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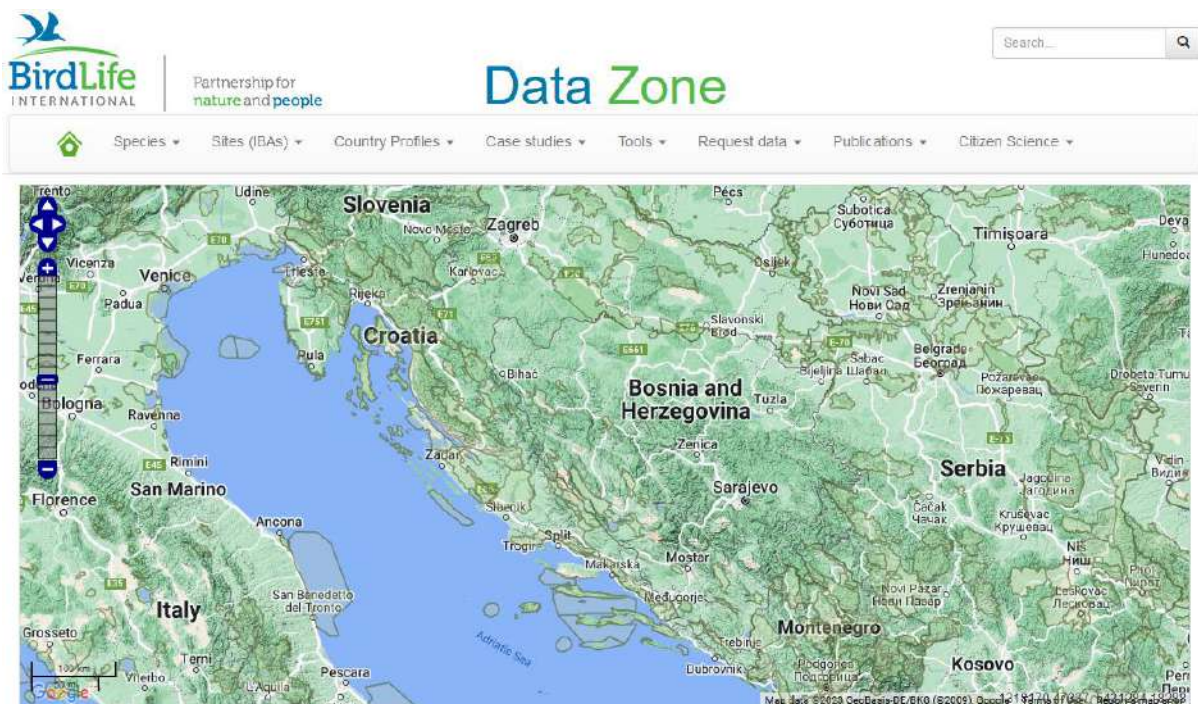
Action C.5: Designation of new marine SPAs in Croatia



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Overview map of IBAs in Croatia



List of Marine IBAs Croatia

The screenshot shows the BirdLife International Data Zone interface for a search query. The search terms are: Country/Territory = Croatia, Marine sites only, Ordered by Country, Site Name. There are two download buttons: 'Download these search results' and 'Download CSV file'. Below the search results, it indicates 'Number of sites 9'. A table lists the following data:

Country/Territory	Site name	IBA Criteria	Final Code
Croatia	East Mijet Channel	C6	
Croatia	Hvar Channel	A1, C1	
Croatia	Korcula Channel	A1, C1, C6	
Croatia	Kornati National Park and Telašćica Nature Park	B1i, B3, C2, C6	HR018
Croatia	Kvarner Islands	A1, B1i, B1iii, B2, B3, C1, C2, C6	HR032
Croatia	Lastovo Archipelago	A1, A4, A4i, B1i, B1iv, C1, C2, C5, C6	HR033
Croatia	Lastovo Channel	A1, A4, C1, C6	
Croatia	Northern Adriatic CRO	A1, C1	
Croatia	Offshore Islands	A1, A4i, A4ii, B1i, B1iii, B1iv, B2, C1, C2, C5, C6	HR041

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Country/territory: [Croatia](#)

Association BIOM

IBA criteria met: C6 (2023)

For more information about IBA criteria, please [click here](#)

Area: 4,572 ha



Site summary

Scopoli's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*), a species listed as threatened in the Annex I of the Birds Directive, use this site during the breeding period. Sufficient numbers of birds use this site so as to trigger European specific IBA criteria.

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East Mljet Channel

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Year of compilation: 2022

Site description (baseline)

This site encompasses a marine area in the eastern part of the Mljet Channel in between the island of Mljet to the southwest, the Peleješac peninsula to the north and the Elaphiti islands to the east, and partly overlaps with the Lastovski i Mljetski kanal marine SCI.

Key biodiversity

(The following text is adopted from the Lastovski i Mljetski kanal SCI SDF form which this area partly overlaps.) This is the one of the most important areas for feeding and breeding of bottlenose dolphin in the Adriatic Sea. According to the estimations, this area covers 15-30% of the Adriatic dolphins population. Beside the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), the following species can be found in this area: Risso's dolphin (*Grampus griseus*), striped dolphin (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*) and fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*).

Habitat and land use

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IBA Justification

Year of most recent IBA criteria assessment: 2023

Populations of IBA trigger species

Species	Current IUCN Red List Category	Season	Year(s) of estimate	Population at site	IBA criteria triggered
Scopoll's Shearwater <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	LC	breeding	2019-2021	100-126 mature individuals	C6

Note: The current IUCN Red List category may differ from the category that was valid at the time of IBA criteria assessment.

For more information about the IBA criteria, please click [here](#)

Habitats

IUCN Habitat	Habitat detail	Extent (% of site)
Marine Neritic		-

For further information about the IUCN habitat classification, please click [here](#).

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Country/territory: [Croatia](#)

Association BIOM

IBA criteria met: A1, C1 (2022)

For more information about IBA criteria, please click [here](#)

Area: 26,100 ha



Site summary

Yelkouan Shearwaters (*Puffinus yelkouan*), a globally threatened seabird species, listed as Vulnerable (VU) on the Global and European IUCN Red List (September 2022), use this site during the breeding period. Sufficient numbers of birds use this site so as to trigger both Global and European specific IBA criteria.

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Hvar Channel

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Year of compilation: 2022

Site description (baseline)

The site encompasses the western part of the channel between the islands of Hvar and Brač, and is partly bordered by the Hvar coastline in the south and the coastline of Šolta and Brač to the north. The area is frequently used by seabirds including the Yelkouan shearwater.

Key biodiversity

The site includes a number of coastal SCI areas which include habitat types such as Posidonia beds, reefs, sandbanks, mudflats, sandflats, sea caves and large shallow inlets and bays.

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IBA Justification

Year of most recent IBA criteria assessment: 2022

Populations of IBA trigger species

Species	Current IUCN Red List Category	Season	Year(s) of estimate	Population at site	IBA criteria triggered
Yelkouan Shearwater <i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	VU	breeding	2019-2021	139-250 mature individuals	A1, C1

Note: The current IUCN Red List category may differ from the category that was valid at the time of IBA criteria assessment.

For more information about the IBA criteria, please click [here](#)

Habitats

IUCN Habitat	Habitat detail	Extent (% of site)
Marine Neritic		-

For further information about the IUCN habitat classification, please click [here](#).

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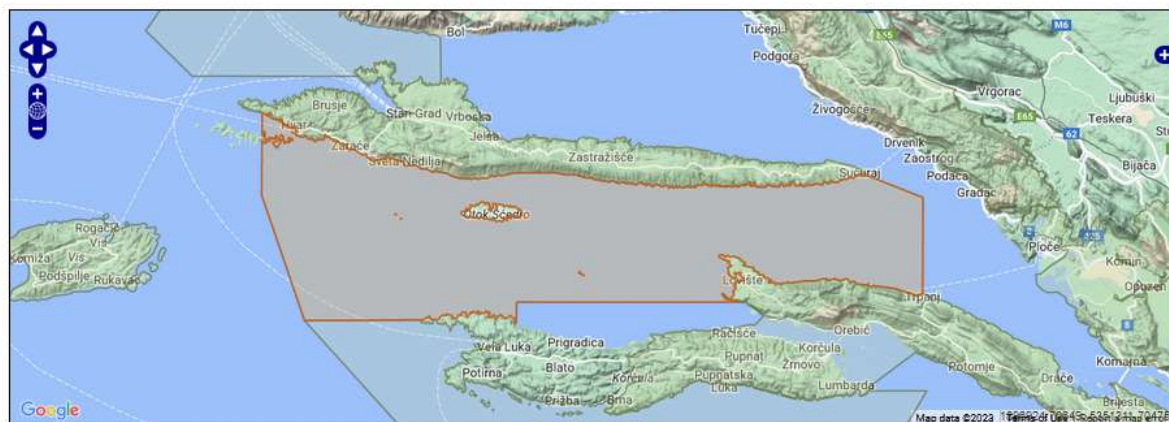
Country/territory: Croatia

Association BIOM

IBA criteria met: A1, C1, C6 (2023)

For more information about IBA criteria, please [click here](#)

Area: 95,084 ha



Site summary

Yelkouan Shearwaters (*Puffinus yelkouan*), a globally threatened seabird species, listed as Vulnerable (VU) on the Global and European IUCN Red List (September 2022) and Scopoli's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*) use this site during the breeding period. Sufficient numbers of birds use this site so as to trigger both Global and European specific regional IBA criteria.

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Korcula Channel

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Site description (baseline)

The site encompasses the channel running between the islands of Korčula and Hvar and Peješac Peninsula, with the southern border running between the northwestern tip of the island of Korčula and the western tip of the Peješac Peninsula and along part of its coast; and northern border following the coastline of the island of Hvar. It borders the Srednjedalmatinski otoci i Peješac IBA/SPA. The area is used by a large number of seabirds that nest off the coast of the island of Lastovo.

Key biodiversity

The site includes a number of coastal SCI areas which include habitat types such as Posidonia beds, reefs, sandbanks, mudflats, sandflats, sea caves and large shallow inlets and bays.

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IBA Justification

Year of most recent IBA criteria assessment: 2023

Populations of IBA trigger species

Species	Current IUCN Red List Category	Season	Year(s) of estimate	Population at site	IBA criteria triggered
Scopoli's Shearwater <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	LC	breeding	2019-2021	100-126 mature individuals	C6
Yelkouan Shearwater <i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	VU	breeding	2019-2021	139-666 mature individuals	A1, C1

Note: The current IUCN Red List category may differ from the category that was valid at the time of IBA criteria assessment.

For more information about the IBA criteria, please click [here](#)

Habitats

IUCN Habitat	Habitat detail	Extent (% of site)
Marine Neritic		-

For further information about the IUCN habitat classification, please click [here](#).

Recommended citation

BirdLife International (2023) Important Bird Area factsheet: Korcula Channel. Downloaded from <http://datazone.birdlife.org/site/factsheet/korcula-channel-iba-croatia> on 20/07/2023.

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Country/territory: [Croatia](#)

Association **BIOM**

IBA criteria met: A1, A4, C1, C6 (2023)

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Area: 79,079 ha



Site summary

Yellow Shearwaters (*Puffinus yelkouan*), a globally threatened seabird species, listed as Vulnerable (VU) on the Global and European IUCN Red List (September 2022) and Scopoli's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*) use this site during the breeding period. Sufficient numbers of birds use this site so as to trigger both Global and European specific regional IBA criteria.

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Site description (baseline)

The site encompasses the channel running between the islands of Lastovo and Korčula in the Central Adriatic. It borders the Lastovsko otočje IBA/SPA to the south and the coastline of the island of Korčula to the north, and partly overlaps with the Lastovski i Mjjetski kanal marine SCI. The area is used by a large number of seabirds that nest off the coast of the island of Lastovo.

Key biodiversity

(The following text is adopted from the Lastovski i Mjjetski kanal SCI SDF form which this area partly overlaps.) This is the one of the most important areas for feeding and breeding of bottlenose dolphin in the Adriatic Sea. According to the estimations, this area covers 15-30% of the Adriatic dolphins population. Beside the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), the following species can be found in this area: Risso's dolphin (*Grampus griseus*), striped dolphin (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*) and fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*).

Habitat and land use

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Populations of IBA trigger species

Species	Current IUCN Red List Category	Season	Year(s) of estimate	Population at site	IBA criteria triggered
Scopoli's Shearwater <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	LC	breeding	2019-2021	125-805 mature individuals	C6
Yelkouan Shearwater <i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	VU	breeding	2019-2021	139-1,110 mature individuals	A1, A4, C1

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Habitats

IUCN Habitat	Habitat detail	Extent (% of site)
Marine Neritic		-

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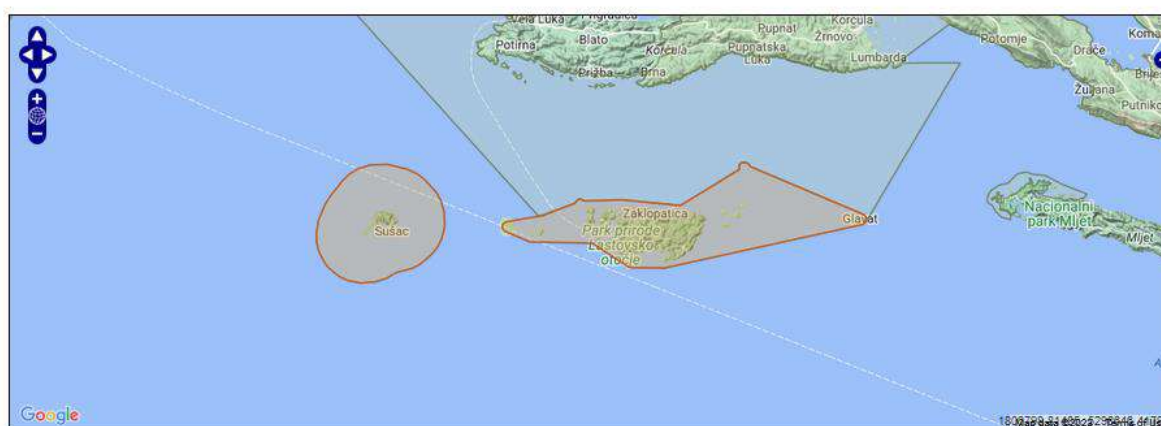
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Country/territory: Croatia

Association BIOM

IBA criteria met: A1, A4, A4i, B1i, B1iv, C1, C2, C5, C6 (2023)
For more information about IBA criteria, please click [here](#)

Area: 34,742 ha



Site summary

Yelkouan Shearwaters (*Puffinus yelkouan*), Scopoli's Shearwaters (*Calonectris diomedea*) and Audouin's Gull (*Larus audouinii*) use this site during their breeding periods. Several non-seabird species also use this site for breeding or as a migratory stopover. Sufficient numbers of birds use this site so as to trigger both Global and European specific regional IBA criteria.

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Site description (baseline)

The Lastovo Archipelago contains a total of 46 islets and islands. Small, low and mostly bare islets around Lastovo are the most important nesting site of Audouin's Gull (*Larus audouinii*) in Croatia. The site is also one of only two nesting areas of Scopoli's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*) and Yelkouan Shearwater (*Puffinus yelkouan*) in Croatia. In particular, the islands of Sušac and Zaklopatica are national strongholds for Yelkouan Shearwater, containing over half of the Croatian population. Finally, Lastovo is mostly covered by Aleppo Pine forest and important for night roost of migratory birds overflying Adriatic Sea.

Key biodiversity

The majority of the site has a terrestrial component, other key biodiversity relating to the site is described in the text adapted from the SPA network description: The Lastovo Archipelago is one of the richest and best preserved botanical areas in the Mediterranean. There are 810 species recorded so far, including endangered species, species extinct elsewhere, endemic and steno-endemic species. Around 70% of the islands' surface is covered by forest. It is mostly covered by macchia - mostly by Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*) and Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*), and Strawberry Tree (*Arbutus unedo*). There is also an abundance of animal life. 175 vertebrate species have been recorded so far: 71 of them are endangered at the national and 37 at the European level. The Lastovo Archipelago is an important resting site for numerous migrant birds and an important breeding site for (a.o.) several seabird species. It is home to over 70% of the Croatian populations of the globally endangered Audouin's Gull (*Larus audouinii*) and Yelkouan Shearwater (*Puffinus yelkouan*) and also contains around 50% of the national population of Scopoli's Shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*). 248 marine plant species represent the richness of the marine world in the Lastovo Archipelago. This small area hosts as many species as a wide area of the Central and Southern Adriatic. There is a seasonal inflow of nutrients from deep waters, which fosters the proliferation of marine life. Due to the abundance and wide variety of zooplankton, the Park's sea world is rich with corals, sponges, molluscs, bryozoans, Echinoidea, crustaceans and numerous other species. 330 species of invertebrates have been recorded so far, of which 20 are on the list of endangered species. Very rich and well preserved are the colonies of the Black Coral (*Gerardia savaglia*), Red Coral (*Corallium rubrum*) and Star Coral (*Madracis pharensis*). Many cultural goods testifying to the rich history of the area are found in the Lastovo Archipelago Nature Park, especially on the islands of Lastovo and Sušac. Registered and protected cultural goods of the Lastovo Archipelago are divided in four categories: cultural and historical ensembles (village of Lastovo, Lučica); ecclesiastical architecture (38 churches and chapels, some preserved, some ruinous, 21 registered as protected cultural goods); secular architecture (forty architecturally valuable housing complexes from the period between the 15th and 19th century); archaeological sites (hillfort settlements, prehistoric gomila, ancient villae rusticate, the historical area of the island of Sušac). Lithostratigraphic units represented in this area are limestones and dolomites (upper jurassic - J3) and limestone and dolomite (lower cretaceous - K1). Soils brown soil on limestone and dolomite, rendzina soils on dolomite. Morphologically significant is the exchanging of many separate hills and karst valleys - fields that were created in impermeable dolomite zones or in semi-permeable dolomitized limestone; many caves, the most famous is the Raca cave in the southeastern part of the island; current form the islands were created after the transgression of the sea after the last glaciation; presence of process of abrasion.

Habitat and land use

Pressure/threats to key biodiversity

Unregulated recreational activities and tourism, overfishing and unregulated construction on the coast represent the main threats to birds in the area.

Conservation responses/actions for key biodiversity

Protected areas

Land ownership

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IBA Justification

Year of most recent IBA criteria assessment: 2023

Populations of IBA trigger species

Species	Current IUCN Red List Category	Season	Year(s) of estimate	Population at site	IBA criteria triggered
<i>Common Crane Grus grus</i>	LC	passage	2010	min 3,000 individuals	A4i, B1i, C2
<i>Scopoli's Shearwater Calonectris diomedea</i>	LC	breeding	2019-2021	800-1,000 mature individuals	C6
<i>Yelkouan Shearwater Puffinus yelkouan</i>	VU	breeding	2019-2021	1,000-1,400 mature individuals	A1, A4, C1
<i>Audouin's Gull Larus audouinii</i>	VU	breeding	2019-2021	50-80 mature individuals	A1, C1
<i>A4iv Species group - soaring birds/cranes</i>	n/a	passage	2010	min 3,000 individuals	B1iv, C5

Note: The current IUCN Red List category may differ from the category that was valid at the time of IBA criteria assessment.

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Habitats

IUCN Habitat	Habitat detail	Extent (% of site)
Artificial/Terrestrial		-
Marine Neritic		-

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Land ownership

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Country/territory: Croatia

Association BIOM

IBA criteria met: A1, A4i, A4ii, B1i, B1iii, B1iv, B2, C1, C2, C5, C6 (2023)
For more information about IBA criteria, please click [here](#)

Area: 24,648 ha



Site summary

Yellow Shearwaters (*Puffinus yelkouan*) and Scopoli's Shearwaters (*Calonectris diomedea*) use this site during their breeding periods. Several non-seabird species also use this site for breeding or as a migratory stopover. Sufficient numbers of birds use this site so as to trigger both Global and European specific IBA criteria.

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Site description (baseline)

The area comprises the island of Vis with surrounding islets, as well as islands Biševo, Sveti Andrija (Svetac), Brusnik, Jabuka and Palagruža. The area holds more than half of the national breeding populations of Scopoli's Shearwater and Eleonora's Falcon, in particular the island of Sveti Andrija and neighbouring islet Kamnik. It is also one of two breeding sites in Croatia for Yelkouan Shearwater. All these species are nesting on well developed cliffs and rocks above the seas. Main threats are unregulated recreational activities and tourism, changes in traditional farming, overfishing, excessive or illegal hunting and unregulated construction on the coast.

Key biodiversity

The Palagruža archipelago (or Palagruža islands) consists of a group of islets and rocks, dominated by the islands Velika Palagruža and Mala Palagruža. This is a group of islands farthest from the Croatian mainland. Plant life is peculiar, and has developed thanks to the great isolation and extreme climatic conditions of the area. Stenoendemic plant species of local character grow on the island, some of which have very limited distribution and therefore even the slightest change in the island ecosystem can have extremely negative effects on plant populations. Almost all of the habitats of Palagruža archipelago belong to endangered habitat types. The dominant vegetation of the area is vulnerable association Oleo-Euphorbietum dendroides. On the archipelago are also present calcareous rocks with chasmophytic vegetation, rocky shores and sandy beaches with halophytes and small areas of dry Eu-Mediterranean grasslands with xerophytes and therophytes. Fragmentary developed ruderal Mediterranean vegetation is a result of long-term human presence. Svetac is an island in the open sea, 25 km west of the island of Vis. The island is covered with dense Mediterranean vegetation - macchia (59,22%) and forests of Aleppo Pine and Holm Oak (40.78%), which are in places off the beaten tracks impassable. The site is important for conservation of several Mediterranean habitat types, from rocky coast with endemic Limonium species, scrubs with Juniperus and Euphorbia dendroides formations to calcareous rocks with chasmophytic vegetation. The 5km seaward extension also includes the SCI of 'Brusnik i Svetac' which is rich in fish and includes habitat types such as reefs and (partially) submerged sea caves. The island of Jabuka is located 50 km west-northwest of the Island of Vis with the surface of 2,25 ha. It is of volcanic origin. The island is actually a very steep 97 m high rock of pyramidal shape. It is located in the deep waters, isolated from other islands and channels, and is protected as geological Nature monument. The site is important for Vegetated cliffs of the Mediterranean coast with endemic Limonium ssp., with endemic ass. Crithmo-Limonietum vestiti.

Pressure/threats to key biodiversity

Main threats are unregulated recreational activities and tourism, changes in traditional farming, overfishing, excessive or illegal hunting and unregulated construction on the coast.

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Species	Current IUCN Red List Category	Season	Year(s) of estimate	Population at site	IBA criteria triggered
Common Crane <i>Grus grus</i>	LC	passage	2010	min 3,000 individuals	A4i, B1i, C2
Scopoli's Shearwater <i>Calonectris diomedea</i>	LC	breeding	2010-2018	600-1,400 mature individuals	C6
Yelkouan Shearwater <i>Puffinus yelkouan</i>	VU	breeding	2010	50-100 breeding pairs	A1, C1, C2, C6
Eleonora's Falcon <i>Falco eleonora</i>	LC	breeding	2010	65-100 breeding pairs	A4ii, B1iii, B2, C2, C6
Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	LC	resident	2010	8-10 breeding pairs	C6
A4iv Species group - soaring birds/cranes	n/a	passage	2010	min 3,000 individuals	B1iv, C5

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IBA Protection

Protected area (PA)	PA designation	PA area (ha)	Relationship of PA with IBA	Overlap of PA with IBA (ha)
Viški akvatorij	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	51,877	protected area is adjacent to site	0
Uvala Stiniva	Značajni krajobraz	4	protected area contained by site	0
Svetac	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	418	protected area overlaps with site	0
Ravnik	Značajni krajobraz	27	protected area overlaps with site	0
Pučinski otoci	Special Protection Area (Birds Directive)	12,678	protected area overlaps with site	0
Palagruža - podmorje I	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	405	protected area overlaps with site	0
Palagruža	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	32	protected area overlaps with site	0
Otok Vis - podmorje	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	2,977	protected area overlaps with site	0
Otok Vis	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	9,050	protected area contained by site	0
Otok Jabuka - podmorje	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	113	protected area overlaps with site	0
Otočić Galijska	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	89	protected area overlaps with site	0
Modra spilja	Spomenik prirode	2	protected area contained by site	0
Medvidina pećina	Spomenik prirode	0	protected area overlaps with site	0
Jl strana o. Visa	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	1,102	protected area overlaps with site	0
Jabuka	Spomenik prirode	2	protected area overlaps with site	0
Jabuka	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	2	protected area overlaps with site	0
Brusnik i Svetac	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	1,501	protected area overlaps with site	0
Brusnik	Spomenik prirode	5	protected area overlaps with site	0
Brusnik	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	5	protected area overlaps with site	0
Biševo more	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	789	protected area overlaps with site	0
Biševo kopno	Site of Community Importance (Habitats Directive)	589	protected area overlaps with site	0

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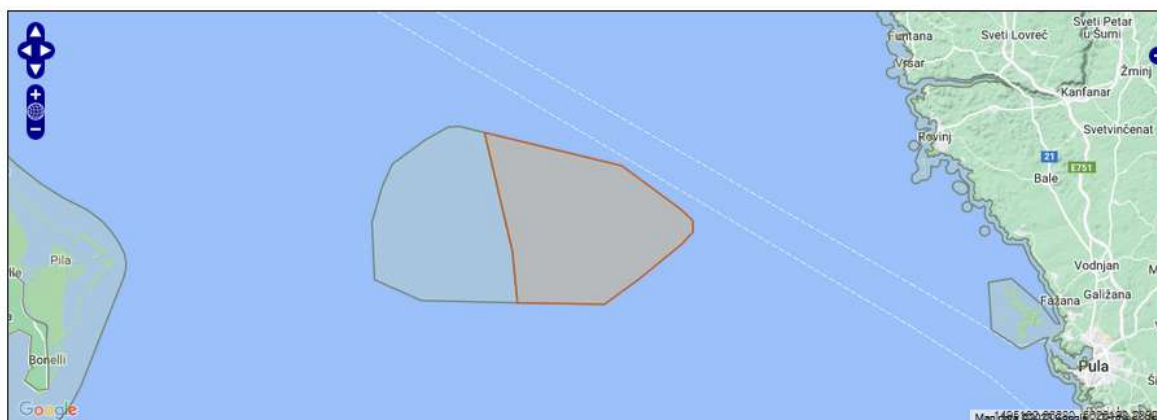
Country/territory: Croatia

Association BIOM

IBA criteria met: A1, C1 (2022)

For more information about IBA criteria, please click [here](#)

Area: 25,134 ha



Site summary

Yelkouan Shearwaters (*Puffinus yelkouan*), a globally threatened seabird species, listed as Vulnerable (VU) on the Global and European IUCN Red List (September 2022), use this site during the breeding period. Sufficient numbers of birds use this site so as to trigger both Global and European specific IBA criteria.

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Year of most recent IBA criteria assessment: 2022

Populations of IBA trigger species

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Habitats

IUCN Habitat	Habitat detail	Extent (% of site)
Marine Neritic		-

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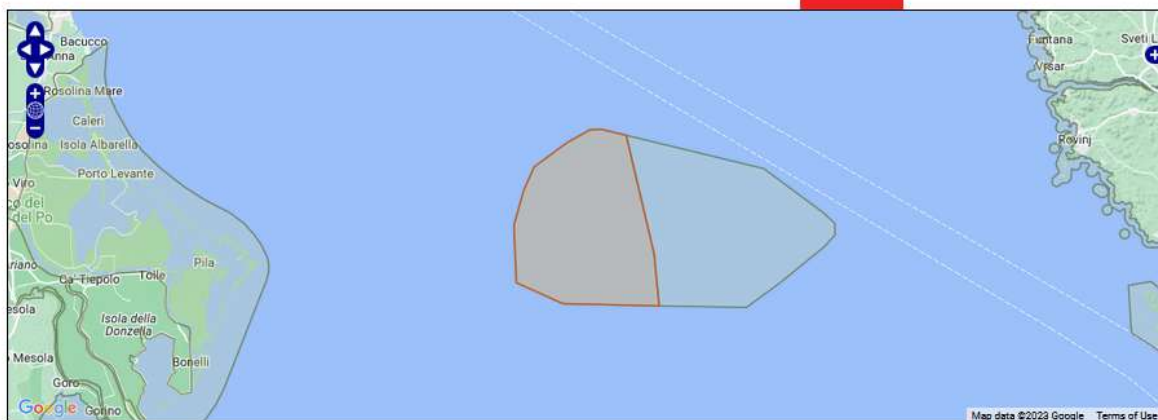
Country/territory: [Italy](#)

IBA criteria met: A1, C1 (2022)

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Area: 21,686 ha

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