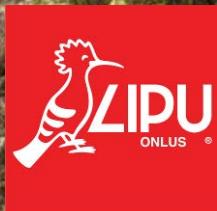


# Italian marine IBAs

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2002



Lipu identified  
**45 marine IBAs**  
as '*Seaward  
extension to breeding  
colony*' and  
'*Non-breeding  
(coastal)  
congregation*'.



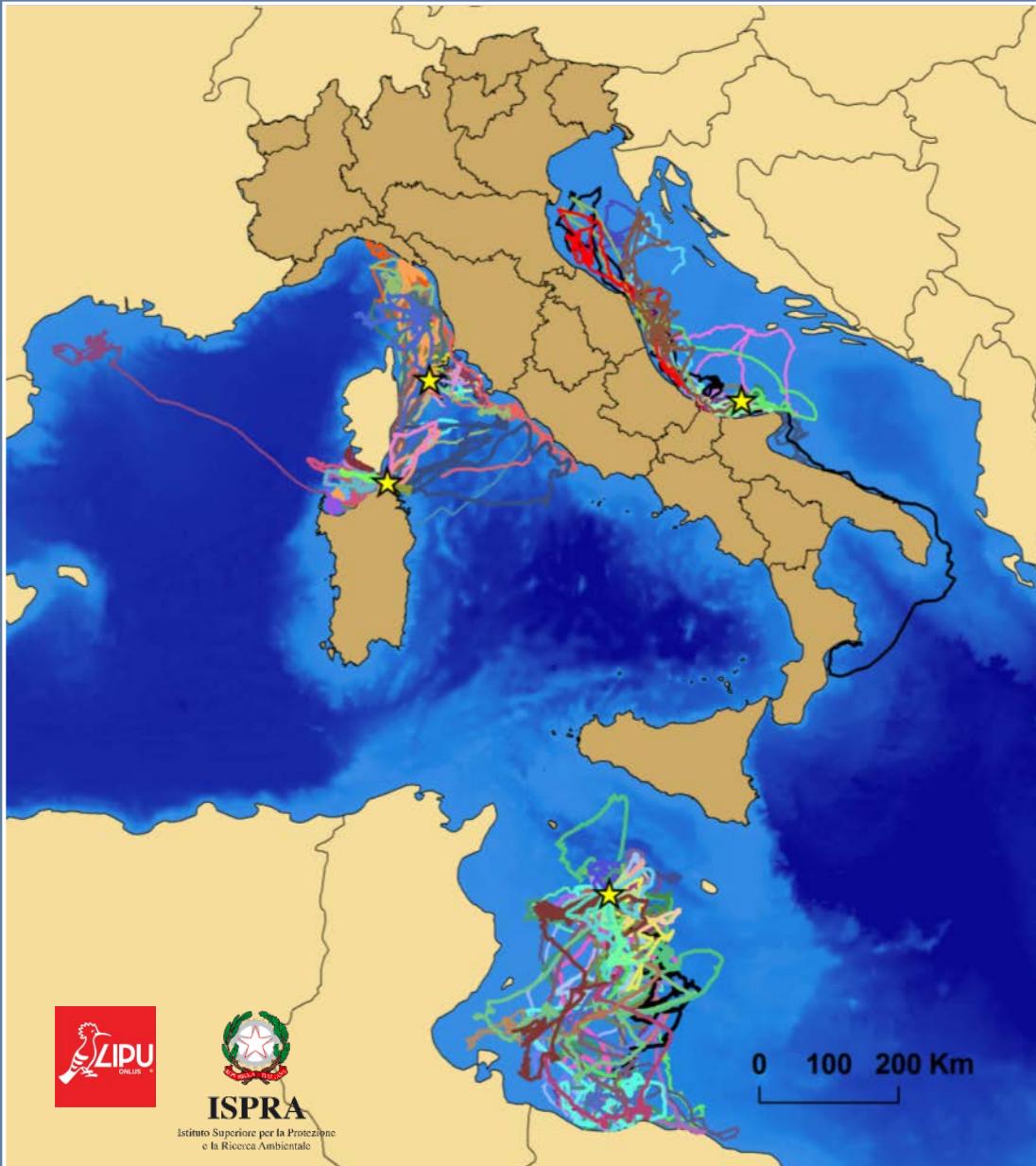
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Lipu carried out 1 year project with the aim to assess how to apply the **BirdLife standardized methodology** for the identification of marine IBAs at the Italian context.



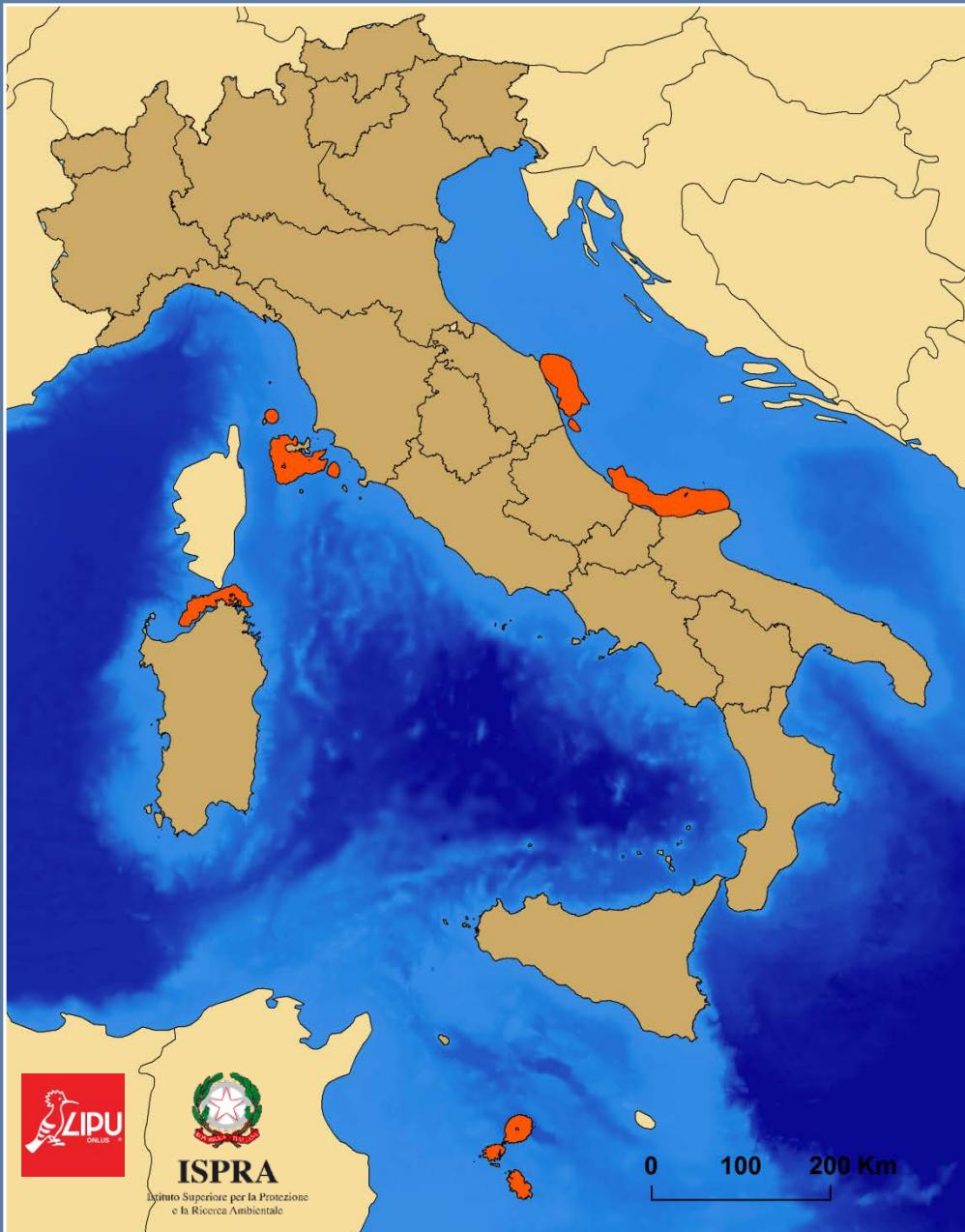
The project was funded by the Italian Ministry for Environment and triggered the telemetry study on the Scopoli's Shearwater.



Lipu carried out a telemetry project on the **Scopoli's Shearwater** in collaboration with ISPRA

- ✓ 219 foraging trips
- ✓ 188 tracked individuals
- ✓ 50 during incubation
- ✓ 138 during chick-rearing
- ✓ 4 colonies:
  - Linosa Island
  - Tremiti Arch.
  - Tuscany Arch.
  - La Maddalena Arch.

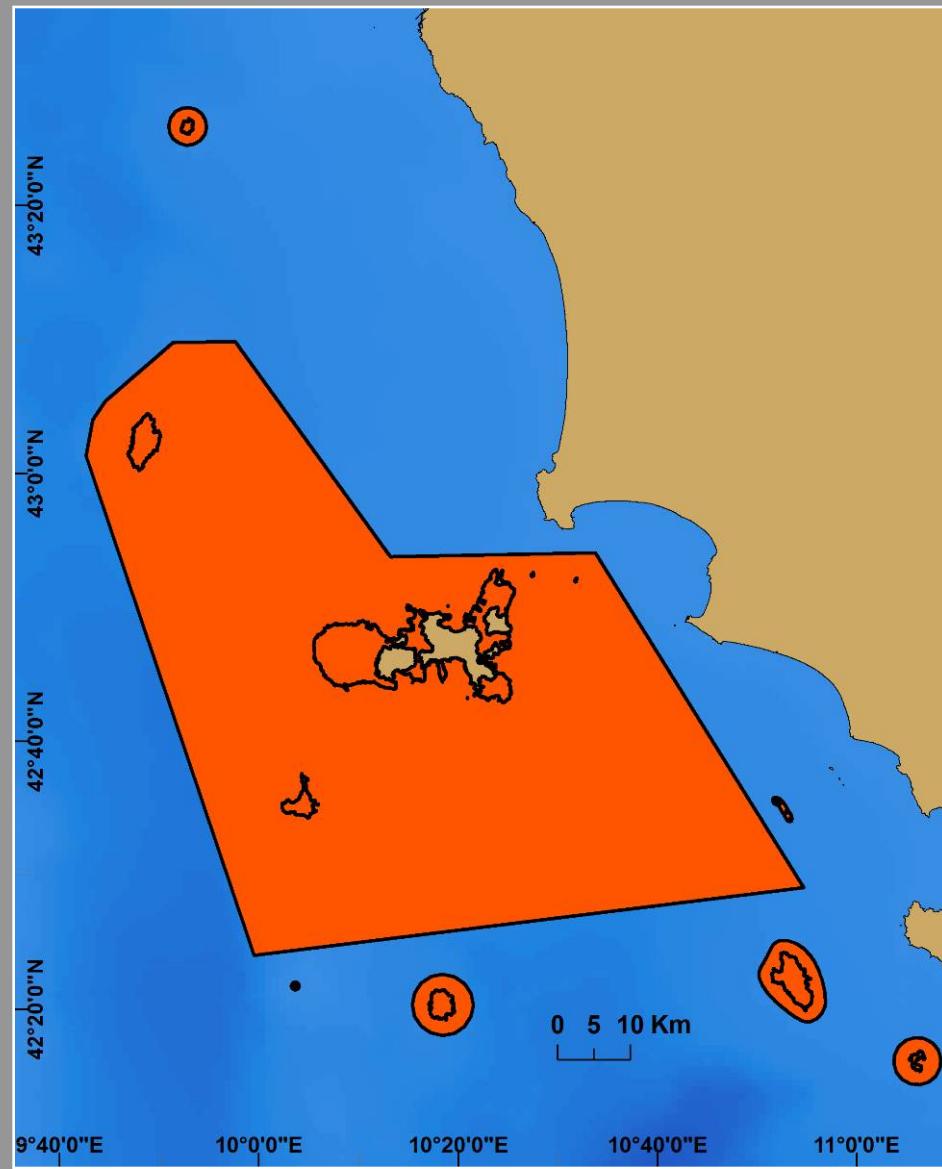
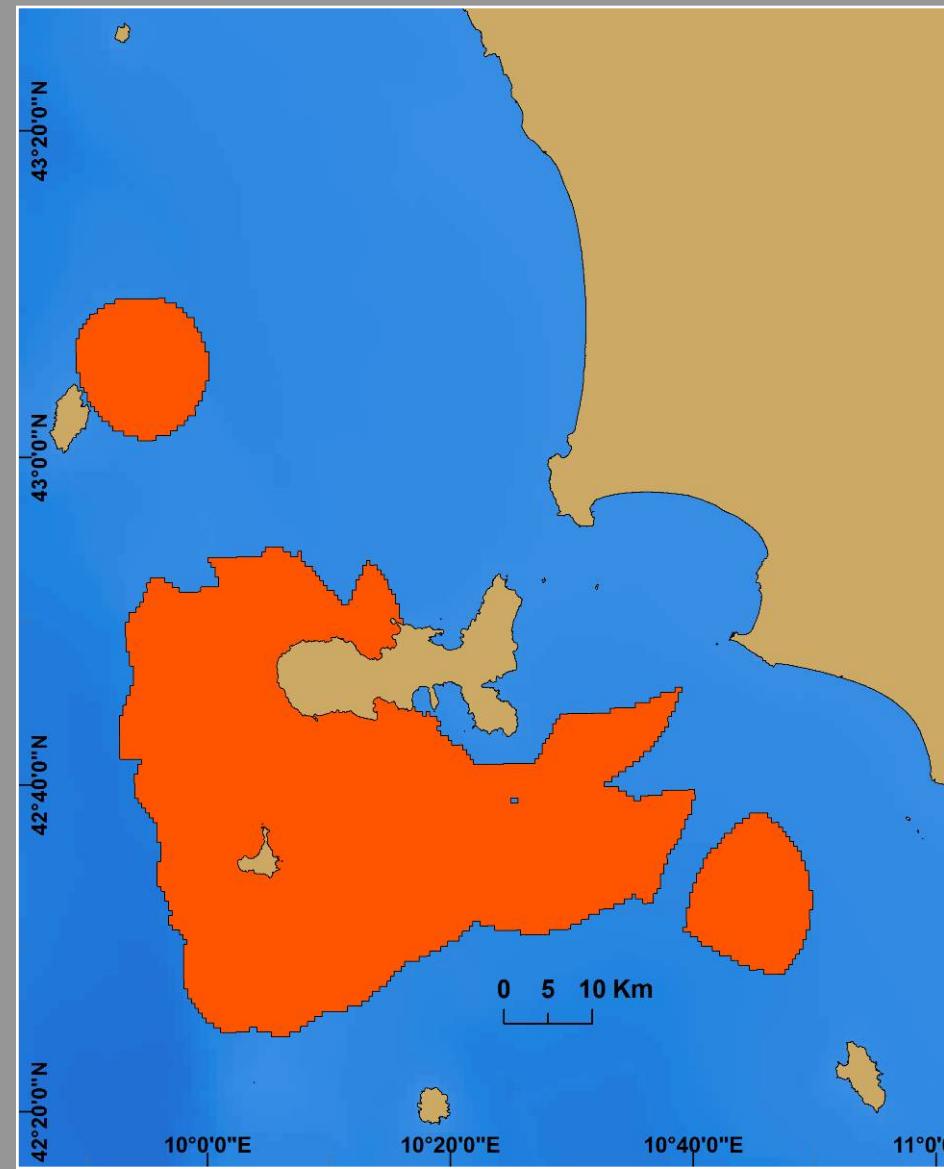
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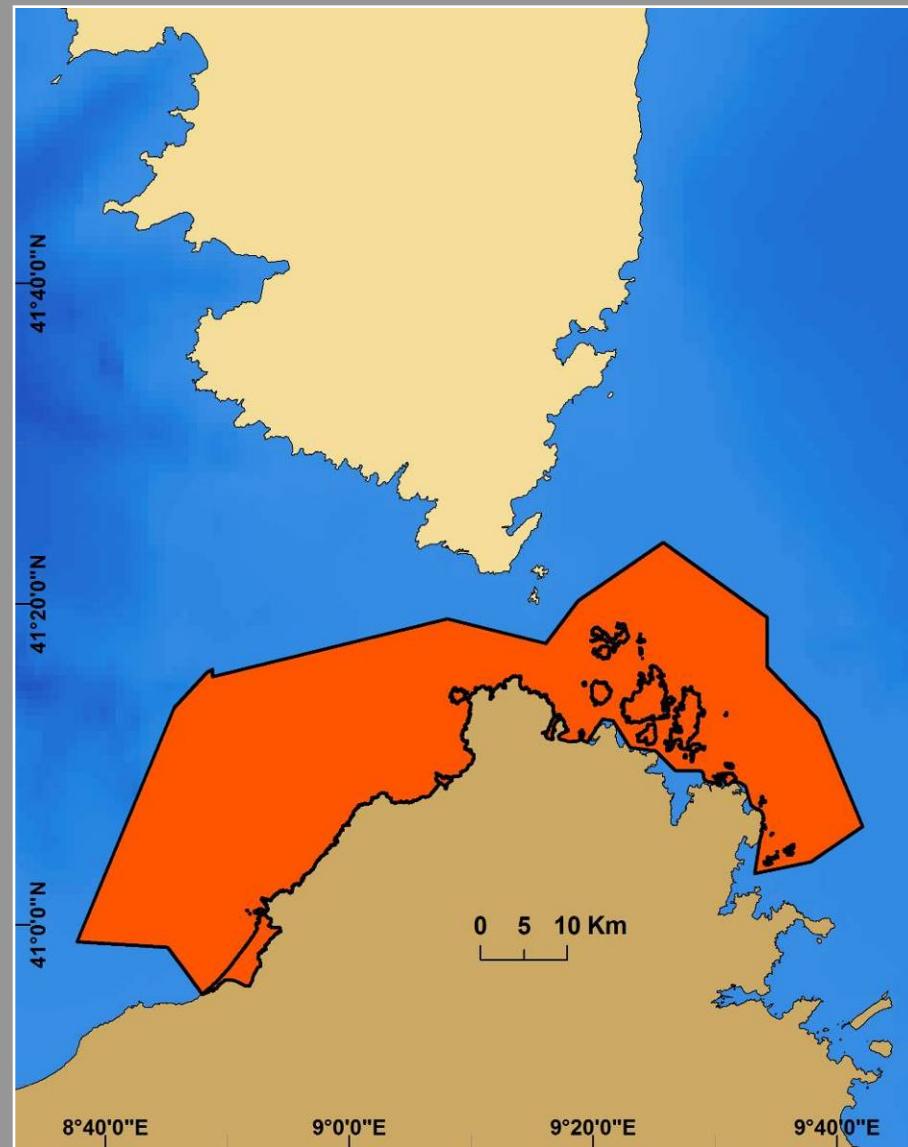
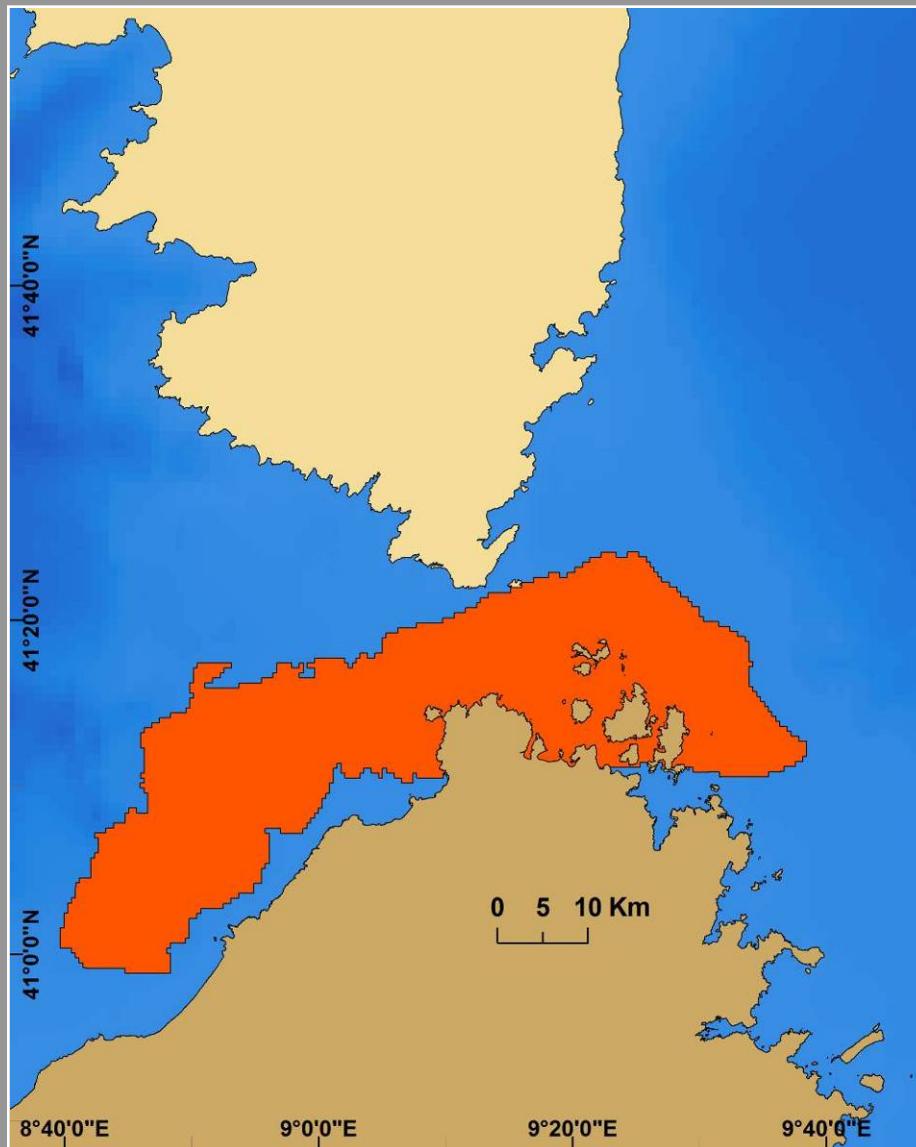
We analysed foraging tracks following the recent BirdLife methodology and we identified the **hotspot areas** for the four populations



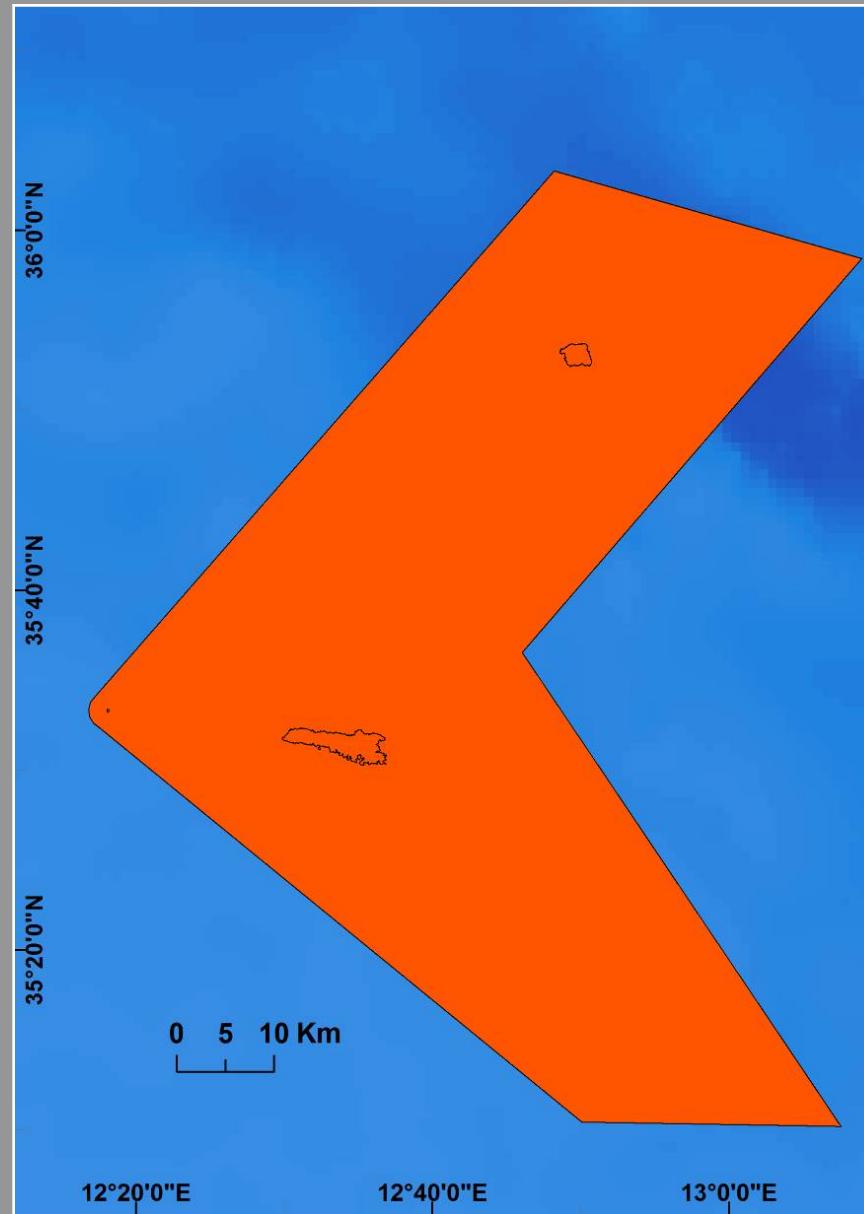
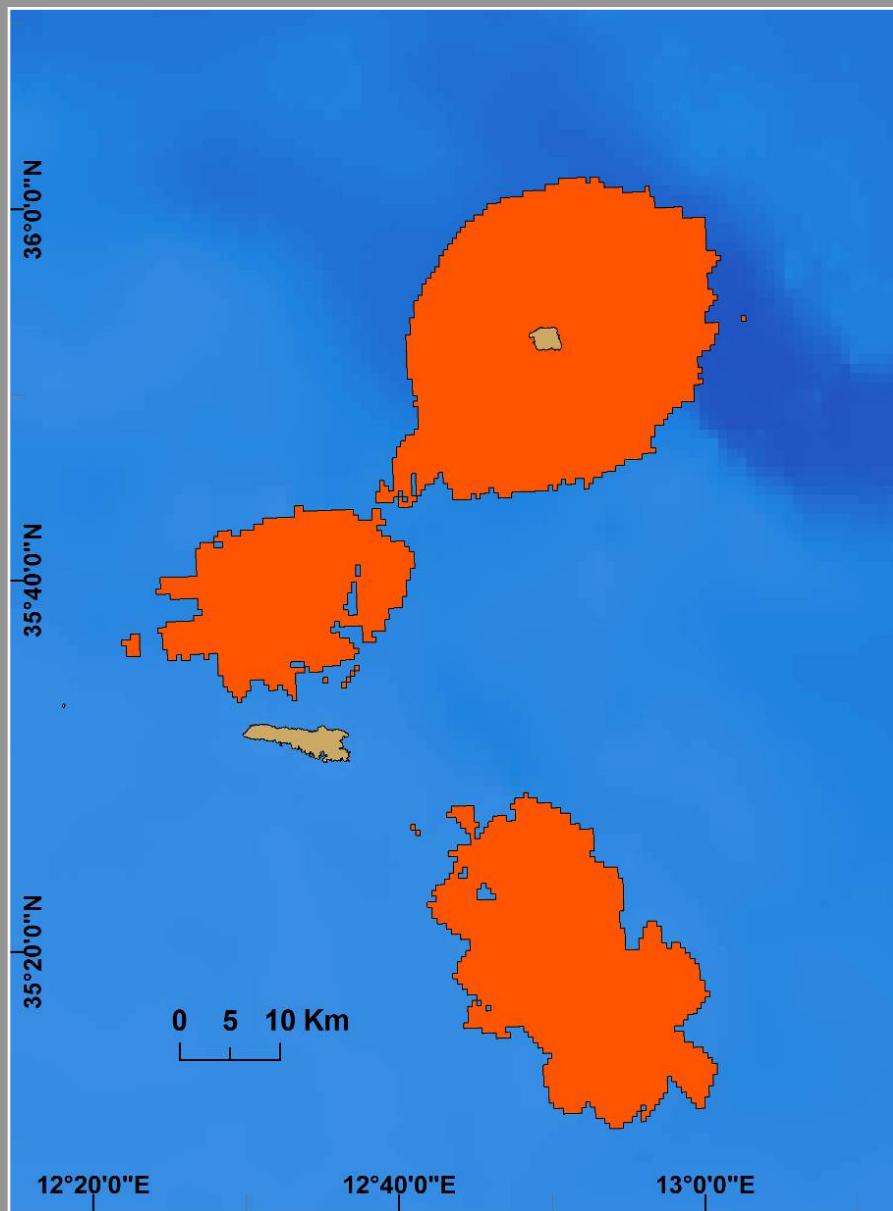
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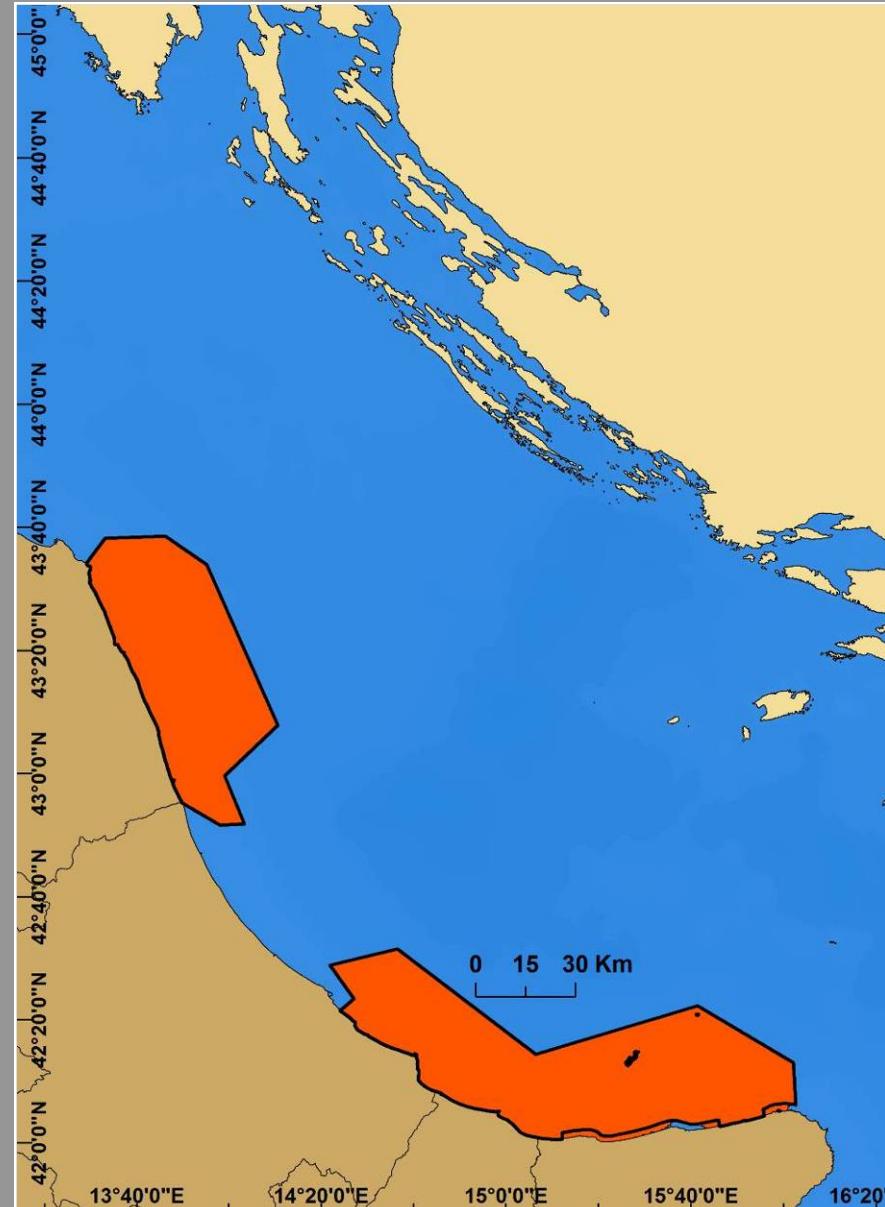
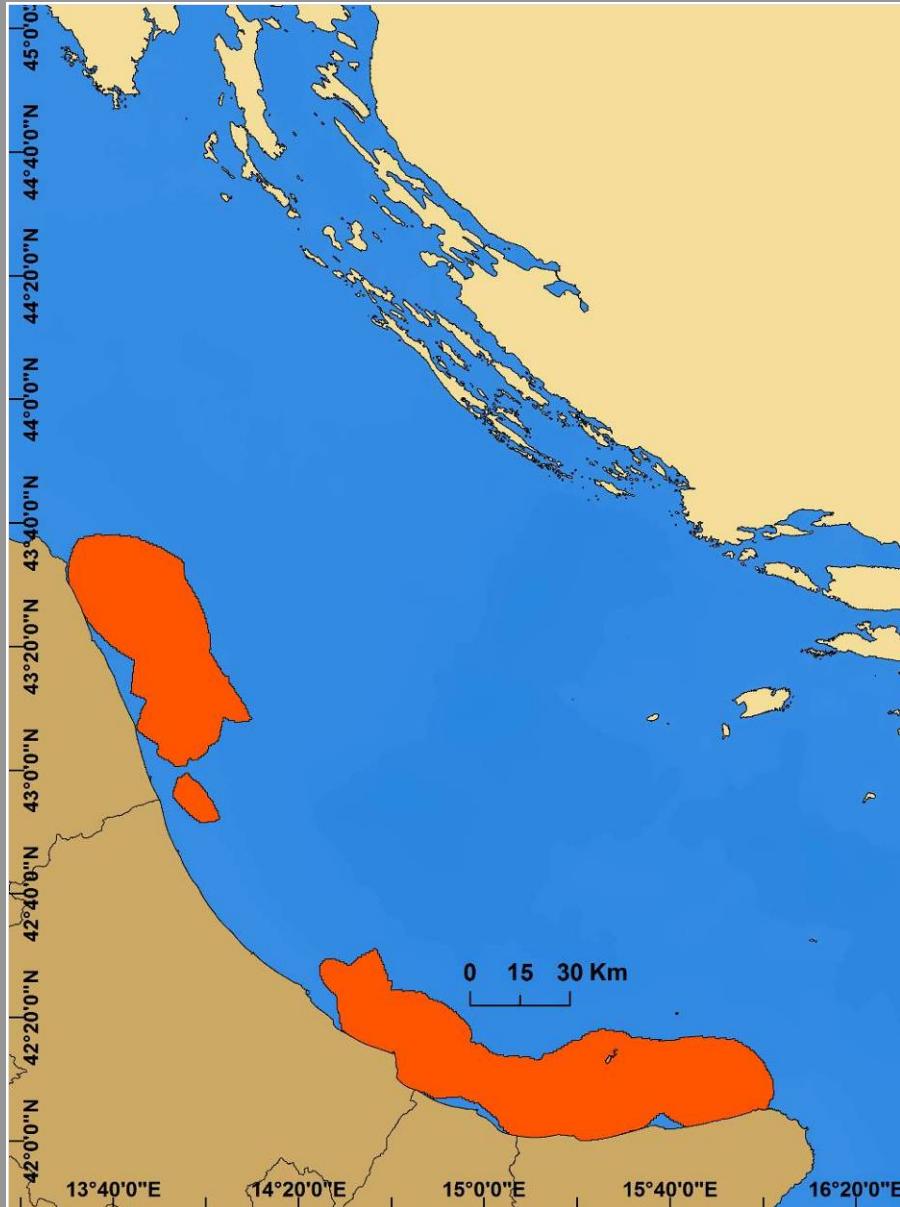
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## **Next steps:**

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- 1) Transferring the experience on Scopoli's shearwater and the BL methodology on the other seabird species**
- 2) Sharing data-base and information with other groups with the aim to complete the marine IBAs network**
- 3) Designating the marine IBA network as SPAs**
- 4) Providing marine SPAs with management plans**

## **Main blockages:**

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- 1) Lack of funds**
- 2) Weak support by the regional authorities**
- 3) Weak endorsement by the Ministry for Environment**

A special thank to  
all the **volunteers** for their great job

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