

**To all Participants of the  
13th MEDMARAVIS Pan-Mediterranean Symposium  
Alghero (Sardinia), 14 - 17 October 2011**

Saint Maximin, 10th October 2011

Dear Symposium Participant,

Attached you find the updated scientific programme of our forthcoming seabird symposium scheduled to take place in a couple of days (14-17 October 2011) at Alghero, Sardinia. It presents the list of the accepted conference presentations and posters.

We are glad to inform you that 3 parallel meetings will be organized at Alghero. The Mediterranean Small Islands Initiative (coordinated by Conservatoire du Littoral) will organize a Round Table discussion on Friday evening 14th October and on Sunday 16th October the Porto Conte Regional Park is having a Round Table on Management of seabirds in the National and Regional Parks of Corsica and Sardinia. BirdLife International stages a 2-day seminar on Population Assessments for the Cory's and Yelkouan Shearwaters right after the Symposium's excursion (18-19 October 2011). Those who are interested taking part in this Shearwater seminar are kindly invited to contact the secretariat.

Conference registration is free.

Yet, a fee will be charged for the conference dinner (Sunday evening 16th) and the volume of conference abstracts.

Participants are advised to arrive on Thursday 13th October as the intense conference programme starts irrevocably at 9.30 h on Friday morning 14th October 2011. The conference registration desk will be open Thursday late afternoon (17 hrs onwards) 13th October at the foyer of the San Francesco conference centre, via Carlo Alberto, Alghero (city centre).

All registered conference participants will be met at Alghero Fertilia airport on Thursday afternoon and evening 13th October. Please let us know your flight schedule as soon as possible. Alghero is linked to various airports in continental Italy as well as by low-cost Ryanair flights to several European cities as Dusseldorf Weeze, Eindhoven, Frankfurt Hahn, Girona (Barcelona), London Stansted, Madrid, Munich West.

It takes a 10 minutes drive between Fertilia airport and the city centre of Alghero.

In case of problems, please contact the Conference Secretariat :

medmaravis@tiscali.it (phone: 0039.(0) 79945005) or the MEDMARAVIS secretariat : medmaraxm@wanadoo.fr (phone: 0033 673471109).

We wish you a fruitful conference in the historical coastal town of Alghero and its adjacent stunning landscapes of the Porto Conte Regional Park.

Looking forward to welcome you at Alghero,  
In the name of the Conference Committee,

Antonio Torre  
*President MEDMARAVIS*  
X. Monbailliu  
*Secretary-General MEDMARAVIS*

Vittorio Gazale  
*Director Parco Naturale Regionale  
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# Pan-Mediterranean Symposium

## « Mediterranean seabird ecology and conservation: Update and progress »

Alghero, Sardinia, Italy. 14 - 17th October 2011  
at Centro San Francesco (Alghero city) and the seat of  
Porto Conte Regional Park (Tramariglio)



organized by **MEDMARAVIS** and  
**Parco Naturale Regionale di Porto Conte**  
in association with PIM Mediterranean Small Islands Initiative



under the auspices of **Provincia di Sassari**

## Conference Programme

### Thursday 13th October 2011

17.00 - 21.00 hrs: Registration of participants at Centro San Francesco,  
Via Carlo Alberto, ALGHERO (city centre).

### Friday 14th October 2011

#### 9.30 h : Welcome by the Authorities at Centro San Francesco, Alghero

- Representative of the Autonomous Region of Sardinia
- Representative of the Province of Sassari
- Dott. Avv. Francesco Sasso, President Porto Conte Regional Park

#### Conference Opening Session

- Dott. Vittorio Gazale, Director Porto Conte Regional Park
- Mr Fabrice Bernard, Délégué Europe et International Conservatoire du Littoral
- Dott. Antonio Torre, President MEDMARAVIS

#### 10.30 h : 1st Conference Session

#### Ecology and Migration of Balearic Shearwaters

Chairman : Mr Pierre Yésou, ONCFS, Nantes, France

1. Russell Wynn, Tom Brereton, Laurent Thébault and Pierre Yésou : Intensive monitoring provides new insights into key flyways and foraging areas of Balearic Shearwaters *Puffinus mauretanicus* in UK and French waters.
2. Maite Louzao : The importance of multidisciplinary approaches for species conservation : lessons from the critically endangered Balearic Shearwater.
3. José Manuel Arcos, Juan Bécares, Beneharo Rodriguez, Asuncion Ruiz & Daniel Oro : How many Balearic Shearwaters *Puffinus mauretanicus* are out there? Discrepancies between breeding and at sea estimates.

4. Tim Guilford, Russell Wyn, Miguel McMinn, Ana Rodriguez, Alice Jones, Louise Maurice, Lavinia Suberg and Annette Fayet : Long-distance movements of the critically endangered Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus* revealed by GPS and geolocator tracking.

#### **14.30 h : 2nd Conference Session**

##### **Ecology and Migration of Gulls**

Chairman : Mr Hichem Azafzaf, Tunisie.

5. Carles Carboneras, Giacomo Tavecchia and Meritxell Genovart : Demography of Mediterranean Gulls *Larus melanocephalus* during winter and migration. Results from colour-ring studies.
6. Riccardo Santolini, F. Morelli, P. Boldreghini and M. Gill : Colour-ring reading of Mediterranean Gulls *Larus melanocephalus* of the 1990 - 1994 colour ringing campaign in Italy : Age and Conservation of migration sites.
7. Victoria Saravia, Danae Portolou, Angelos Evangelidis, Kostas Gaganis, Aris Manolopoulos and Jakob Fric : The breeding population of Audouin's Gull *Larus audouinii* in Greece.
8. Blanca Sarzo, Concha Torres, Marcos Fernandez and Juan Jimenez : Population evolution of Audouin's Gull *Larus audouinii* in the Valencian region : the Action Plan.
9. Joan Navarro, Daniel Oro, Albert Bertolero, Meritxell Genovart, Antonio Delgado and Manuela G. Forero : Age and sexual differences in the exploitation of two anthropogenic food sources for an opportunistic seabird.
10. Bernard Recorbet, Arnaud Le Dru, Ségolène Travichon, Cécile Jolin, Gilles Faggio, Nicola Baccetti and Aurélien Besnard : Early results from ringed Audouin's Gull chicks of the Aspretto colony, Ajaccio (Corsica).

#### **18.30 h Round Table discussion on Action Plans for seabirds organized by the Mediterranean Small Islands Initiative**

### **Saturday 15th October 2011 at Centro San Francesco, Alghero**

#### **09.30 hrs : 3rd Conference Session**

##### **Population Ecology of Cory's and Yelkouan Shearwaters**

Chairman : Joe Sultana, Chairman MEDMARAVIS, Gozo, Malta

11. Pierre Defos du Rau and Karen Bourgeois : New Assessment of the world largest colony of the Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea diomedea* indicates previous major underestimation.
12. John Borg and Joe Sultana : A historical overview of studies and conservation of Yelkouan Shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan* at L-Irdumtal-Madonna, Malta
13. J.G. Cecere, I. Maggini, C. Catoni, G. Gaibani and C. Celada : Foraging activity and key conservation areas of Cory's Shearwaters from Italian colonies.
14. Marco Zenatello, Giovanna Spano, Nicola Baccetti, Carla Zucca, Augusto Navone, Massimo Putzu, Richard Phillips, Caterina Azara, Egidio Trainito and Mirko Ugo : Movements and moving population estimates of Yelkouan Shearwaters at Tavolara, Sardinia.
15. Mia Derhe and Ivan Ramirez : Developing Population Assessments for Cory's and Yelkouan Shearwaters.
16. Giacomo Dell'Omo, Martina Muller, Paolo Becciu and Bruno Massa : Winter migration of Cory's Shearwaters breeding in Linosa Island.

## Lunch

### 14.30 hrs : 4th Conference Session

#### Population Ecology of other Coastal bird species of the Barcelona Protocol

Chairman : Nicola Baccetti, Istituto Superiore Protezione Ricerca Ambientale, Italy

17. Hamid Rguibi, Asmaa Benjah, Abdeljebbar Qninba, Frédéric Jiguet and Aziz Benhoussa : State of knowledge of the populations of Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora* : threats and action proposals.
18. Ortaç Onmus : Identification of flight behaviour and land use of Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonora* in Skyros island, Greece. A case study for a wind farm project.
19. Flavio Monti : State of knowledge of the Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* population in the Mediterranean : threats identified and action proposals for the small islands of the Mediterranean.
20. Anne-Sophie Deville, M. Gauthier-Clerc, A. Béchet, D. Grémillet, J-P Rullmann, P. Grillas, L. Brendonck and A. Waterkeyn : Energy requirements and spatial distribution of the Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* in the Camargue. Consequences of salinas reconversion for their conservation.
21. Sergio Nissardi, Carla Zucca and Alessia Atzeni : The Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus roseus* in Sardinia (1993-2011) : numbers and main threats.
22. Abdulmaula Hamza and Hichem Azafzaf : State of knowledge and populations trends of the Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis* in the Mediterranean : threats identified and action proposals for small islands in the Mediterranean.

### 18.00 hrs MEDMARAVIS General Assembly (open to all participants)

## Sunday 16th October 2011 at the premises of the Porto Conte Regional Park

Departure by coach from Alghero city centre to Tramariglio, seat of the Porto Conte Regional Park.

### 9.30 hrs : 5th Session

#### Population Ecology of Shag and Storm Petrel

Chairman : Bruno Massa, Laboratory of Applied Zoology, Palermo, Italy

23. Mauro Cosolo, Nicoletta Privileggi, Barbara Cimador and Stefano Sponza : The importance of diet specialization in the feeding ecology of the Mediterranean Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii* in the upper Adriatic Sea.
24. Yuri Albores-Barajas, Bruno Massa, Patrizia Torricelli & Cecilia Soldatini : Parental care in the Mediterranean Storm-Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus melitensis*.
25. Joe Sultana and John Borg : A historical overview of studies and conservation of the Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus melitensis* in the Maltese islands.
26. CEN PACA & Mathieu Thévenet : State of knowledge of the populations of the Mediterranean Shag, European Storm Petrel and Yelkouan Shearwater in the Mediterranean : threats identified and action proposals for the small islands of the Mediterranean.

### 11.00 hrs : Poster Session

### 13.00 hrs: Lunch at Tramariglio

### **14.30 hrs : 6th Session**

#### **Conservation and Management of seabird habitats**

Chairman : X. Monbailliu, MEDMARAVIS

27. Giovanna Spano, Augusto Navone, Paolo Sposimo, Sara Fratini, Lapo Ragonieri and Nicola Baccetti : Rodents eradication on Molara Island and surrounding islets (NE Sardinia) : a 3-years work report and future perspectives.
28. Jakob Fric, Roula Trigou, Panagiotis Dendrinou, Georgios Karris, Panagiota Peristeraki and Tasos Dimalexis : Conservation actions for the Mediterranean Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* and Audouin's Gull *Larus audouinii* in Greece, including inventory of relevant marine IBAs.
29. José Manuel Arcos, Juan Bécares, Beneharo Rodriguez & Asuncion Ruiz : Extending the identification of Important Bird Areas to the marine environment. The experience of Spain.
30. Ana Sanz, Emmy Libois, Eduardo Minguez, Daniel Oro and Roger Pradel : Nest-boxes : a successful management tool for the conservation of the Mediterranean Storm Petrel *Hydrobates pelagicus melitensis* at Benidorm Island, Spain.

### **17.30 hrs : Round Table**

#### **Management of seabirds within the « RETRAPARC » network of national and regional parks in Corsica and Sardinia.**

Chairmen : Antonio Torre and Vittorio Gazale

### **Evening : Conference Dinner at Alghero**

### **Monday 17th October 2011**

Field Excursion and Lunch in the Porto Conte Regional Park.

### **Tuesday 18th - Wednesday 19th October 2011**

The Symposium will be followed up by a 2-day BirdLife Int. seminar on Action Plans for Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea* and Yelkouan Shearwater *Puffinus yelkouan*. This seminar will be held at the premises of the Porto Conte Regional Park. All ornithologists interested in participating are kindly invited to contact the secretariat.

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## Posters

1. J. Amengual, M. McMinn and A. Rodriguez: 15 years of seabird-predator control in a Western Mediterranean protected archipelago.
2. Pierre Yésou, Laurent Thébault, Yann Février and collaborators : Recent insights in the distribution and abundance of Balearic Shearwaters off Brittany, western France
3. Iztok Skornik, Paolo Utmar, Kajetan Kravos, Silvano Candotto and Robert Crnkovic : Important post-breeding roosting area of Mediterranean Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis desmarestii* in the Gulf of Trieste.
4. Alessio Franceschi, Paolo dall'Antonia, Andrea Galardini and Nicola Maggi : Abundance and predicability of local food waste may keep juvenile Yellow-legged Gulls in their natal areas
5. Clara Péron, Henri Weimerkirch and David Grémillet : Exploring marine habitats of two Shearwater species breeding in the French Mediterranean islands to identify marine protected areas.
6. José L. Greno, Pablo Vera and Blanca Sarzo : Wintering of Audouin's Gull *Larus audouinii* in Castellon, Spain.
7. Giuseppe La Gioia : Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus* Migration Atlas in Apulia (SE Italy).
8. Dilek Sahin, Ergün Bacak, Sercan Bilgin, Canan Atay, Kerem Ali Boyla and Jose Tavares : Presence and behaviour of Yelkouan Shearwaters *Puffinus yelkouan* at the Bosphorus.
9. Robert Crnkovic : Present situation of seabird populations breeding in the Lastovsko Otocje islands Nature Park, Croatia
10. Cristiano Liuzzi, Giuseppe La Gioia and Fabio Mastropasqua : New important wintering sites for Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* in Apulia, SE Italy
11. Joan Navarro, Daniel Oro, Albert Bertolero, Meritxell Genovart, Antonio Delgado and Manuela G. Forero : Age and sexual differences in the exploitation of 2 anthropogenic food sources for an opportunistic seabird.

12. Sergio Eguia and Gonzalo Gonzalez Barbera : A colonization event of Audouin's Gull after culling a Yellow-legged Gull colony.
13. Gonzalo Gonzalez Barbera, Sergio Eguia, Monica G. Candela, Enma Martinez-Lopez, Luis Léon and Antonio Juan Garcia-Fernandez : Strong and fast drop of a regional population of Yellow-legged Gull purposeless induced by man.
14. Angel Sallent, José Luis Murcia and Gonzalo Gonzalez Barbera : Relationships between fishing fleet and Audouin's Gull in SE Spain.
15. Marcos Ferràndez, J. Ignacio Dies, Concha Torres and Blanca Sarzo Carles : The breeding status of Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei* in the Valencian Region (E Spain): 20 years of survey and management.
16. Juan Bécares, Victor Garcia Matarranz, Asuncion Ruiz & José Manuel Arcos : Year-round movements of Audouin's Gulls *Larus audouinii* as revealed by PTT tracking.
17. Xaver Monbailliu, MEDMARAVIS : Towards a World Seabird Union.
18. Aissa Moali : Seabirds and coastal birds in Algeria : an evaluation of current knowledge and conservation prospects.
19. Sergio Nissardi, Carla Zucca, Marco Zenatello and Nicola Baccetti : Estimating the breeding success of Audouin's Gull at the main Italian colony of Nora, Sardinia.
20. Paolo Becciu, Giacomo Dell'Omo and Bruno Massa : Body mass variation during breeding in Cory's Shearwater *Calonectris diomedea*.
21. Gonzalo M. Arroyo, Maria Mateos, Antonio R. Munoz, Andrés de la Cruz, David Cuenca and Alejandro Onrubia : New population estimates of the critically endangered Balearic Shearwater *Puffinus mauretanicus*.

**Important:**

The Poster Session is scheduled for **Sunday morning 16th October 2011** at the premises of the Porto Conte Regional Park. Participants are invited to use the shuttle bus on Sunday morning and evening between Alghero City Centre and the headquarters of the Regional Park at Tramariglio (Porto Conte).

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