



EU LIFE+
MALTA SEABIRD PROJECT



LIFE10 NAT/MT/090

**Creating an inventory of marine IBAs for
Puffinus yelkouan, *Calonectris diomedea* &
Hydrobates pelagicus in Malta**

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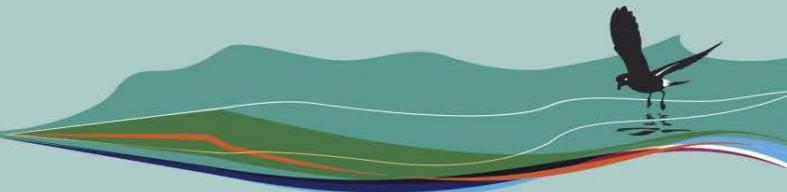
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Duration: Sep 2011 to Jun 2016

Total budget: € 873,964 (50% LIFE funding)

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Yelkouan Shearwater

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SPA site and sea actions saving *Puffinus yelkouan* in Malta

€1 million - 50% LIFE funded

Research, conservation & awareness

2006 - 2010



The Yelkouan Shearwater Project is a part EU LIFE funded partner initiative with

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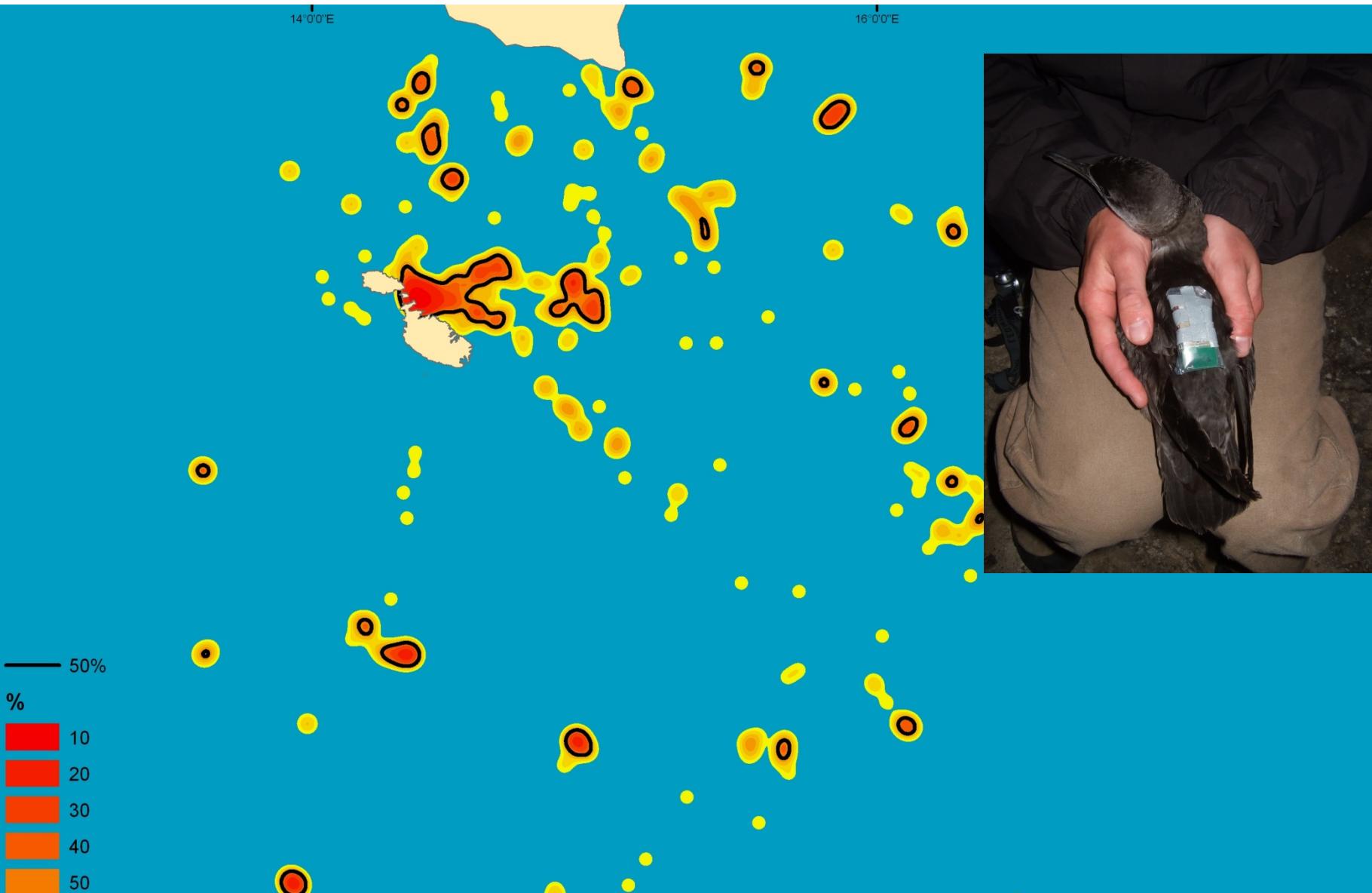




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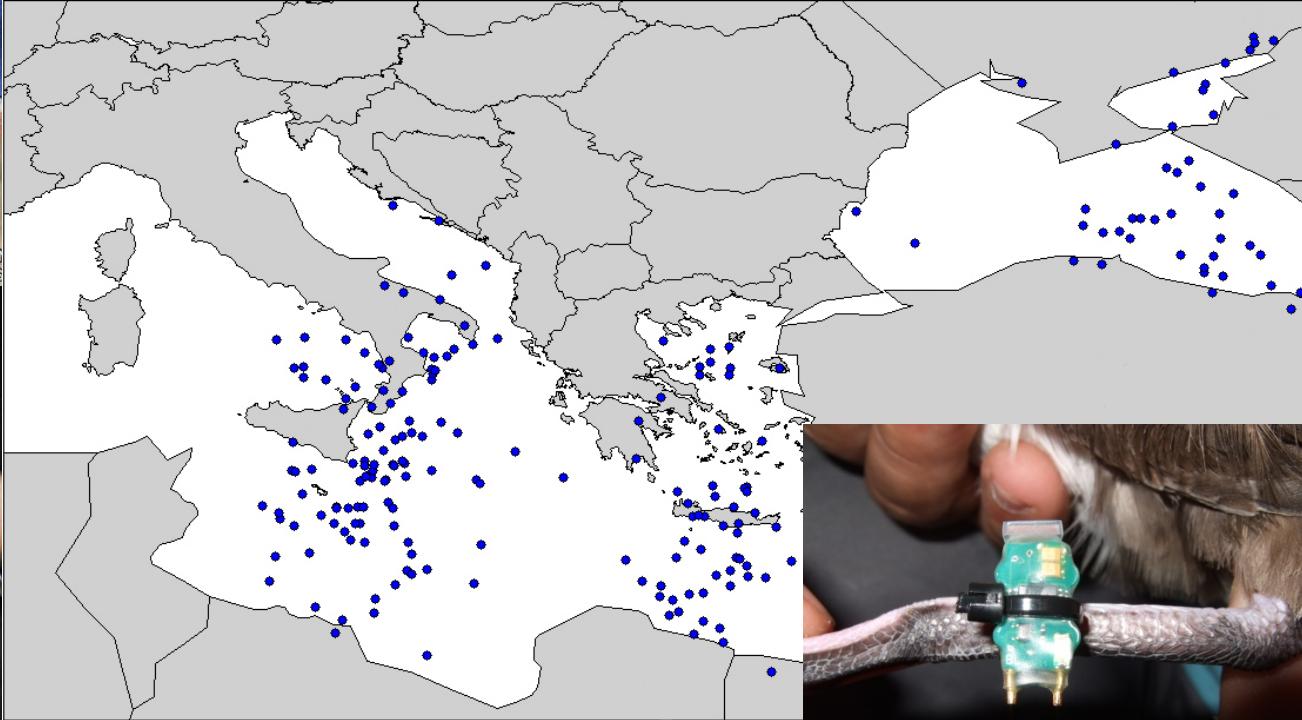
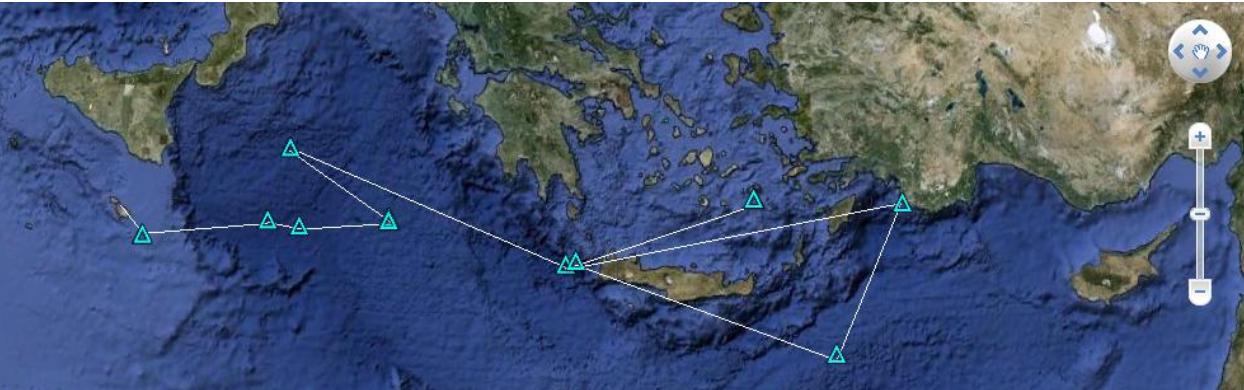




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Marine IBA e-atlas

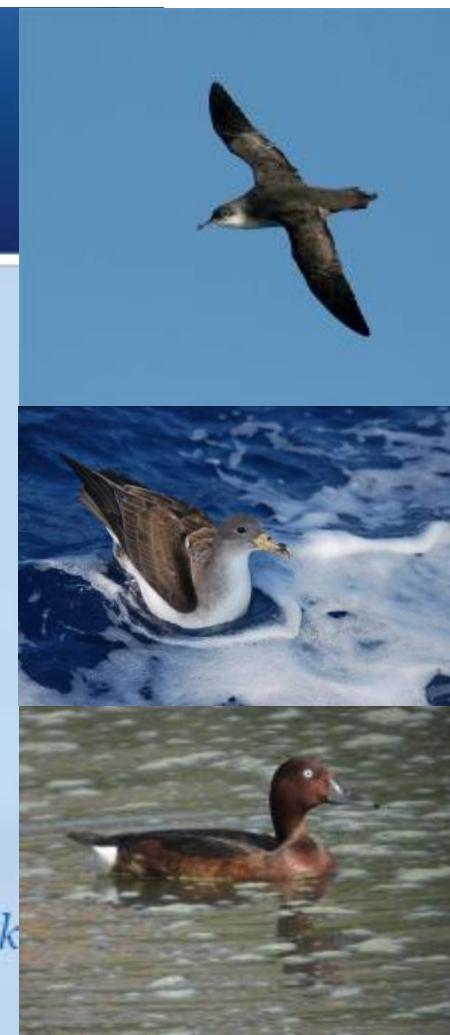
Delivering site networks for seabird conservation

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IBAs

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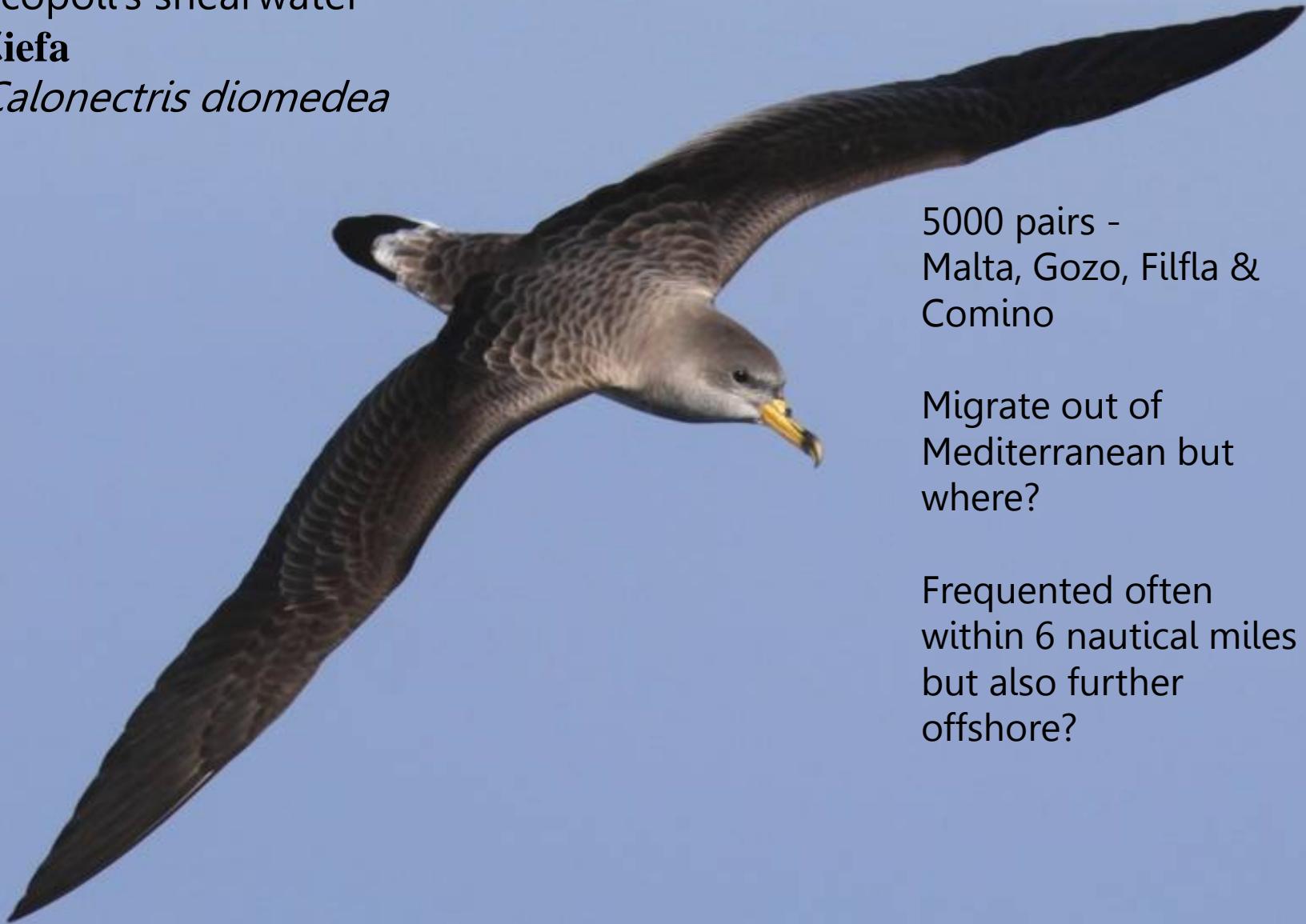
- Confirmed
- Proposed
- Candidate



Scopoli's shearwater

Ċiefa

Calonectris diomedea



5000 pairs -
Malta, Gozo, Filfla &
Comino

Migrate out of
Mediterranean but
where?

Frequented often
within 6 nautical miles
but also further
offshore?

Yelkouan shearwater

Garnija

Puffinus yelkouan

1500 pairs - 10% of world population on Malta, Gozo & Comino

Rdum tal-Madonna and offshore area mostly frequented

Migrate to Aegean and Black Sea

Do they feed outside 6 nautical mile area?



European Storm Petrel
Kangū ta' Filfla
Hydrobates pelagicus

Species undergoing studies –
possibly *Hydrobates melitensis*

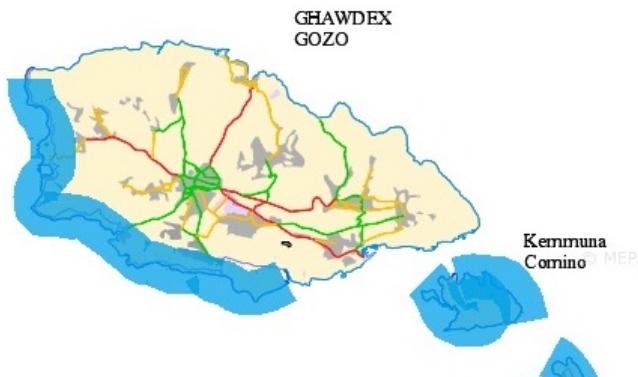
5000 pairs nesting on Filfla –
50% of the world population

Some pairs in Gozo

Where do they feed?

Do they migrate? Where?

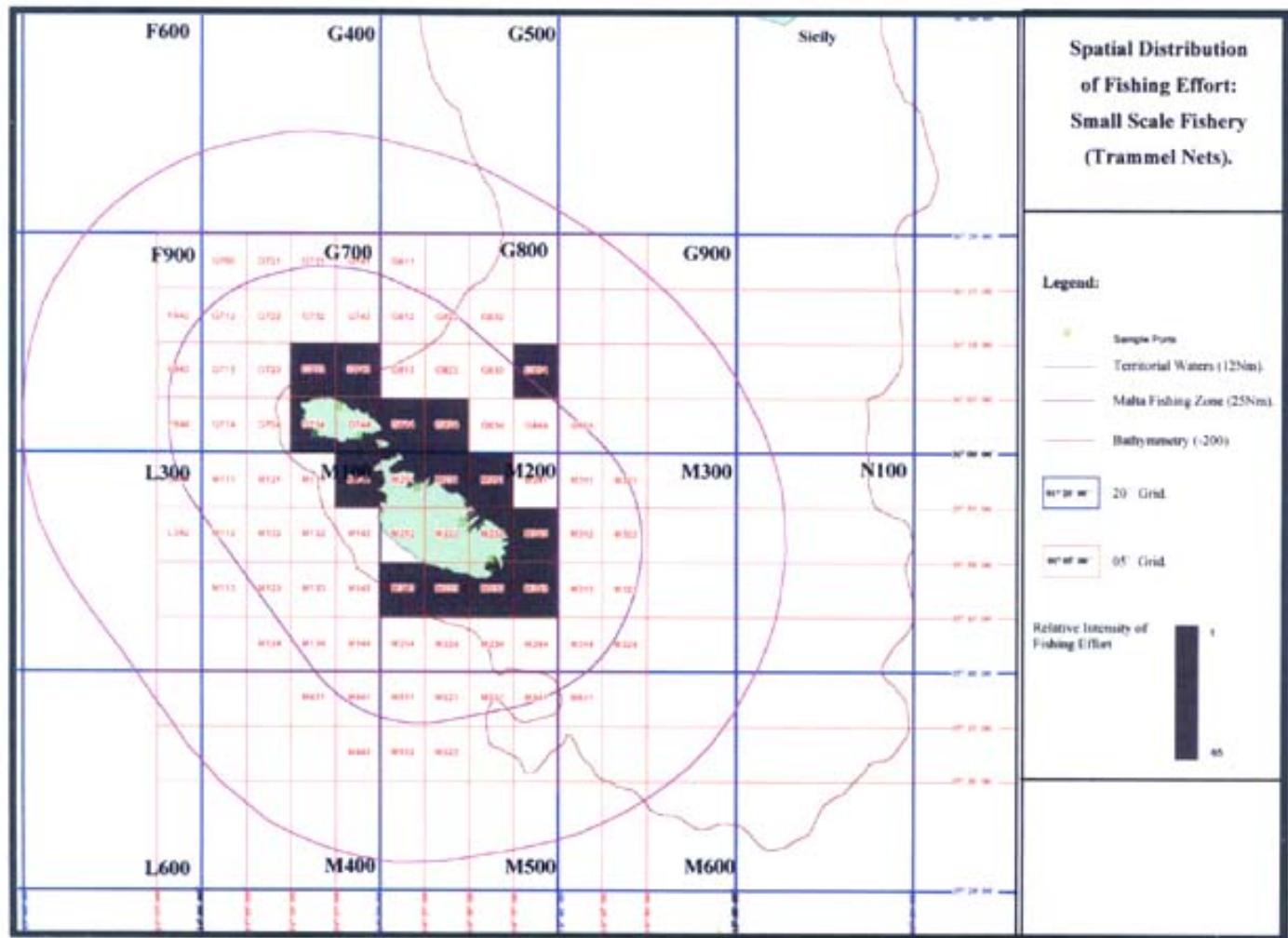




Annex I of EC Birds
Directive

Special Protection
Areas – Natura 2000

25-nautical mile fishery management zone



Convention on Biological Diversity (2004) -representative and effectively managed MPA networks should be put in place by 2012!

Global target of 10% by 2012 was not reached → contracting parties recommitted to conserve at least 10% of coastal and marine areas

EU Biodiversity Action Plan (2006) – establish management and conservation measures for marine SPAs by 2012

Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008) - Achieving or maintain Good Environmental Status (GES) in the marine environment by 2020.

- The establishment of environmental targets and associated indicators to achieve GES by 2020 (by 15 July 2012)
- The establishment of a monitoring programme for the ongoing assessment and the regular update of targets (by 15 July 2014)
- The development of a programme of measures designed to achieve or maintain GES by 2020 (by 2015)



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