

## THREATS



DISTURBING BIRDS



MARINE LITTER



SHIP RATS

## HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

- ✓ If you notice a bird's nest, **move away** and make as **little noise as possible**.
- ✓ Visit only islands that are **intended for tourist excursions**.
- ✓ **Do not take** eggs from a bird's nest.
- ✓ Use as **little light** as possible near bird colonies.
- ✓ Take care of nature and **dispose** of waste in **designated containers**.
- ✓ When near a **bird's nest**, keep pets **on a leash**.

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# Project LIFE Artina

Seabird Conservation Network in the Adriatic



The significant increase in tourist activities, such as boat cruises and travel, as well as marine litter, imposes intensifying pressure on animal species. Seabirds, such as the Yelkouan shearwater, Scopoli's shearwater, and Audouin's gull, that live in Lastovo archipelago, are some of the most endangered groups of birds today. Remember, you are only visiting, be considerate towards the animals and their environment.



A B O U T S E A B I R D S



## Yelkouan shearwater

*Puffinus yelkouan*

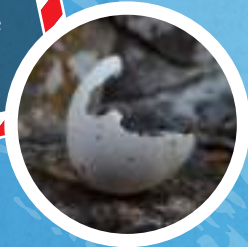
YELKOUAN SHEARWATER IS ENDEMIC TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Only 300-400 pairs nest in Croatia, mainly in the Lastovo archipelago. Like other shearwaters, the Yelkouan shearwater lays only one egg every year, which both parents incubate alternately. The Yelkouan shearwater has a specific call similar to a baby's cry.

**WINGSPAN** 70-84 cm

**1 million** seabirds worldwide die annually from plastic / marine litter

**Ship rats** destroy eggs and eat the chicks of Scopoli's shearwater and Yelkouan shearwater, which lay only one egg every year.



## Audouin's gull

*Larus audouinii*

ALMOST THE ENTIRE CROATIAN POPULATION NESTS IN THE LASTOVO ARCHIPELAGO

Unlike the well-known yellow-legged gull, the Audouin's gull population is small in the Adriatic. Only 13-60 pairs nest in Croatia. It is common for the Audouin's gull to change nesting sites each year, probably depending on the breeding success.

**WINGSPAN:** 117-128 cm



**90%** of seabirds have plastics in their stomach

## Scopoli's shearwater

*Calonectris diomedea*

THE SCOPOLI'S SHEARWATER HAS THE LARGEST WINGSPAN OF ALL THE SHEARWATERS IN CROATIA.

The Scopoli's shearwater is a larger and more abundant species than the Yelkouan shearwater. In addition to the Mediterranean, it is present in the eastern part of the Atlantic as well. 1200-1750 pairs nest in Croatia, mainly on the remote and isolated islands. Like the Yelkouan shearwater and other shearwaters, it lays only one egg per breeding season. The Scopoli's shearwaters, like the Yelkouan shearwater, have a specific call, similar to a baby's cry.

**WINGSPAN** 112-122 cm



**Marine litter** is solely caused by human activities