

OSPAR Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic

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POSH roadmap action sheets submitted by Spain

Action 32	Develop relevant measures for preventing and reducing oil pollution within OSPAR Region IV
Participants	Spain, Portugal with the assistance of EIHA representatives and JWGBIRD members.
Development Plan:	<p>The aim is to develop and share measures and actions in order to prevent and combat oil pollution incidents in marine areas within Portuguese and Spanish waters where guillemots are likely to occur in high numbers (mainly foraging grounds used for wintering birds).</p> <p>At this stage, monthly seabird sensitivity maps to accidental oil pollution have been elaborated for Spain's and Portugal's Iberian waters (and also for France's waters) within OSPAR Region IV in the framework of the 'Mapping bird sensitivity to marine oil pollution' Project (MarineBirdOliMap; ECHO/SUB/2016/742536/PREP25), coordinated by SEO/BirdLife and with the participation of the Portuguese (SPEA) and French (LPO) partners of BirdLife, as well as Birdlife International itself. These seabird sensitivity maps integrate information for each species, namely distribution models and sensitivity indexes to oil spills, and are essential tools to reinforce oil pollution preparedness, response and cooperation efforts. As part of the work done, spatial distribution models for Guillemot are available, enabling the identification of the most sensitive sites for this species, depending on the time of the year, providing a basis for the definition of priorities for protection and for planning prevention measures to oil pollution.</p> <p>The foreseen roadmap would include the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop or update the corresponding national/regional oil spill contingency plans integrating these seabird sensitivity maps; 2. Consolidate seabird monitoring programmes at-sea in order to improve knowledge on the Guillemot distribution off the Atlantic Iberian coasts and to upgrade spatial distribution models and sensitivity maps;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Carry out risk analysis (combining higher probability of occurrence of guillemots and potential sources of accidental pollution) to identify High Risk Areas; 4. Identify preventive measures to minimize the risk of spillage in these sensitive areas; 5. Submit any proposal of possible preventive measures to competent authorities (e.g. measures related to maritime traffic to IMO); 6. Planning response and clean-up actions in case of oil incidents affecting these sensitive areas; 7. Promote training for on-site responders (local authorities and organizations) to undertake prompt and effective response operations in case of oil incidents; 8. Ensure effective protection and implementation of appropriate management measures in key marine areas for Guillemot (e.g. marine IBAs or SPAs);
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Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seabird sensitivity maps to oil pollution available: (by the end of 2018) • Update of contingency plans with oil-spill sensitivity maps. In the case of Spain, firstly these maps will be integrated into the 'Guidelines for the Development of Response Plans to Oiled Fauna and Action Protocols' (2019) • Seabirds monitoring programmes at sea in place: 2019 (Spain) and XXX (Portugal) • High Risk Areas for Guillemot identified : (by the end of 2019) • Proposal of preventive measures to be implemented: (2020/2021) • Proposal of response and clean up-actions against oil incidents: (2019) • Training and exercises for on site-responders: (from October 2019 on) • Promote implementation of management measures in key areas for Guillemot: (on-going)
Stakeholders to engage	OSPAR Relevant CPs, Regional Governments, local authorities and organizations, experts on Guillemot, SPEA and SEO/BirdLife
Other Competent Authorities:	IMO, MARPOL Convention
Product(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seabird Sensitivity maps to oil pollution in OSPAR Region IV - High Risk Areas for Guillemot identified within OSPAR Region IV - Proposal of preventive measures to be implemented - Proposal of response and clean-up actions - Implementation of management measures in key areas (IBAs, SPAs, other marine protected areas for Guillemot)
Barriers to progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current knowledge on Guillemot distribution at-sea - Limited financial resources from the CPs.