

Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas in the marine environment

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Humpback Whale and Short-tailed Shearwater ©Steve Elliott

What are marine Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas?

Identify and define boundaries for key sites for threatened and congregatory seabird species

- **1 Species of global conservation concern**
- **4 Congregations**
 - **4i** > 1% of biogeographic population of waterbirds
 - **4ii** > 1% of the world population of seabirds or landbirds
 - **4iii** > 20,000 waterbirds or 10,000 pairs seabirds

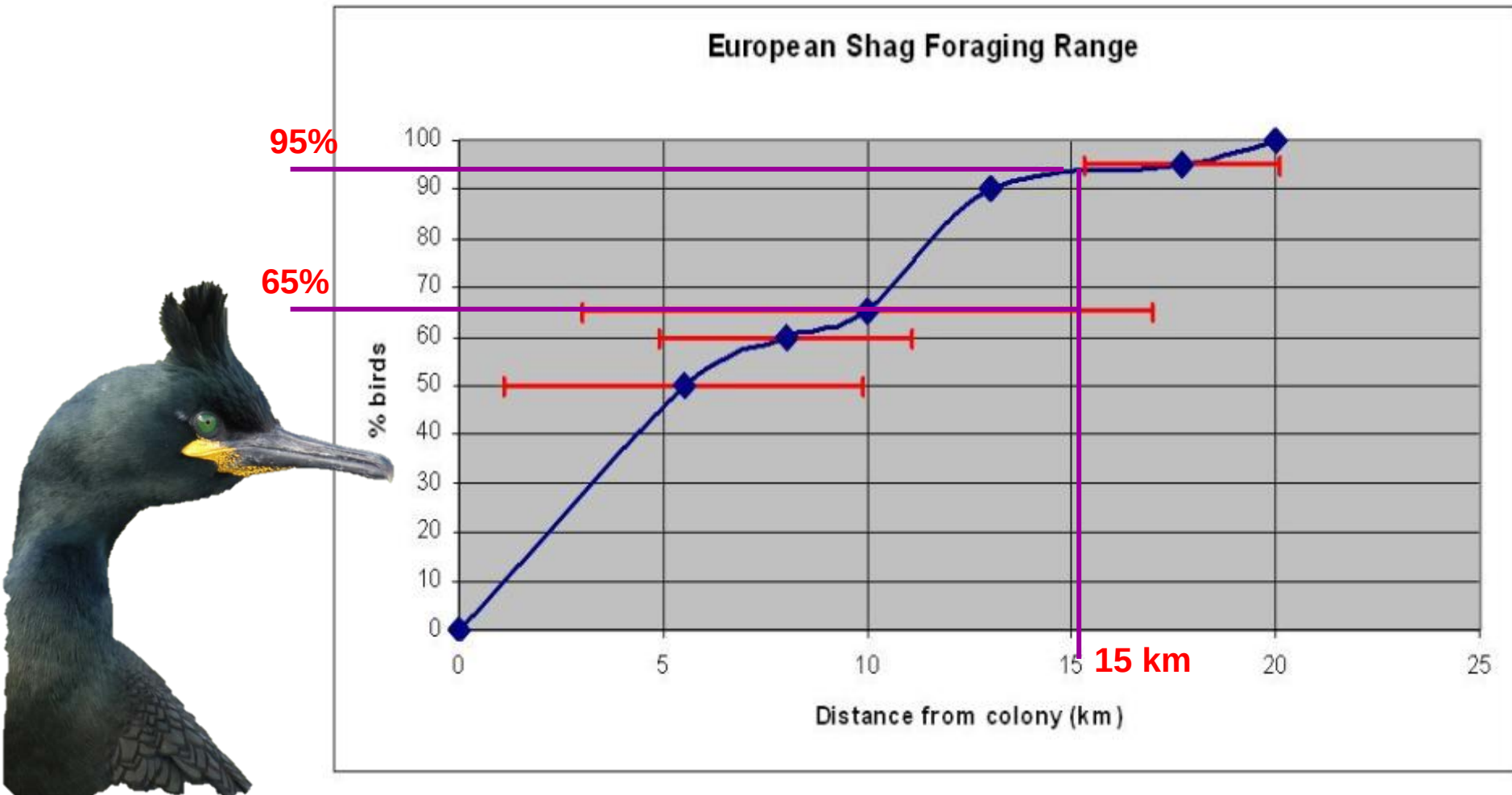


Available Data

- **Tracking Ocean Wanderers – global seabird tracking database** (new site about to be launched!) - www.seabirdtracking.org
- **Foraging habitat preferences**
<http://seabird.wikispaces.com/>
- **Key sites for seabird conservation**
www.birdlife.org/datazone/marine

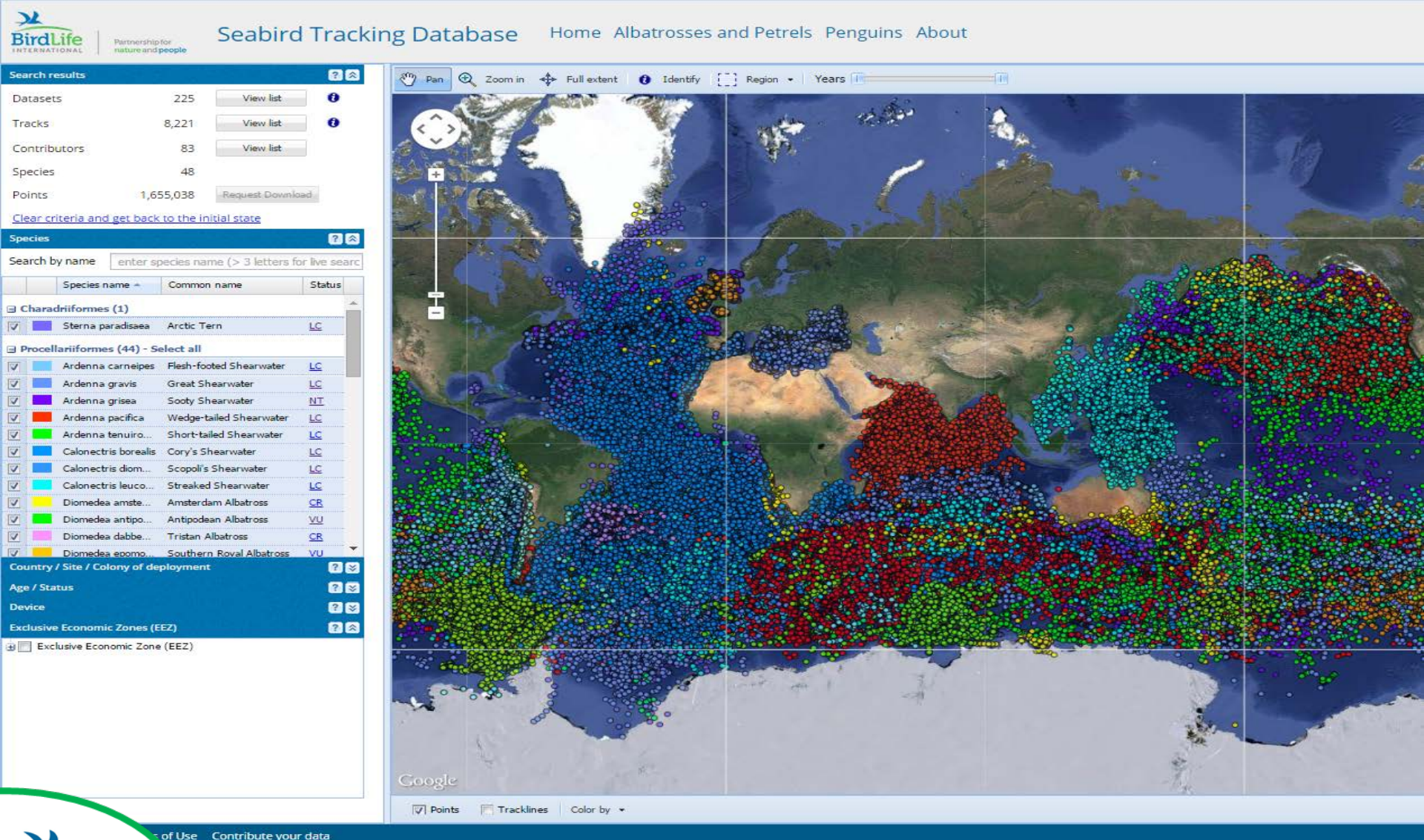
Sooty Tern colony © John Tayleur

Predicting foraging ranges from published studies



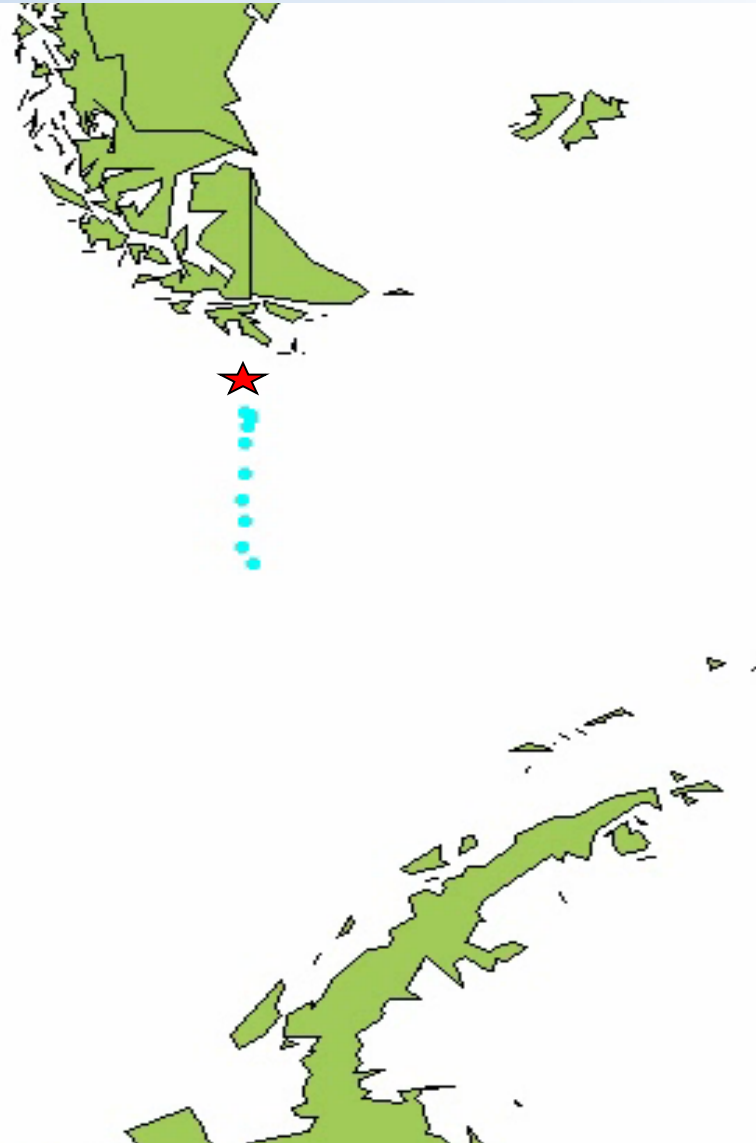
With a radius of 15km, the foraging areas of between 65% and 95% of the population of any European Shag colony are likely to be included

Tracking Ocean Wanderers



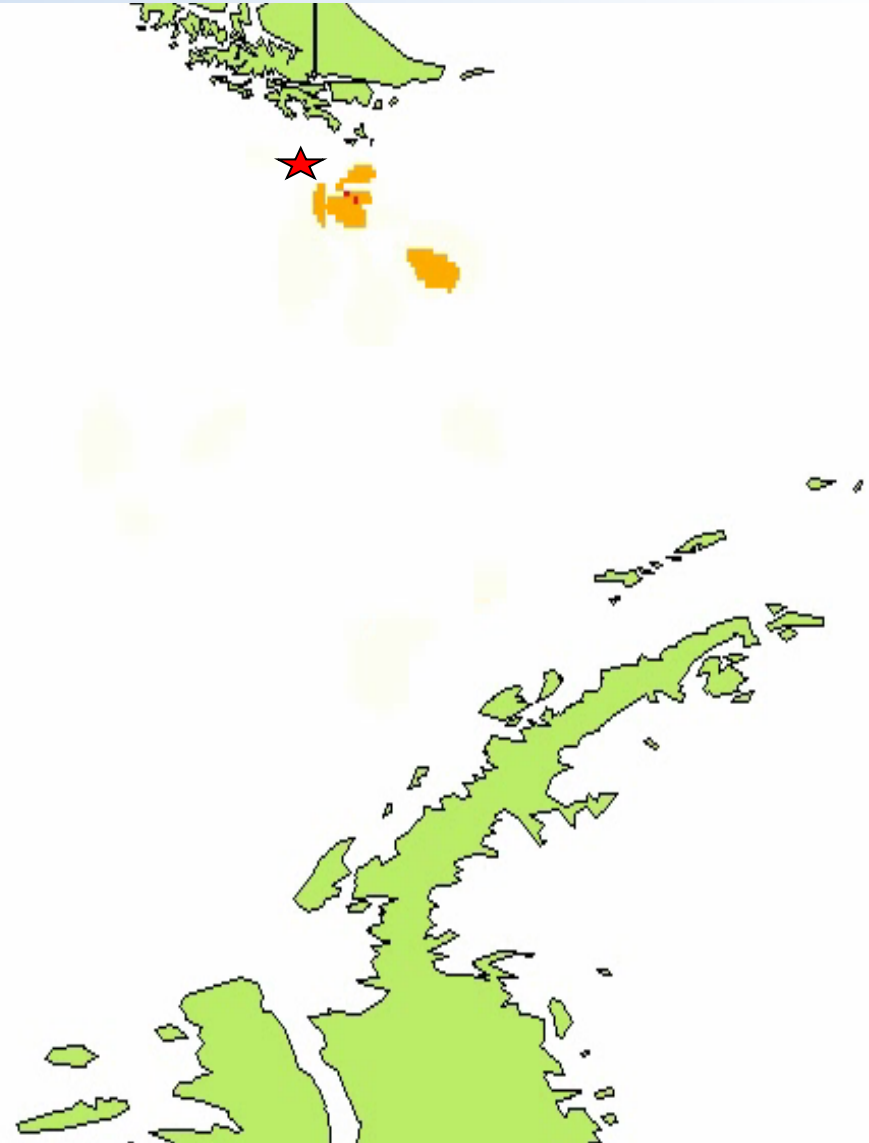
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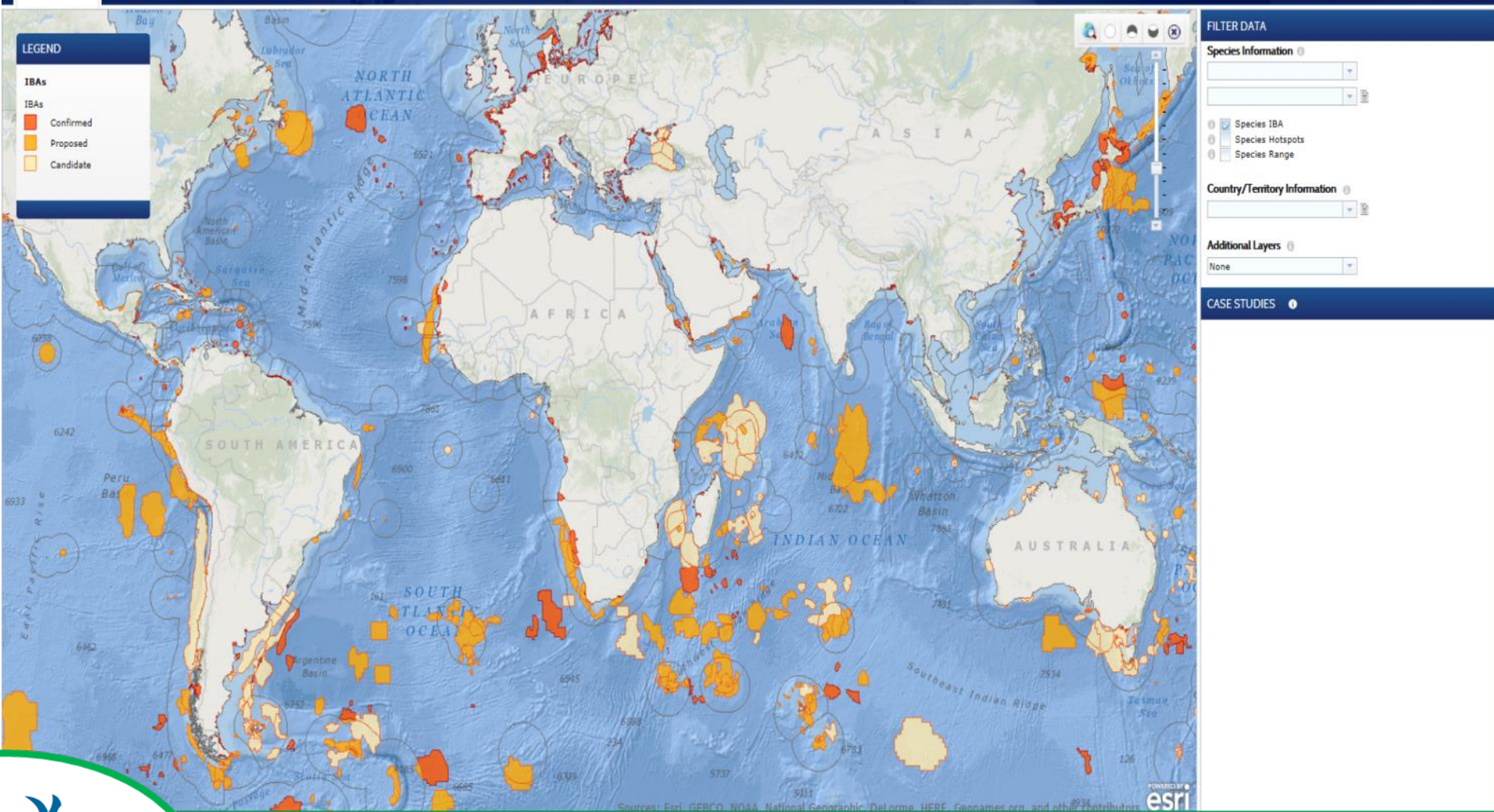
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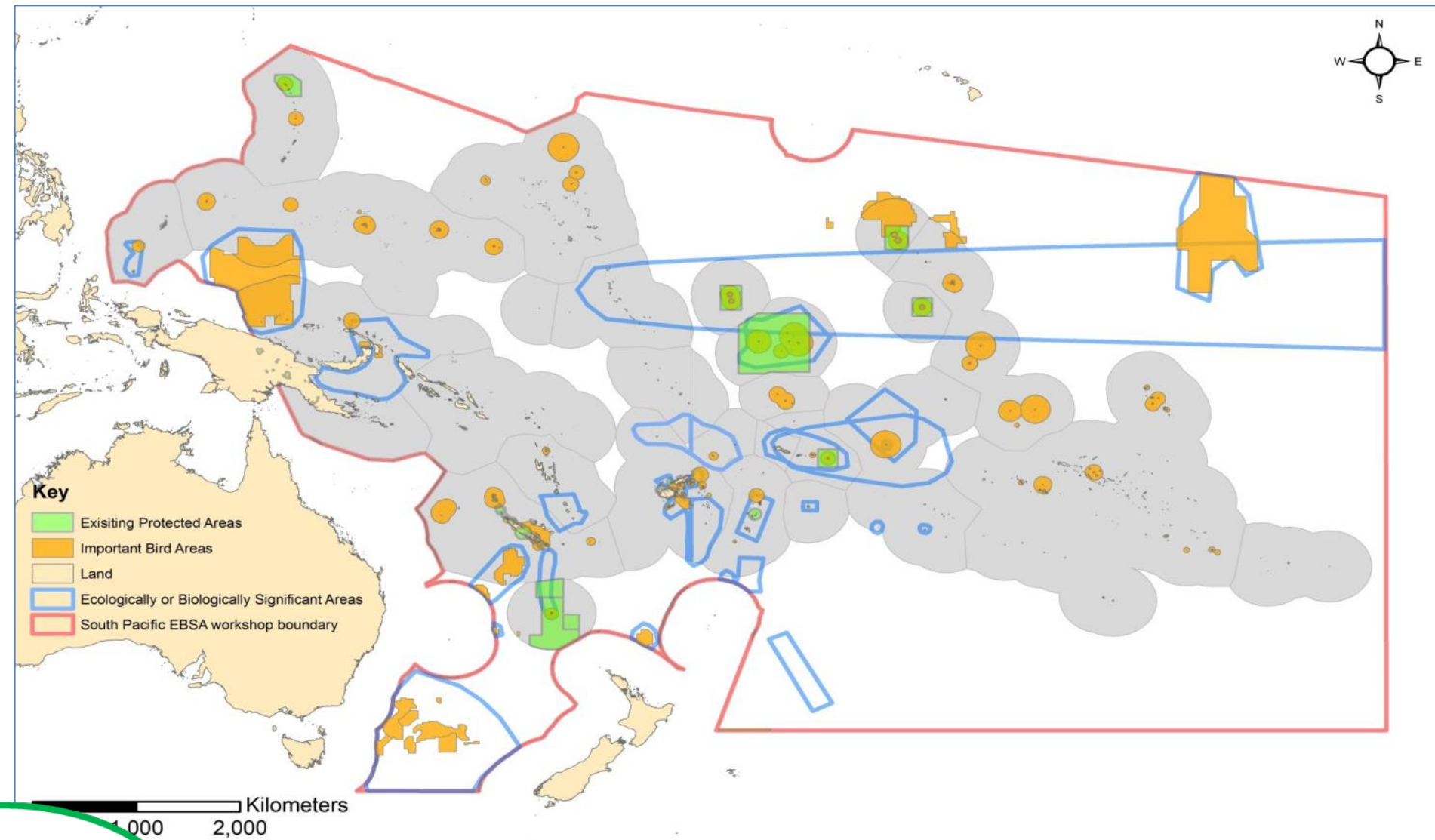
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Delivering site networks for seabird conservation

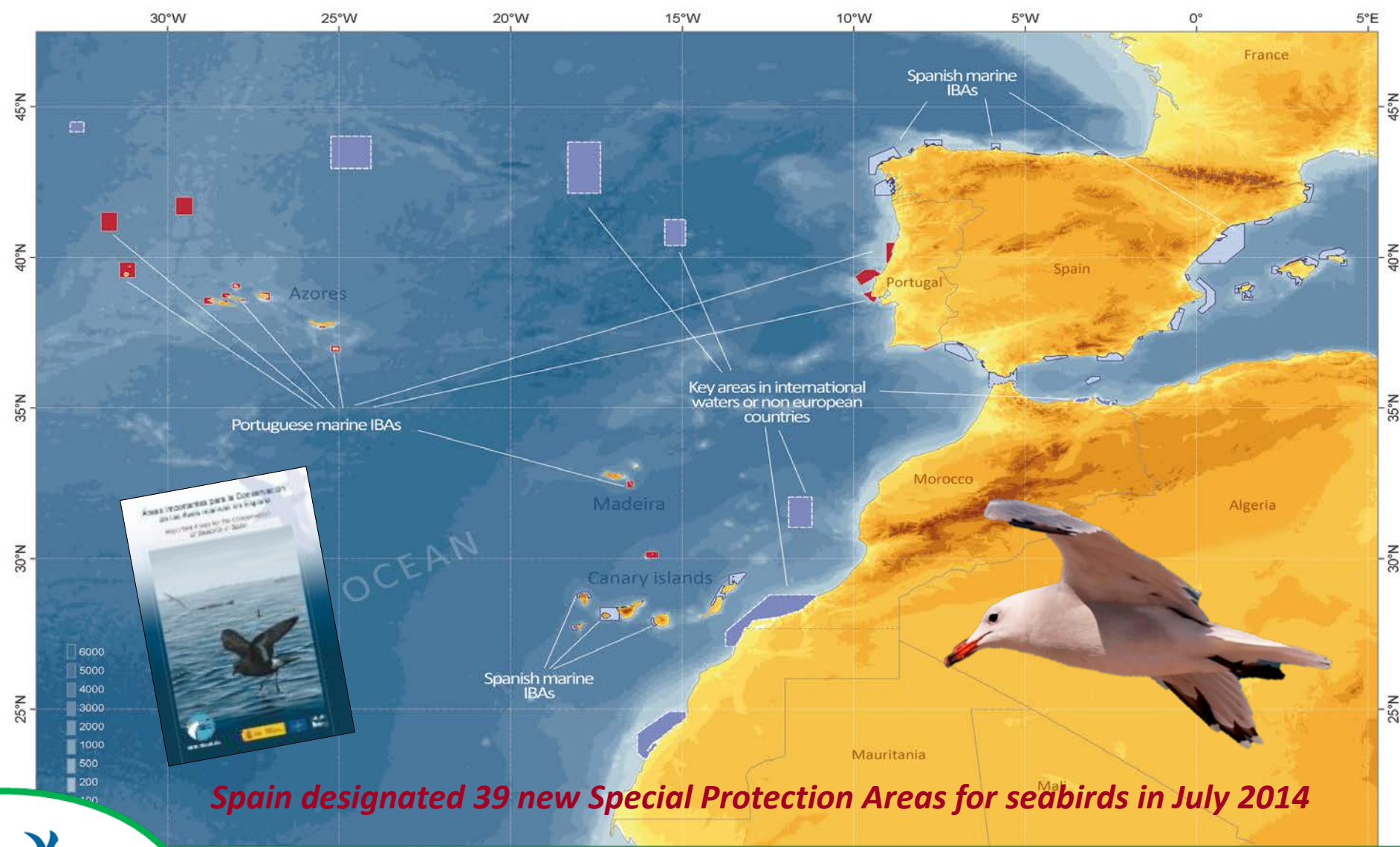
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CBD Ecologically or Biologically Significant Areas



Special Protection Areas for seabirds in Spain!



Spain designated 39 new Special Protection Areas for seabirds in July 2014

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