



The European Network against Environmental Crime (ENEC)

**EU Forum of Judges for the Environment
Bolzano, 30-31 October 2015**



Project to create a European Network against Environmental Crime

Objective: The main aim of the project is to improve the implementation and application of the Directive 2008/99/EC on the protection of the environment through criminal law.

Beneficiary partners:



(Coordinator)



Associated partners:

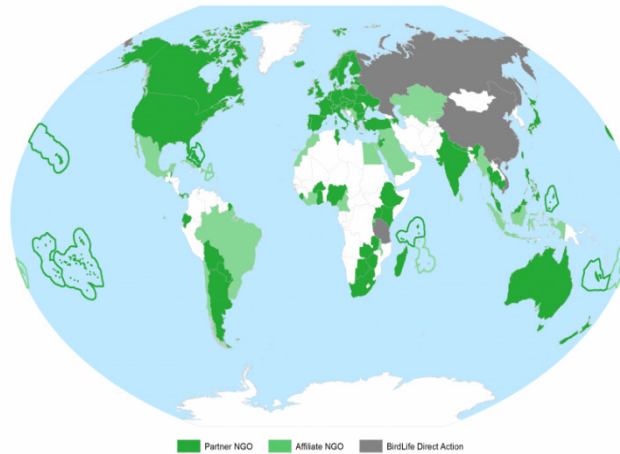


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Implementation period: 1/4/2014 a 1/4/2016

We are BirdLife International



Together we are BirdLife International
Partnership for nature and people

www.birdlife.org

- ***As the world's largest nature conservation Partnership BirdLife has more than 13 million members and supporters.***
- ***BirdLife Partner organizations worked with 7,475 local groups, including action at 2,750 Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas; and our work involved 2.7 million children.***
- ***BirdLife Partners managed or owned 1,553 reserves or protected areas covering 4.3 million ha of natural areas globally.***
- ***BirdLife Partners receive hundred of reports of environmental offences investing significant financial and human resources in fighting environmental crime***

Main objectives to be achieved

- **1) Assess the degree of implementation of Directive 2008/99/CE in the EU Member States national legislation and practice**
- **2) Bring together legal and other practitioners who work in the fight against environmental crime**
 - Strengthen the work of BirdLife Europe partners in the fight against environmental crime
 - Facilitate the exchange of information and the experience of legal and other practitioners in working to prevent or prosecute this type of crime
- **3) Integrate BirdLife activities against environmental crime with those of other networks and international institutions involved in the protection of the environment**

I European Workshop on Environmental Crime: Illegal killing and taking of birds

- First meeting of the ENEC members (Madrid, February 2015)
- 18 EU MS represented
- Exchange information and experiences in the fight against illegal killing and taking of birds
- Analyze the legal regulation framework of illegal killing and taking of birds from the point of view of European criminal law
- Establish recommendations to EU authorities and MEAs (CMS, Bern Convention, etc) on how to tackle illegal killing and taking of birds from a legal perspective

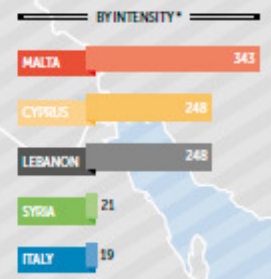
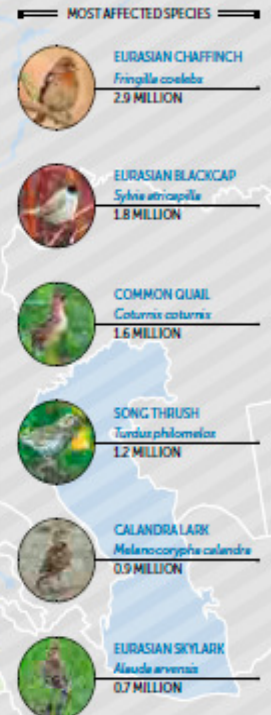
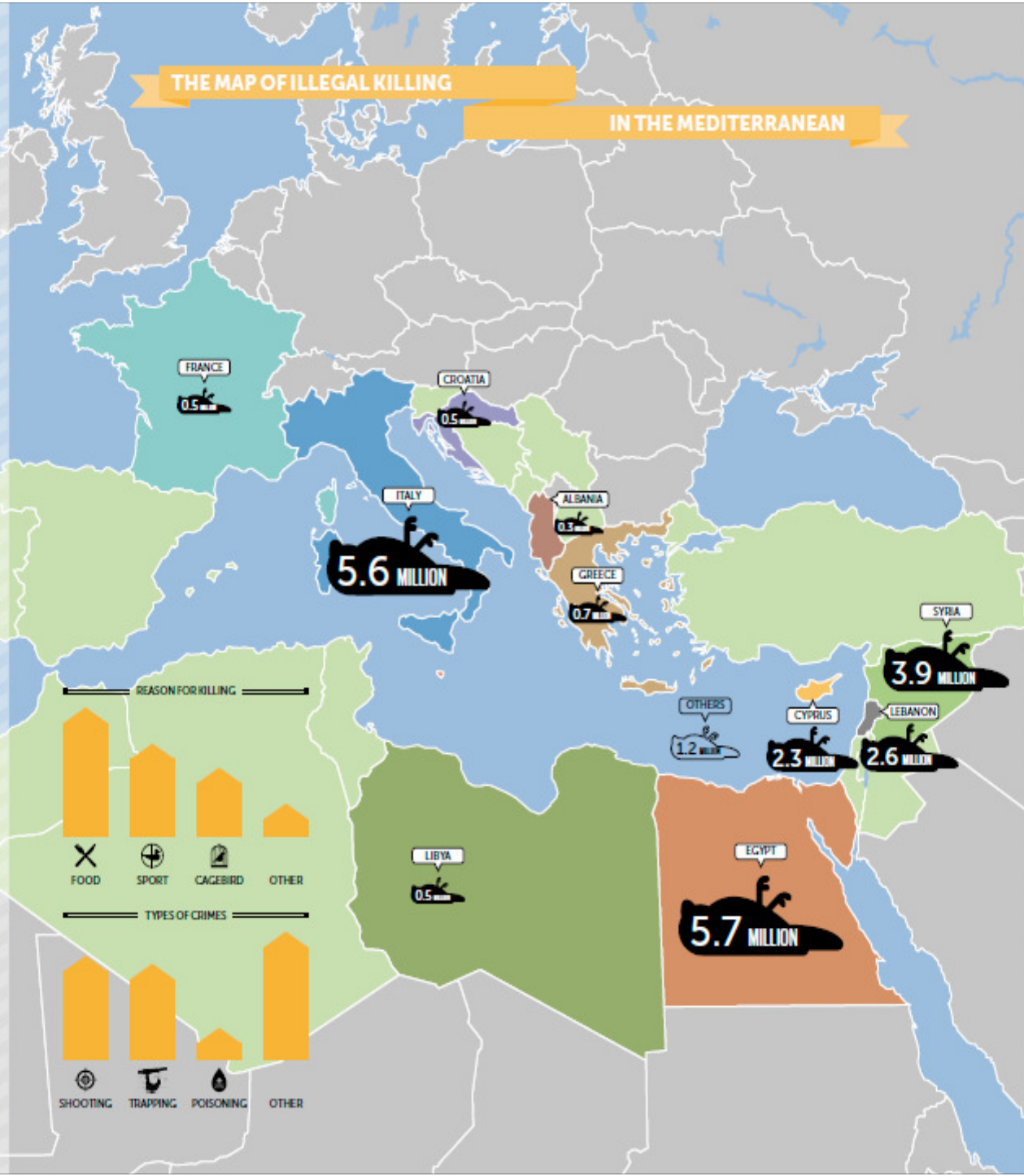
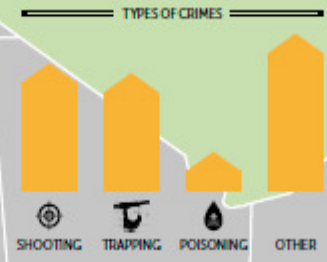
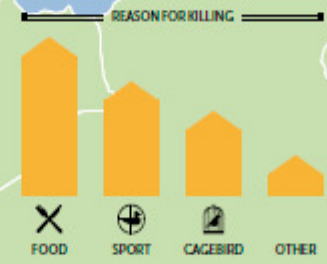
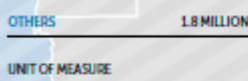
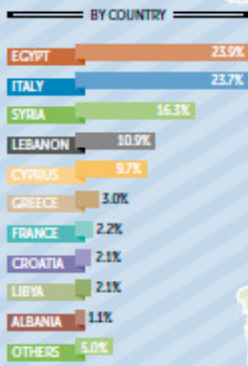


What is IKB?





THE MAP OF ILLEGAL KILLING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



* Mean estimated number of birds illegally killed per km² every year

NOTE: All numbers in the map are mean best estimates, for further details and minimum/maximum estimates, see the scientific paper: Preliminary assessment of the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds in the Mediterranean (Frochet et al., in revision)

Recommendations to eliminate illegal killing and taking of birds. Legal perspective

- **Assessment of the implementation of protection for species listed under Article 2(b) of Directive 2008/99/EC in national penal law.**
- **Harmonisation of criminal sanctions in the different EU Member States.**
- **Training, specialization and awareness of judges, prosecutors, inspectorates, enforcement officers and lawyers on the seriousness of illegal killing and taking and its consequences on biodiversity conservation.**
- **Legal recognition to the legitimacy of NGOs to take action in courts of law in cases of crimes against wild fauna**
- **Improving the implementation of the Birds and Habitats Directives as necessary legal instruments to protect wildlife against illegal killing and catching**
- **Information exchange, cooperation and networking between legal professionals.**

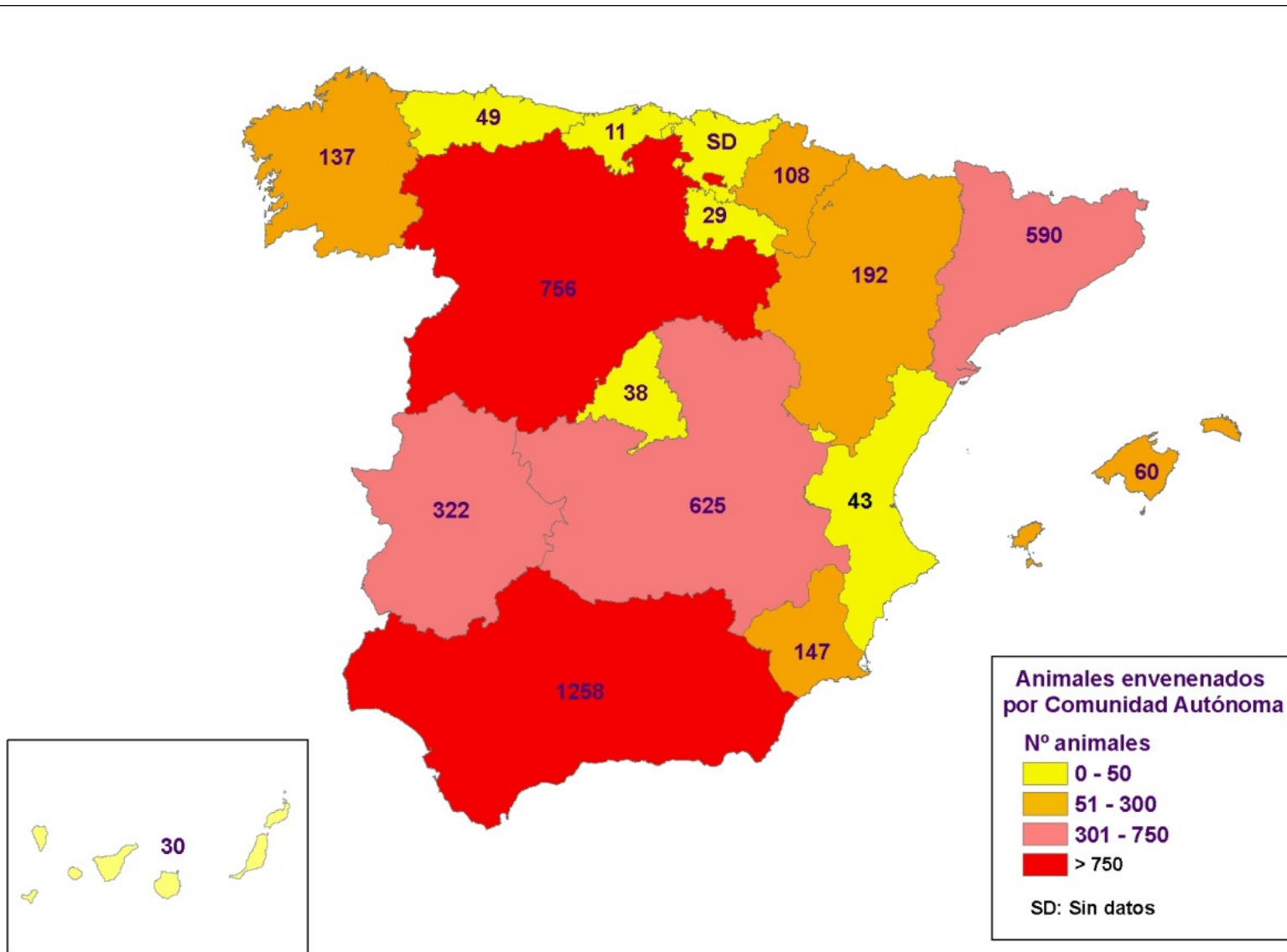
II European Workshop on Environmental Crime: Wildlife poisoning

- 2nd meeting of the ENEC members (Barcelona, 6th November 2015)
- Representation from 19 EU MS, ENPE, EUFJE, FACE or CMS
- This workshop will focus on the review of a draft **“European Action Plan to prevent risk from poison-baits”**. The document proposes a series of measures to eradicate the use of poisoned-baits in the EU and to adopt measures for reducing the effects of this illegal practice in the countryside



What is wildlife poisoning?





Only in Spain more than **45.000** animals have been killed by poison-baits between 2005-2010



The use of poison-baits is the most widely used predator eradication method worldwide

Next steps

- Study to assess the degree of implementation of Directive 2008/99/CE in the EU (December 2015)
- III European Workshop on Environmental Crime: Habitat destruction (Edinburgh, 26 Feb 2016)



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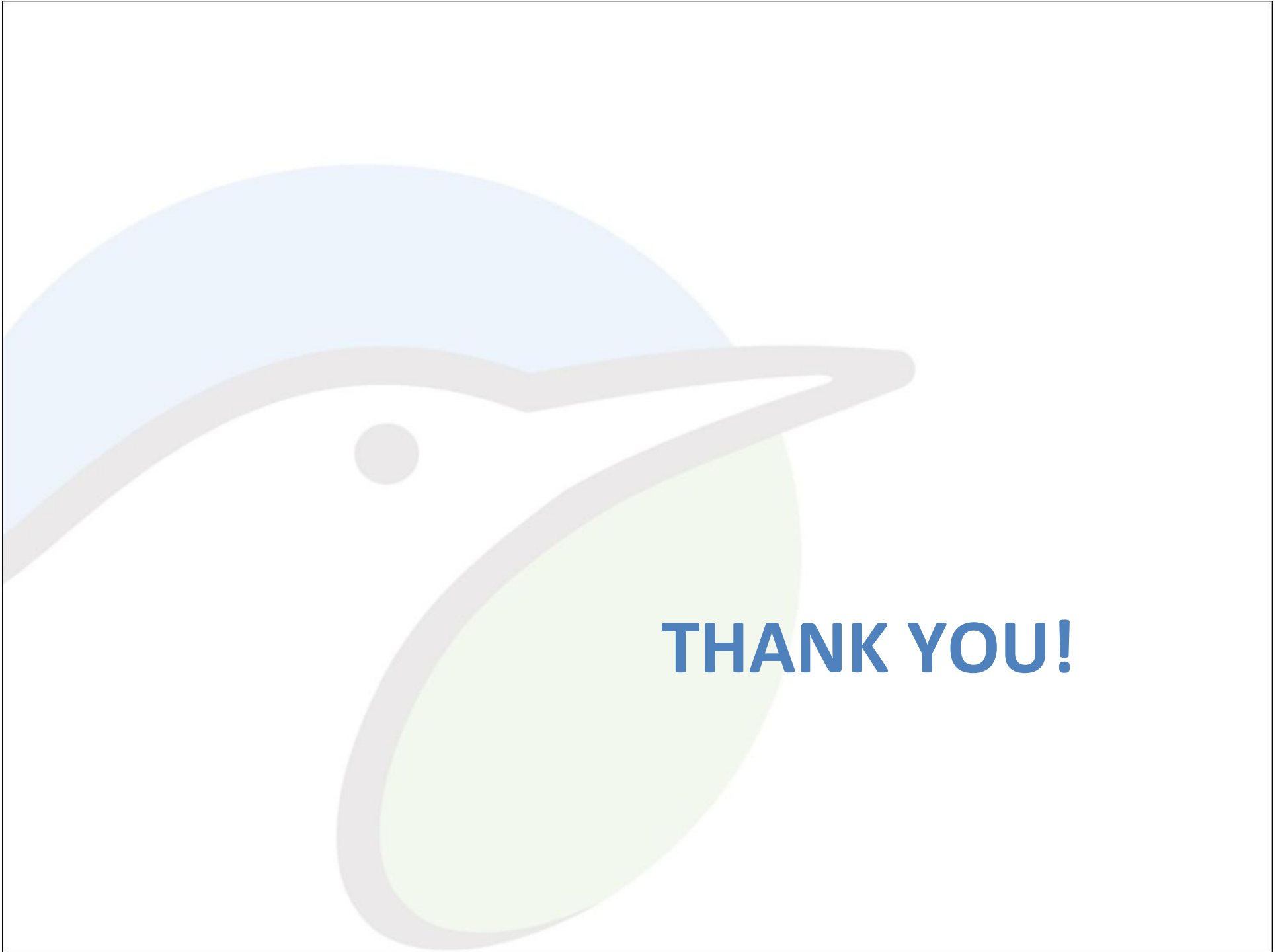
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