeria and Morocco.</p> <p>Regarding Roseate tern, next steps could be the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elaborate a document updating knowledge, monitoring work and conservation on the Roseate tern (information from MISTIC Seas Project and others); - Promote relevant monitoring programmes for the Roseate tern to assess population trends (for instance in the frame of the MSFD monitoring programmes); - Promote information flow and fast dissemination on breeding population and on conservation measures taken - Ensure site protection and implementation of appropriate management plans for key areas in breeding grounds; - Establish mechanisms for collaboration and cooperation with West Africa countries hosting wintering grounds; - Improve knowledge on distribution outside the breeding season and promote public awareness campaigns in wintering areas; - Identify funding sources to implement some of these actions.
Events	<p>A workshop on bycatch of Balearic shearwater to be held in Spain in November 2018</p> <p>An awareness campaign on predation by cats to be launched in Menorca in 2019</p>
Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on Balearic shearwater bycatch to be held in Spain (November 2018) • Report on bycatch of Balearic Shearwater and mitigation measures (April 2019) • First meeting of both WGs (back to back) (Spring 2019) • ToR and Roadmap adopted (after first meetings) • Development and approval of National Seabird Bycatch Action Plans: (2020 in the case of Spain) • Awareness campaign to be launched in Menorca in 2019 • Monitoring programmes (in the frame of MSFD): 2019 • Update document on the Roseate tern status: ? <p>A following-up meeting of both WGs could be scheduled each year after 2019.</p>
Stakeholders to engage	OSPAR CPs, the Regional Government of Balearic Islands, BirdLife Partners (LPO, RSPB, SEO,SPEA),experts on Balearic shearwater, fishermen
Other	Fishing authorities

Competent Authorities:	RFMOs
Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A report on Balearic shearwater bycatch and potential mitigation measures - An updated document on the Roseate tern (current knowledge, monitoring and conservation actions undertaken) - Management plans of marine SPAs designated for Balearic shearwater
Barriers to progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level of engagement of the CPs countries identified in the SAPs - Limited financial resources from the CPs -Level of engagement of fishing authorities and fishermen - Organizations supporting animal welfare (feral cats)