OBJECTIVES

- To maintain and/or restore the population levels of bird species in the SPA Protocol’s Annex II to a favourable conservation status and to ensure their long-term conservation.

PRIORITY LEVELS

Species level
- The present Action Plan should be implemented for all species in Annex II of the Protocol on SPAs and Biological Diversity.
- The conservation of globally threatened species is to be considered one of the main priorities of the present Action Plan.
- The conservation of other species, which have an unfavourable conservation status at regional level, should also be a priority.

National level
- To map the distribution of the species on land as well as at sea.
- To identify areas at sea which are important for birds.
- To identify and control threats.
- To carry out proper Environment Impact Assessments for all proposed development where any of the species occur.
- To develop and implement appropriate legislation.
- To pursue the principles and requirements of Agreements and Conventions.

Regional level
- To strengthen co-operation and exchange of information and experience in research.
- To promote and support the identification of areas at sea which are important for birds.
- To promote the creation and monitoring of protected areas of coastal and marine areas important for birds.
- To prevent and/or control the expansion of invasive species, particularly on small islands of high biological importance for birds.
- To identify and monitor migratory hotspots.

ACTIONS TO ATTAIN THESE OBJECTIVES

- Establishment of a directory of organisations and experts concerned with the threatened and endangered bird species in the Mediterranean (2006).
- Support research programmes to fill gaps in knowledge of threatened species (2003 - 2006).
- Support the implementation of National Action Plans (e.g. Libya and Albania).