**Supplementary Material**

Preliminary assessment of the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds in the Mediterranean

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