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WHO WE ARE

BirdLife Cyprus is a registered, non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) that works to conserve wild birds, their habitats and wider biodiversity, and maintain a healthy environment in which people on the island can prosper alongside nature, in Cyprus, through research, monitoring, lobbying and conservation and awareness-raising actions.

It was formed in 2003 through the merger of two Cyprus Ornithological Societies, and now has offices in Strakka, Nicosia.

BirdLife Cyprus is the official partner of BirdLife International in Cyprus. BirdLife International is the world's largest nature conservation Partnership and is widely recognised as the world leader in bird conservation, with 119 BirdLife Partners worldwide – one per country or territory – and growing. The BirdLife Partnership works locally to deliver high impact and long-term conservation for the benefit of nature and people.

www.birdlifecyprus.org

Our Vision

An island with healthy ecosystems, where people actively safeguard nature for a sustainable future.

Our Mission

Protecting the wild birds of Cyprus, their habitats, and wider biodiversity through monitoring, conservation and education actions, and by developing people's appreciation of nature.

SAVING SPECIES

Systematic Species Monitoring

Thanks to the dedication of the BirdLife Cyprus team of volunteer bird recorders, systematic bird monitoring work continued in 2016. More than 35 volunteers were involved in counts for Common Breeding Birds, Atlas work (including nocturnal bird surveys), Waterbirds, migrant raptors, European Rollers, Griffon Vultures and the Audouin's Gull. In total, over 500 surveys were carried out at more than 200 different sites/locations.

The 2016 monitoring effort was funded through a number of projects, including the *'Akrotiri Marsh Restoration: A flagship wetland in the Cyprus SBAs'* project funded by the Darwin Initiative through UK Government funding, in partnership with the British Sovereign Bases (SBA) environment team and the RSPB, a grant from the MAVA Foundation administered by Schweizerische Vogelwarte Sempach (Swiss Ornithological Institute) on behalf of the European Bird Census Council for work under the new European Breeding Bird Atlas project (EBBA2), and the *REDFOOT* (LIFE11/NAT/HU/000926) and *ROLLERLIFE* projects (LIFE13/NAT/HU/000081) coordinated by MME/BirdLife Hungary.





Bird Recording

The BirdLife Cyprus Bird Recorder, Jane Stylianou, received more than 60,000 records from local and visiting birders, volunteers, survey workers and BirdLife Cyprus Council members and staff.

For the second year running, the low rainfall affected the variety of species recorded but four new species were added to the Cyprus list – a **Brown-necked Raven** *Corvus ruficollis* spent two days at Cape Greco in March; an **Amur Falcon** *Falco amurensis* was with the migrating Red-footed Falcons *Falco vespertinus* at Anarita Park, Paphos, for a couple of weeks, from the end of April, delighting birders and photographers; a **Rustic Bunting** *Emberiza rustica* was at Paphos Sewage Plant briefly at the end of November; regrettably the fourth addition, an **Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis*, was a shot bird, highlighting the problems faced by migrants throughout the Mediterranean.

The BirdLife Cyprus Google Group and the BirdLine continued to update local and visiting birders on the latest sightings during the year. The sightings received by the Recorder were collated and published in the Monthly Checklist throughout 2016.



Bird Ringing

BirdLife Cyprus continued running the Cyprus ringing scheme registered with EURING, during 2016. The majority of the ringing effort took place in the Polis/Pafos area, and during the year, 5,061 birds of 101 species were ringed, and 130 were re-trapped i.e. birds that were ringed on other occasions and were re-caught.

In September 2016, Alan Crabtree, long-serving BirdLife Cyprus Ringing Officer, passed away after a short and sudden illness. Alan managed the Cyprus ringing scheme and database for 16 years and made an enormous contribution to bird ringing in Cyprus. He will be sorely missed.



Monitoring the Cyprus Griffon Vulture population



The releases of Griffon Vultures from Crete in 2015 under Project GYPAS, which aimed to strengthen the Cyprus population of vultures, were followed by a string of bad news. One of the released birds was found dead in November 2015, and six more vultures were found dead in 2016 (three from the wild Cyprus population). The samples from the dead vultures were sent to Israel for analysis and the results showed that the birds died as a result of poisoning. Furthermore, 2016 was a year when no nesting was recorded.

At the last winter census, in winter 2016, the Griffon Vulture population was estimated at around 21 individuals. Although this is more than double the population size at the start of project GYPAS, the death of seven birds in the winter of 2015-2016 is a terrible blow for conservation.

We continue to sound the alarm and to push the government authorities to take all necessary measures to protect our vultures and we stand committed to working with the authorities to combat the illegal use of poisons in the Cyprus countryside.

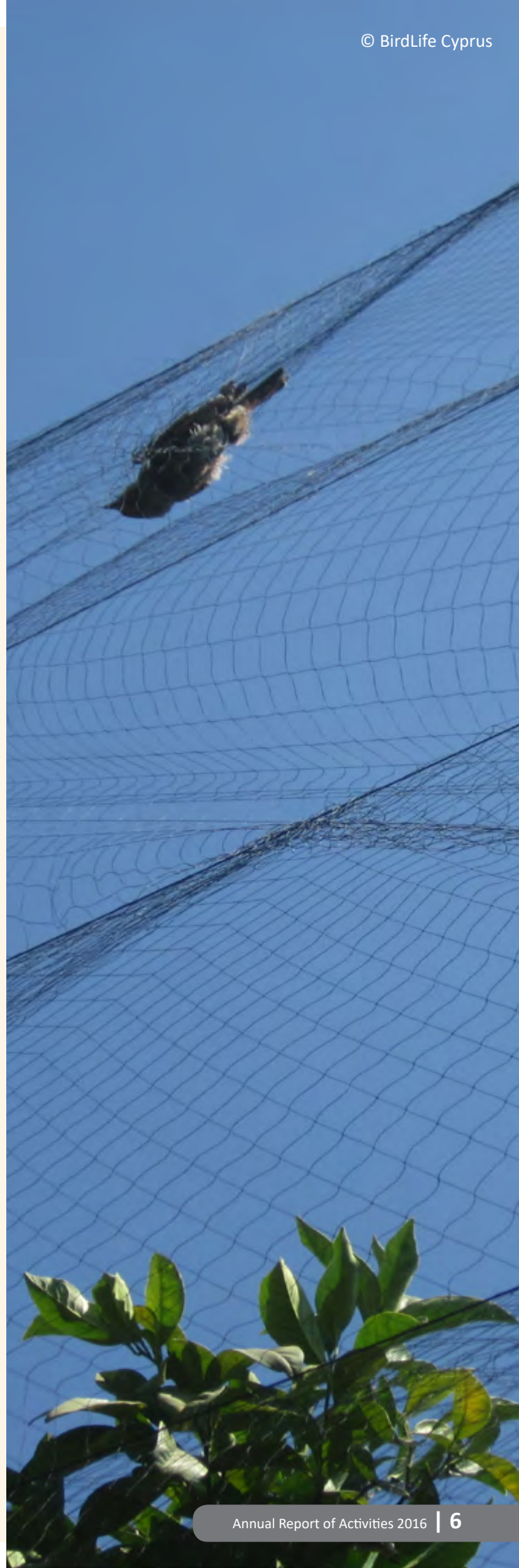
Campaign against illegal bird trapping

BirdLife Cyprus continued the systematic surveillance programme on illegal bird trapping, which has been ongoing since 2002. In 2016 BirdLife Cyprus undertook winter, spring and autumn surveys with the help of volunteers, whose hard work is greatly appreciated. The monitoring work is undertaken with support from the RSPB since the start of the programme in 2002 and from NABU since 2013.

Mist netting activity for autumn 2016 was 25% lower compared to 2002 (baseline) levels. Nonetheless, mist netting activity remained at much higher levels in autumn 2016 than a decade ago, when the trapping levels were 80% lower compared to 2002 (baseline) levels. The extensive trapping with mist nets is further verified by enforcement statistics, as for the period August-October, more than 850 mist nets were confiscated by the competent authorities, the highest number confiscated in the last 6 years.

A pioneering method for tackling illegal bird trapping in Cyprus was used by the RSPB and BirdLife Cyprus, namely covert surveillance to gather evidence. This work began in autumn 2016, when RSPB Investigations experts came to Cyprus and worked in close collaboration with the SBA Police, installing cameras at bird trapping sites in the Dhekelia SBA. This was the first time surveillance was used in Cyprus with the aim to catch illegal bird trappers in the act. The results exceeded our initial expectations, with 19 bird trappers being prosecuted. The footage obtained showed trappers setting up and removing birds from mist nets, killing them with knives and tossing them into bags. All the footage gathered was used as evidence before the Dhekelia SBA Court, which resulted in fines of up to 2,500 euros or 6 months imprisonment (suspended for three years). These fines have been among the highest handed down by the Dhekelia SBA local court for illegal trapping, an excellent outcome indeed.

In the Republic of Cyprus there was a proposed relaxation amendment to the Law 152/2003 on '*The Protection and Management of Wild Birds and Game Species*', which was a clear indication of the lack of political will to tackle bird trapping as a result of the pressure exerted by the pro-trapping lobby. This proposed law change was submitted by the Game and Fauna Service to the Cyprus Parliament for discussion and voting in late June 2016, without public consultation with all key stakeholders. In August 2016 a public consultation was belatedly held on the law amendment. This amendment included various proposals that would essentially introduce a series of relaxations and loopholes to the existing legislative framework and BirdLife Cyprus has been strongly lobbying for the removal of these proposals.



Campaign against illegal bird trapping

With funding from the Champions of the Flyway birdwatching race, BirdLife Cyprus created its highly successful awareness raising campaign '153 birds', bringing the public closer to the wondrous world of birds.

Why 153? The campaign aimed to introduce to the public some of the bird species around us that are also sadly victims of this illegal activity - this was the number of affected species. By presenting the birds through beautiful photos accompanied by fascinating information on each species, a relationship was forged between the birds and the people who drew them in order to take part in the competition. As part of the campaign, a series of events took place, all of which were embraced by the public. Unfortunately however, by the end of 2016 the number of bird species known to be affected by illegal bird trapping had climbed to 154, with the addition of the Redwing.



BirdLife Cyprus continued with its important work of education and awareness-raising in schools and for organised groups. In 2016 over 1,800 children and young people had the opportunity to learn about the rich world of birds through presentations or by participating at BirdLife Cyprus' events, such as the family birdwatching events.



Furthermore, our feathered friend, 'Ulysses the Blackcap' and his important messages, travelled even further, through 234 shares on social media, a number surpassing all precedents.





CONSERVING SITES AND HABITATS

Restoration of Akrotiri Marsh



The Darwin project for the restoration of Akrotiri Marsh started in spring 2015, aiming at restoring this important wetland which is an integral part of the Akrotiri Peninsula wetland complex. During 2016, the project implemented some of its main conservation activities.



The main focus during 2016 was the improvement of the grazing scheme at the Marsh as grazing is a key management tool for the site, especially in relation to the control of reeds. Funding the purchase of Cyprus cattle for local graziers, erecting permanent fencing, providing electric fencing to graziers, building cattle sheds initiated appropriate conditions for sustainable grazing. Within the year the number of cattle on site increased by 36 animals. Another achievement was the transition from tethered animals to free range grazing which translates into more effective grazing.

Moreover, on-site management works were implemented such as reed clearance, ditch dredging and creation of open water areas aiming to attract Ferruginous Ducks, Black-winged Stilts and Spur-winged Lapwings.

The combination of landscaping works, water management actions and management of vegetation using grazing animals aimed at habitat modification in order to create a mosaic of habitats and increase species diversity while improving conditions for priority breeding species.

During 2016, the project also initiated procedures for the creation of visitor infrastructure for the site and by the end of the project in spring 2017 Akrotiri Marsh will be ready to welcome visitors.

Find out more about this project on www.akrotirimarsh.org



Developments on the Akamas Peninsula

Undoubtedly, the issue of Akamas was once again at the centre of our attention. With Akamas Peninsula being constantly under pressure for development, BirdLife Cyprus along with other organizations, groups and citizens, protested outside the House of Parliament in an effort to prevent a wrong decision of the Ministerial Council on the issue. Despite our protest on 11 January 2016, the Ministerial Council reached the following decisions:

- The declaration of a National Forest Park, which will include the whole State Forest and the public land in the Natura 2000 site of Akamas Peninsula, excluding all private land.
- The preparation of a new local plan for the whole of the Akamas area from the Department of Town Planning and Housing within the next 18 months, and also the review of the previous decisions of the Ministerial Councils.
- The adoption and implementation of conservation and nature protection measures which are included in the management plan for the area which was put to consultation, including those relating to privately owned land.

Moreover, the decision included a provision for hiring a consultant in order to prepare suggestions for ways to promote the National Forest Park and also the management of the whole Natura 2000 area.

In relation to the above decisions, it is noted that within 2016 there were no developments except the announcement of the boundaries of the Akamas National Forest Park. In addition, the implementation of the study for the 6220 Priority Habitat *Pseudo-steppe with grasses and annuals of the *Thero-Brachypodietea* began and was completed at the end of the year.

We also continued our collaboration with the other environmental NGOs in the context of the joint action on Akamas, on a number of projects proposed within the Akamas peninsula. Such projects included the big development at Agiovouni in Peyia, the camping site in the area of Aphodite's Baths and the issue of the Androlykou Quarries. We also supported a big concert event that took place in Limassol Molos area, on 27 March 2016, with the title 'Singing for Akamas'.

Undoubtedly, 2017 will be a year of major and important developments for Akamas Peninsula. BirdLife Cyprus will continue its fight for the protection and preservation of this area.



Singing for Akamas © P. Vryonides

IBA Caretakers network

The IBA Caretakers network started its action with the end of the IBACareCY program in 2015. In April 2016, a meeting of the IBA Caretakers network was held in Droushia, Paphos, which is located within the Akamas Peninsula and Agia Aikaterini-Agia Paraskevi Gorges IBA. There, the IBA Caretakers had the opportunity to discuss their experiences so far, to receive training on GPS and Google Earth technologies and to complete the annual report. The workshop also included an on-site visit to different areas of the IBA.

At the same time, throughout the year, we continued to send to the Competent Authorities reports and complaints received from our IBA Caretakers. Most of the complaints involved issues that were unknown to the Competent Authorities and for which BirdLife Cyprus put pressure for action to be taken. For this exact reason BirdLife Cyprus believes in this network and is committed to make efforts to strengthen the network in the near future.



Completion of Management Plans

A 3-year contract with the Ministry of the Interior's Game and Fauna Service for the '*Preparation of Conservation Objectives and Management Plans for SPAs designated by Cyprus under the Birds Directive (2009/147/EC)*' - a tender won jointly by BirdLife Cyprus and I.A.CO Ltd - came to its end in September 2016.

The aim of this project was the preparation of management plans for the 30 Special Protection Areas (SPAs) of the Republic of Cyprus. The crucial point for the success of this project was the preparation of Favorable Reference Values (FRVs) for all trigger species, a task which was undertaken by BirdLife Cyprus and a number of experts from abroad.

Moreover, BirdLife Cyprus focused on the preparation of the management measures for the 30 SPAs. During these three years, almost 50 community visits took place, with some being very encouraging and others showing that there's still work to be done on raising public awareness on the importance of protecting and managing Natura 2000 sites.

The 30 management plans were submitted and are expected to be adopted by the Ministry of the Interior for their implementation.

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ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABILITY

#NatureAlert campaign saves EU nature laws

On 7 December 2016 the European Commission officially confirmed that the EU nature laws – the Birds and Habitats Directives – will be saved and not rewritten and weakened. This announcement ended two years of uncertainty over the future of the Directives.

Two years ago, the watering down of these Nature laws was considered a battle already lost. Throughout the #NatureAlert campaign, a European campaign to save the Nature Directives, organized by BirdLife Europe, the European Environmental Bureau, Friends of the Earth Europe, WWF Europe and over 120 European NGOs we have also been helped along the way by countless groups and individuals; there has been unprecedented support from business, Members of the European Parliament, Environment Ministers and scientists. In Cyprus, the action was supported by BirdLife Cyprus, the Cyprus Conservation Foundation - Terra Cypria, Friends of the Earth – Cyprus and the Federation of Environmental Organisations of Cyprus.

The undisputed heroes of this success have been the half a million European citizens who took the time to take a stand, to speak their mind and ultimately to make all the difference. In the summer of 2015, 520,325 Europeans told the EU to save our nature laws and make sure they are implemented properly, contributing to the largest response to any Commission consultation to date. BirdLife Cyprus participated actively in the campaign and got 1,600 signatures of support for the Directives from Cyprus.



Agriculture

BirdLife Cyprus continued to act as chair for the BirdLife Europe Agriculture Task Force during 2016, and the active support of the BirdLife Brussels office allowed us to suggest amendments to the new Rural Development Plan for Cyprus through the European Commission, which led to some improvement in the biodiversity value of schemes funded for Cyprus farmers.

But the principal focus of our agriculture campaign work was through the drawing up of the management plans for Natura 2000 sites for birds (turn to page 11 for more). Included in these plans were our detailed recommendations for agri-environment-climate measures and other support mechanisms for farmers within Natura 2000 areas. The aim here was to secure funding for wildlife-friendly farming and also to support farming communities in these important areas.

Using Barn Owls for rodent control

In 2016 we completed the pilot project on using Barn Owls for rodent control. The project was implemented with funding from the Tasso Leventis Conservation Foundation and in collaboration with the SPNI (BirdLife in Israel) and aimed to promote the use of Barn Owls for rodent control as an alternative to poison use.

This is achieved by placing nest boxes in selected farmland areas. This can attract the nesting of the Barn Owl to the area and therefore, the local Barn Owl population increases, leading to an increase in the consumption of rodents, which is the Barn Owl's main food source. By controlling rodent population with Barn Owls, the use of rodenticides can be reduced, which is beneficial to wildlife and to human health.

During the project, BirdLife Cyprus together with a government official and a farmer visited Israel, to gain more knowledge from the successful project that is being implemented there. Following this visit, a group of Israeli experts visited Cyprus to participate in a relevant workshop and share their knowledge and expertise.

Barn Owl nest box © N.Netien



Furthermore, we organized a number of visits and meetings in villages and engaged with interested farmers. In total, we installed 27 nest boxes in various farmland areas of Cyprus and in collaboration with farmers who showed interest in using Barn Owls to control rodent population naturally.

Reducing the amount of poison being regularly put out in nature for rodent control is a major issue and BirdLife Cyprus is trying to find further funding to continue the awareness raising work necessary in order to reduce poison use. It is estimated that as many as 300 tons of anti-coagulant poison are placed in the countryside each year for rodent control in Cyprus. The side effects of this in the form of secondary poisoning are probably very serious, although not yet investigated. By contrast, Israel uses about eight tons of poison annually for rodent control, a very small amount compared to Cyprus.

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

WeNatureCY – voting and winning for nature



Ahead of the parliamentary elections, BirdLife Cyprus launched #WeNatureCy, an online campaign to engage the public and the candidates in matters related to the protection of Cyprus' nature.

The parties and their candidates were informed about the campaign, and were asked to make a pledge for the protection of nature. BirdLife Cyprus sent a manifesto to all parties and their candidates, prompting them to pledge their commitment to seven key-points on the protection of nature. The campaign reached its peak in the two weeks leading up to the elections.

Through the re-sharing of the campaign video, and other social media activations, such as the uploading of Cyprus' nature photos through Instagram, people were raising their voice and were asking candidates to show their commitment by adopting the manifesto.

Throughout the duration of the campaign, the names of all candidates who pledged for the protection of nature were announced online and voters were prompted to vote so that nature and its protection were also among the winners of the elections.

In total, 139 candidates out of the 493 supported the campaign while 21 out of the new 56 MPs are among those who pledged to protect nature.

BirdLife Cyprus's first Open Day

BirdLife Cyprus successfully held its first Open Day event on 14 May 2016, on the occasion of World Migratory Bird Day.

BirdLife Cyprus welcomed over 80 people who were interested to learn more about the rich world of birds in Cyprus, the wonder of bird migration, our organisation and its projects and campaigns, such as the ongoing campaign against illegal bird trapping. The programme of the day included a fun-filled experiential workshop for children, a screening of the Hellenic Ornithological Society (BirdLife in Greece) documentary 'Leaving is living' and drawing activities for all who wanted to enter the '153 birds' competition.

The event was funded by the MAVA Foundation.



Our events

In 2016 BirdLife Cyprus organised various events to reach out to the public and educate and raise awareness on the birds of Cyprus. Among them was the screening of the award-winning documentary 'The Messenger' that is being screened at international film festivals. It investigates the causes of large scale decline in different songbird populations, presents the compassionate people who are working to turn the tide and brings us face-to-face with a remarkable variety of human-made perils such as hunting, light pollution, pesticide use and the degradation and loss of habitats along migratory routes. The event was very well-attended, with almost 100 people turning up on the night of the screening and participating in the discussion that followed.

As every year, BirdLife Cyprus participated in the EuroBirdwatch, the biggest European birdwatching event hosted by 40 national partner organisations of BirdLife International in Europe and Central Asia. In 2016, BirdLife Cyprus organized three birdwatching events in Nicosia, Limassol and Paphos which were attended by 57 people. We also organized our first two family birdwatching events, one at Athalassa Park and one at Oroklini Lake, to introduce both adults and children to the enchanting world of birds and birdwatching. Through various educational and fun activities, participants were able to learn the ABC's of birdwatching, enhance their observation skills and enrich their knowledge about the natural world.

In conjunction with the SBA Environmental Department, we organized two events to clear some of the reeds at Zakaki Marsh, at Akrotiri, Limassol. Willing volunteers included members and staff of BirdLife Cyprus, staff from the SBA Environmental Department, members of the Akrotiri Hunting Association and volunteers from the Akrotiri Environmental Education Centre who gathered at the site first thing in the morning to give a helping hand. The volunteers also managed to clear the rubbish and remove around 50 acacia bushes around the bird hide area. Controlling reed overgrowth is an important management tool for the site, not only because it obscures the view of the pool from the birdwatching hide to visitors and birdwatchers but also because their overexpansion reduces habitat diversity and therefore species diversity. By controlling the expansion of reeds and by clearing areas, open water areas are created that serve as suitable habitats for many species of plants as well as birds.

Lastly, we also participated in many fairs such as the Annual Environment and Culture Festival in September, the NGO Festival in May, as well as many Christmas fairs such as the Goethe Christmas Fair and Politis Newspaper Christmas fair, where we had the chance to promote our work and inform the public about our projects and activities and also exchange ideas.



Our publications

- **Monthly Checklist:** During 2016, BirdLife Cyprus published the Monthly Checklist with many articles on bird identification, species to see, which also of course includes all the bird sightings of the previous month. This was sent electronically once a month to all members.
- **Quarterly Magazine 'Cyprus Wheatear':** BirdLife Cyprus also produced the quarterly magazine 'Cyprus Wheatear' keeping its members updated with the latest news and informed about Cyprus birds.
- **Electronic newsletter:** BirdLife Cyprus sent to its 4,000 newsletter subscribers its monthly e-newsletter.
- **Cyprus Bird Report:** We produced the Cyprus Bird Report for 2014, which like every year, includes species charts and tables and a full Cyprus bird list.
- **Birds of Cyprus Checklist:** The Birds of Cyprus Checklist for 2016 was also produced with tables of monthly sightings and yearly occurrences for 2010 – 2015.

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Income (€)	2016	2015
Contribution from A. P. Leventis Conservation Foundation	160,000	160,000
Income from projects	304,458	180,326
Income from services rendered	36,696	29,510
Subscriptions from members	10,857	11,503
Subsidies	56,042	66,673
Other income	25,415	15,352
Total	593,468	463,364
Expenditure (€)		
Payroll cost	237,331	247,733
Office administration expenses	67,144	53,084
Project costs	205,934	106,937
Costs of services rendered	17,233	7,691
Third party services	24,674	4,214
Printing and publications	11,695	17,851
Campaign against illegal bird trapping	1,665	2,268
Transportation and travelling expenses	5,911	12,880
Obsolete and free stock	1,251	2,020
Diminution in value of shares	56	2,189
Finance cost	1,521	1,324
Purchase of bird rings	1,701	0
Total (€)	576,116	458,190
Surplus for the year (€)	17,352	5,173



Governance

AGM

The Annual General Meeting took place on 20 March 2016, at the Akrotiri Environmental Education Center in Limassol, with 43 members attending. At the AGM, there was a report on activities for 2015 and a presentation of the Audited Statements for 2015, and a presentation of the workplan and budget for 2016. These were approved by the members.

Council

The BirdLife Cyprus Council met four times during 2016. The Council members were as follows:

Melis Charalambides, Chairman
 John Stapley, Vice Chairman (until November 2016)
 Dave Walker, Vice Chairman (from December 2016)
 Stavros Christodoulides, Secretary
 Christakis Charalambides, Treasurer
 Eugene Benjamin, Member / Publications / Fundraising Officer
 Loria Phylakti, Member / Social Secretary
 June Neal, BirdLine Officer
 Dave Walker, Member / Fieldtrips Officer
 Chris Stavrou, Member (until June 2016)
 Filippos Georgiades, Member (from June 2016)

Staff

The BirdLife Cyprus staff during 2016 were as follows:

Foteini (Clairie) Papazoglou, Executive Director (until 31 October 2016)
 Martin Hellicar, Director (from 1 December 2016)
 Martin Hellicar, Research Coordinator (until July 2016)
 Christina Ieronymidou, Monitoring and Research Coordinator (from September 2016)
 Melpo Apostolidou, Project Coordinator
 Tassos Shialis, Illegal Bird Killing Campaigns Manager
 Natalie Stylianou, Media Officer (until September 2016)
 Elena Markitani, Development Officer
 Filio Ioulilianou, Natura 2000 Officer
 Myria Achilleos, Accountant
 Yiannis Christodoulides, Research Assistant (from March 2016)
 Romina Constantinou, Secretary

Acknowledging our Donors and Supporters

A number of people have helped BirdLife Cyprus during the year through their voluntary work.

First and foremost the members of the Council with their hard work, offering their time and expertise to BirdLife Cyprus.

BirdLife Cyprus depends a lot on volunteers, who give their time and expertise generously, and participate in the numerous surveys BirdLife Cyprus organises, help in events but who also watch over the IBAs of Cyprus through the network of IBA Caretakers. A big thank you is due to them.

The BirdLife Cyprus Recorder is also a volunteer. Jane Stylianou has worked tirelessly producing the Monthly Checklist, the Annual Checklist and the Annual Bird Report. A big thank you to her for her dedication and hard work.

The work carried out during 2016, could not have been done without the valuable and fundamental support from our donors.

The following were the main BirdLife Cyprus donors during 2016:

- Our President Mr. Tassos Leventis whose funding comes through the Tasso Leventis Conservation Foundation and contributes to our organisation's core funding. Mr. Leventis is acknowledged also for his invaluable general support and guidance to BirdLife Cyprus.
- The RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds / BirdLife in the UK)
- NABU (BirdLife in Germany)
- The MAVA Conservation Foundation, through BirdLife International and through the European Bird Census Council for work under the new European Breeding Bird Atlas project (EBBA2), and the REDFOOT (LIFE11/NAT/HU/000926) and ROLLERLIFE projects (LIFE13/NAT/HU/000081)
- The Oak Foundation for funding various actions under the anti-trapping awareness campaign, including the covert surveillance work.
- The A.G. Leventis Foundation for their annual donation
- The Darwin Initiative for the Akrotiri Marsh Restoration project
- The Champions of the Flyway birdwatching race for funding the '153 birds' campaign and WeNatureCY campaign ahead of the parliamentary elections
- The Cyprus Republic Game and Fauna Service for funding the production of Management Plans for SPAs in Cyprus
- The Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO) for part-funding our participation in the British Birdwatching Fair
- Our members (in Cyprus and abroad) through the subscriptions. Our work would not have been possible without the support of our members who add strength to our voice and help us reach our vision. Heartfelt thanks go to them for their ongoing support.





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