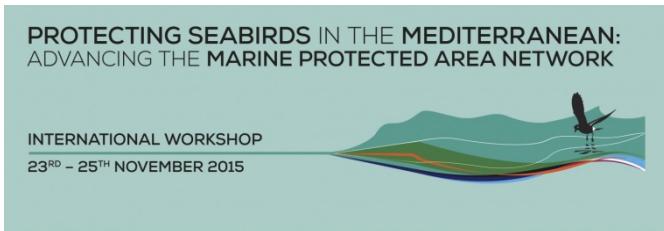
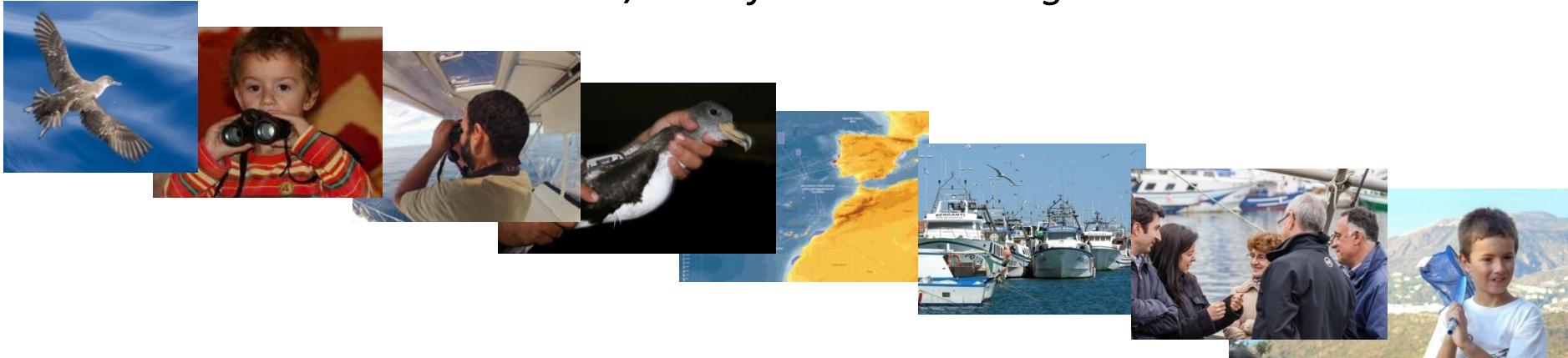


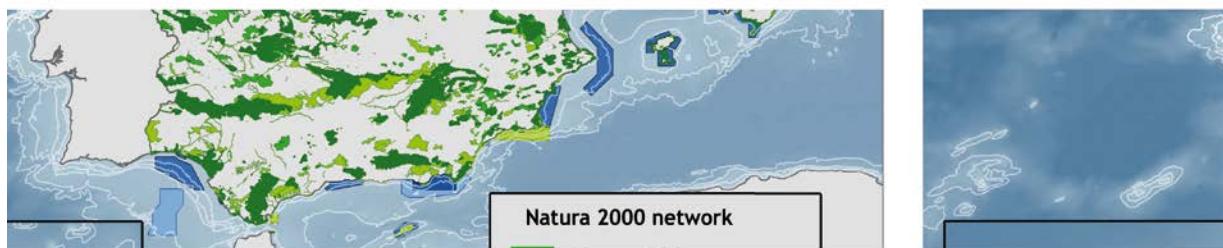
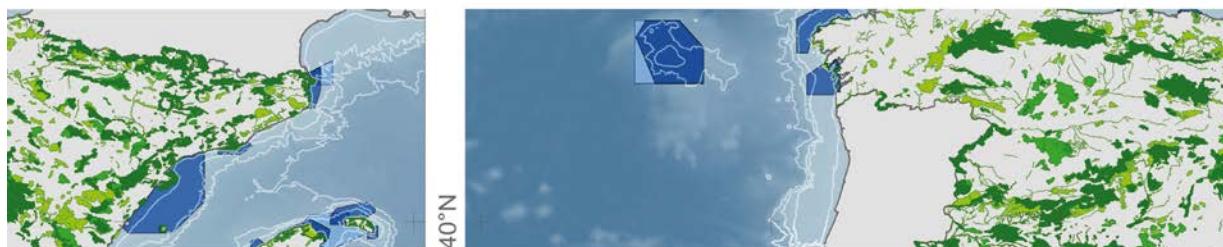
# MPAs and seabird conservation in Spain: achievements and weaknesses

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# MPA current situation: Marine Natura 2000 – July 2014



- Former SPA
- Former SCI
- Former SPAs and SCI
- INDEMARES SPA
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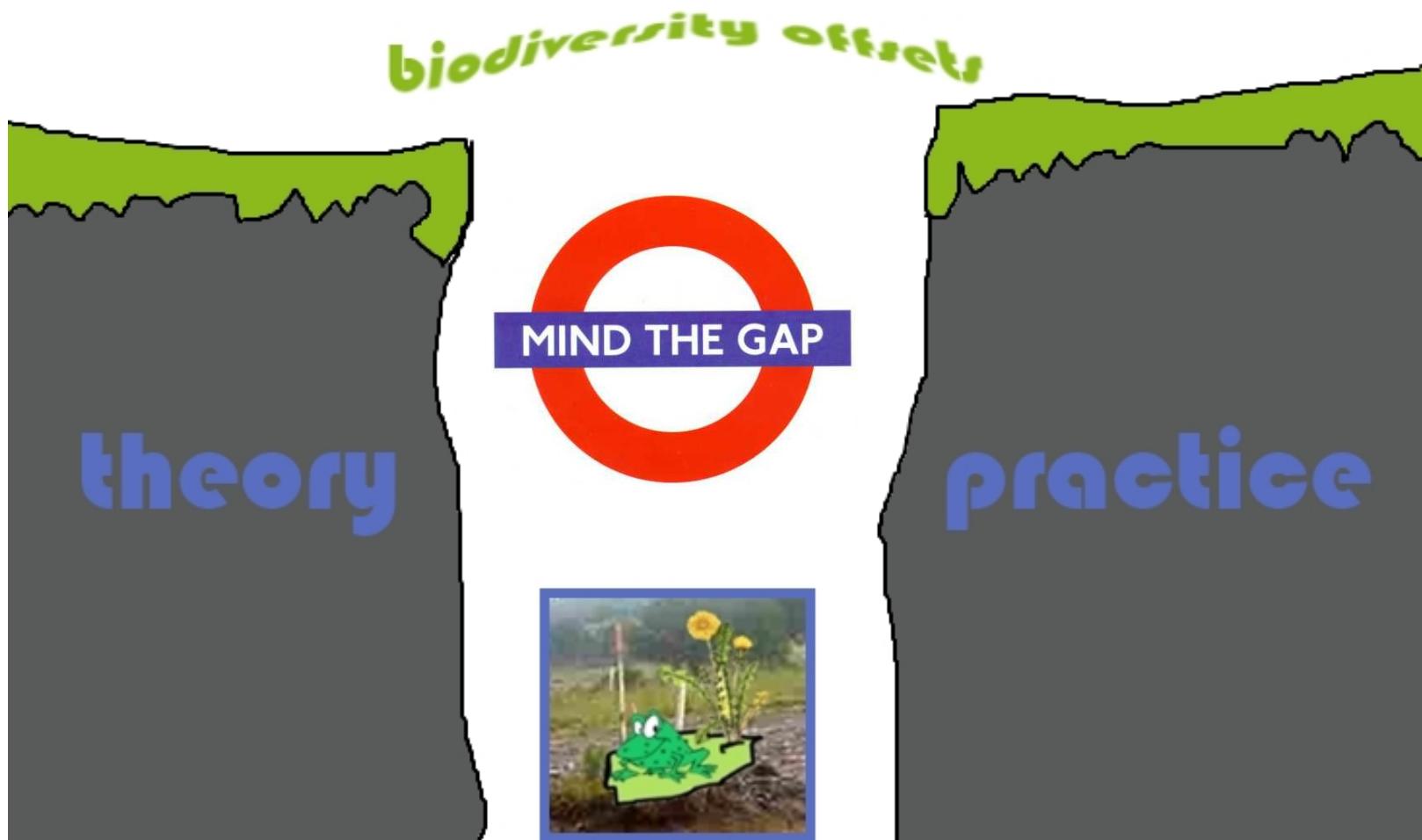
- Sound - based on IBAs
- 39 SPAs
- 49.000 km<sup>2</sup>
- x20 previous SPA surface
- ~ 5% Spanish waters
- Management guidelines available
- Commitment to approve management plans within 2 years!!! (ongoing work)
- Current integration in MPA Spanish network (RAMPE)

# Other achievements/conservation tools



- **Marine strategies**
  - Initial evaluation + conservation objectives (2012)
  - Monitoring programmes (2014)
  - Programmes of measures (2015)
- **Common fisheries policy**
  - Ecosystem based approach
  - Seabird Action Plan (bycatch)
  - Data collection protocols
- **Species action plans/strategies**
  - Balearic shearwater (2005, current update)
  - Scopoli's shearwaters (draft)
- **[Environmental legislation – BHD...]**

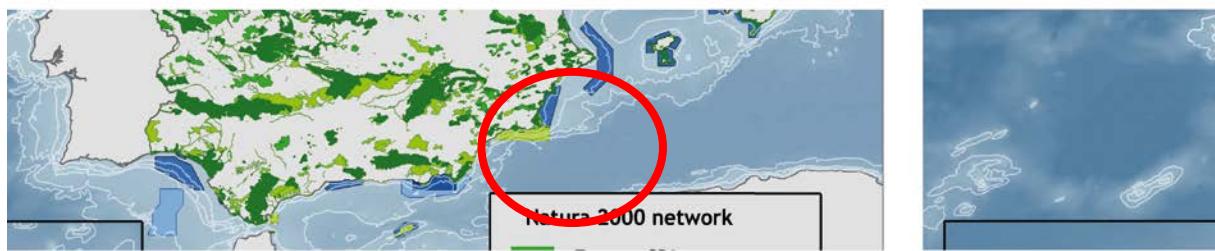
# Blockages/gaps



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- Lack of budget
- High expectancies out of little investment (disconnection with reality)
- Fear to upset stakeholders
- Lack of willingness regarding implementation
- Low coordination: Spanish – Regional governments
- Limited monitoring:
  - Lack of background information
  - Lack of willingness/appraisal
- Vague targets
- Weak enforcement
- Low public awareness/involvement (lack of true participative processes)
- International coordination (for specific issues)

# Blockages/gaps regarding MPAs



- No management plans yet
- Coordination (national)
- Coordination (international)
- Gaps:
  - Political
  - Knowledge
- Fear to stakeholders
- Lack of real participation

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Thank you!!!