

# BirdLife INTERNATIONAL

## A PARTNERSHIP FOR NATURE



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Partnership for nature and people

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# BIRDLIFE IN NUMBERS



10 BirdLife secretariats, including  
**BIRDLIFE EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA**

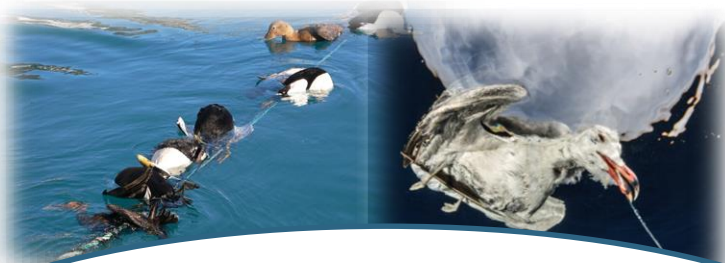




Over 10 year  
of assessing  
**BYCATCH**  
in EU waters

# 1<sup>st</sup> World Threat for seabirds





< 300 000 seabirds & 44 000 sea turtles die each year in the world in longlines, trawlers and gillnets



Bycatch leads to economic loss for fishers

- ✓ Solutions in place in many countries (South Africa, USA, on EU vessels, etc.)
- ✓ Measures recommended by RFMOs such as ICCAT



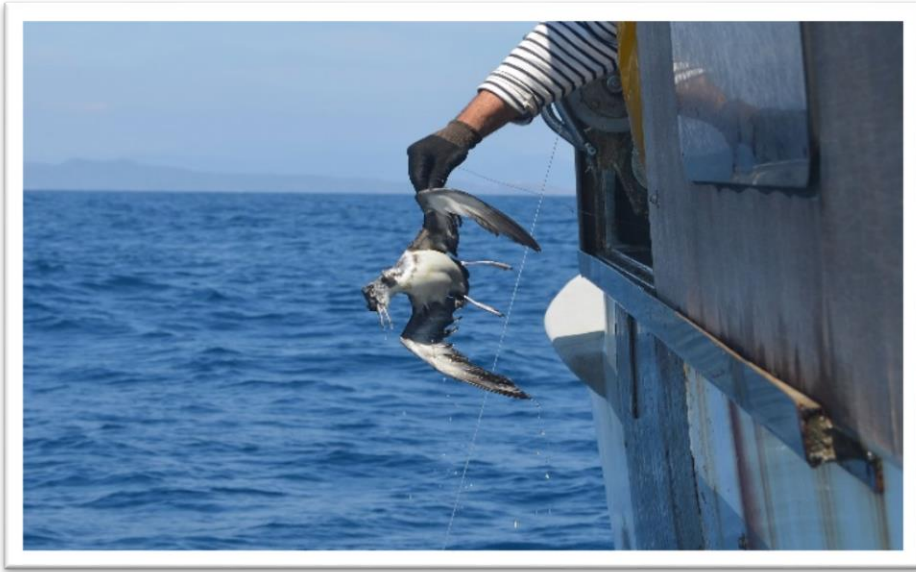
**Existing SOLUTIONS!**  
Scaring devices (tory lines...), spatial measures, temporary measures, turtle excluder device, etc.

# Why joining the Long Distance Advisory Council



- ENSURE BYCATCH IS MONITORED AND REDUCED EVEN OUTSIDE EUROPEAN WATERS
- Understand the way the European Distant Water Fleet is regulated
- Find synergies on existing projects outside EU waters to improve European and non-EU fisheries management
- Engage with European decision-makers and the fishing industry on concrete solutions to reducing bycatch of sensitive species from the EU Distant Fleet
- Work in collaboration with the fisheries sector to apply scientific research to more sustainable fisheries benefiting to fishermen on the long-term





# THANK YOU

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