

## SEABIRD RECOVERY REPORT FOR SEABIRD POPULATIONS IN THE LASTOVO & PALAGRUŽA ARCHIPELAGOS, CROATIA

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The LIFE Artina project (LIFE 17 ANAT/HR/000594) enabled the first comprehensive study of three seabird species in Croatia: the Yelkouan shearwater (*Puffinus yelkouan*), Scopoli's shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*), and Audouin's gull (*Larus audouinii*). Focusing on the Lastovo Archipelago and Offshore islands (two Special Protection Areas, or SPAs), the project aimed to initiate crucial conservation measures for these internationally and nationally significant species. Initial surveys of these islands and islets established baseline data, identified key threats (including rat predation), and informed subsequent conservation efforts, primarily focused on predator management. Five years of data collection across the Lastovo Archipelago and Offshore islands provided crucial baseline demographic data. This report, a deliverable for Action E5, presents the methodologies and activities employed to address major threats and supports the development of a national conservation strategy for these seabirds in Croatia.

The full report is available upon request.