**Table S4**. The 20 waterbird populations with the highest ratio between the estimated number of individuals killed/taken illegally per year in the Mediterranean and the flyway population size (only populations with a flyway polygon overlapping ≥10% of the country surface area were considered, see Methods). 2014 IUCN Red List category: LC = Least Concern, NT = Near Threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered. Trend of flyway population (Wetlands International 2015): DEC = Declining, INC = Increasing, STA = Stable, FLU = Fluctuating, U = Unknown.

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| **Species (IUCN Red List category) - Flyway population** | **Ratio of estimated no. individual birds illegally killed/taken to the Flyway population** **(min – max)** | **Mean score for basis of estimates (1 = informed expert opinion to 3= extrapolated from systematic monitoring)** | **Mean confidence in estimates (1 = not at all confident, 5 = extremely confident)** | **Migration status** | **Trend of the flyway population** | **Countries with the largest estimated no. individual birds illegally killed/year** |
| Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* (NT) - Western Siberia/SW Asia E & S Africa | 0.36 (0.15 – 0.84) 1 | 1.2 | 2.2 | Migrant | U | Libya, Italy, Albania,  |
| Marbled Teal *Marmaronetta angustirostris* (VU) - East Mediterranean | 0.24 (0.01 – 1.05) | 1.1 | 2.2 | Migrant | DEC | Turkey, Syria, Tunisia |
| Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* (LC) - leucorodia, Cent. & SE Europe/Mediterranean & Tropical Africa | 0.19 (0.12 – 0.27) 2 | 1.0 | 3.5 | Migrant | DEC | Libya, Tunisia, Egypt |
| Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* (LC) - alexandrinus, Black Sea & East Mediterranean/Eastern Sahel | 0.15 (0.06 – 0.27) 3 | 1.3 | 2.2 | Migrant | U | Egypt, France, Libya |
| Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna* (LC) - Black Sea & Mediterranean | 0.10 (0.05 – 0.15) 4 | 1.5 | 2.7 | Migrant | INC | Libya, Egypt, Syria |
| Common Coot *Fulica atra* (LC) - atra, Black Sea & Mediterranean (win) | 0.09 (0.05 – 0.14) | 1.2 | 2.4 | Migrant | INC | Egypt, Croatia, Turkey |
| Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (LC) - falcinellus, Black Sea & Mediterranean/West Africa | 0.08 (0.05 – 0.12) 5 | 1.0 | 3.5 | Migrant | U | Libya, Albania, Tunisia |
| Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* (LC) - cinerea, Central & Eastern Europe | 0.08 (0.05 – 0.12) 6 | 1.3 | 2.7 | Migrant | STA | Libya, Egypt, Italy |
| Little Stint *Calidris minuta* (LC) - N Europe/S Europe North & West Africa | 0.07 (0.04 – 0.11) 7 | 1.5 | 2.4 | Migrant | DEC | Egypt, Libya, Lebanon |
| Dunlin *Calidris alpina* (LC) - centralis, Central Siberia/SW Asia & NE Africa | 0.07 (0.04 – 0.10) 8 | 1.3 | 2.5 | Migrant | STA/DEC? | Egypt, Italy, Libya, |
| Greylag Goose *Anser anser* (LC) - anser, Central Europe/North Africa | 0.06 (0.02 – 0.11) | 1.3 | 2.3 | Migrant | INC | Croatia, Syria, Serbia |
| Common Crane *Grus grus* (LC) - (lilfordi), Turkey & Georgia (bre) | 0.06 (0.03 – 0.11) | 1.1 | 2.4 | Migrant | DEC | Libya, Lebanon, Tunisia |
| Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* (LC) - Central & NE Europe/Black Sea & Mediterranean | 0.05 (0.01 – 0.10) | 1.3 | 2.2 | Migrant | DEC | Italy, Egypt, Montenegro |
| Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* (LC) - Eastern Europe/West & Central Africa | 0.05 (0.03 – 0.09) 9 | 1.2 | 3.7 | Migrant | U | Libya, Lebanon, Albania |
| Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* (LC) - squatarola, C & E Siberia/SW Asia Eastern & Southern Africa | 0.05 (0.03 – 0.07) 10 | 1.3 | 2.5 | Migrant | U | Libya, Albania, Egypt |
| Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* (LC) - South-east Europe Black Sea & Turkey (bre) | 0.05 (0.02 – 0.08) | 1.5 | 1.8 | Migrant | STA/FLU | Egypt, Tunisia, Albania |
| Eurasian Wigeon *Mareca penelope* (LC) - W Siberia & NE Europe/Black Sea & Mediterranean | 0.04 (0.02 – 0.06) | 1.4 | 2.1 | Migrant | STA | Italy, Albania, France |
| Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* (LC) - Western Asia/SW Asia Eastern & Southern Africa | 0.04 (0.02 – 0.06) 9 | 1.2 | 3.7 | Migrant | U | Libya, Lebanon, Albania |
| Common Teal *Anas crecca* (LC) - crecca, W Siberia & NE Europe/Black Sea & Mediterranean | 0.04 (0.02 – 0.06) | 1.4 | 2.4 | Migrant | INC | Italy, Albania, France |
| Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei* (LC) - Black Sea & Mediterranean (bre) | 0.04 (0.01 – 0.07) 11 | 1.7 | 2.3 | Migrant | DEC | Tunisia, Egypt, Albania |

1 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 15,000-20,000 individuals illegally killed per year in Libya (85% of the total mean estimate)

2 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 1,500-2,000 individuals illegally killed per year in Libya (86% of the total mean estimate)

3 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 3,800-10,900 individuals illegally killed per year in Egypt (90% of the total mean estimate)

4 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 30,000-75,000 individuals illegally killed per year in Libya (86% of the total mean estimate)

5 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 3,000-5,000 individuals illegally killed per year in Libya (92% of the total mean estimate)

6 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 20,000-30,000 individuals illegally killed per year in Libya (88% of the total mean estimate)

7 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 13,000-37,600 individuals illegally killed per year in Egypt (92% of the total mean estimate)

8 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 19,400-55,900 individuals illegally killed per year in Egypt (85% of the total mean estimate)

9 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 3,000-3,500 individuals illegally killed per year in Libya (89% of the total mean estimate)

10 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 2,000-5,000 individuals illegally killed per year in Libya (76% of the total mean estimate)

11 This results is largely driven by an estimate of 2,600-9,200 individuals illegally killed per year in Tunisia (94% of the total mean estimate)