



# TACKLING WILDLIFE CRIME IN MALTA

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# INFORMATION ABOUT MALTA

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- 316 KM<sup>2</sup>
- 460,297 POPULATION
- 12,000 HUNTERS
- 4,000 TRAPPERS
- BIRD TRAPPING AND HUNTING TRADITION



# WHAT ARE THE WILDLIFE CRIMES IN MALTA?



*Photo: Pascale Kouassigan*

## WHAT ARE THE WILDLIFE CRIMES IN MALTA?

- ILLEGAL TRAPPING
- ILLEGAL HUNTING





WHAT ARE THE WILDLIFE CRIMES IN MALTA?

# TRAPPING



*Photo: BirdLife Malta*



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# “LEGAL” TRAPPING





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## “LEGAL” TRAPPING

- 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER
- GOLDEN PLOVER (QUOTA FOR THE SEASON 700)
- SONGTHRUSH (QUOTA FOR THE SEASON 5,000)
- USE OF LIVE CAGED BIRDS AS DECOYS (A MAXIMUM OF 10 BIRDS)
- BIRDS NEED TO BE MARKED WITH A PLASTIC RING (ISSUED SPECIFICALLY FROM THE AUTHORITIES)
- TRAPPING ON A REGISTERED SITE

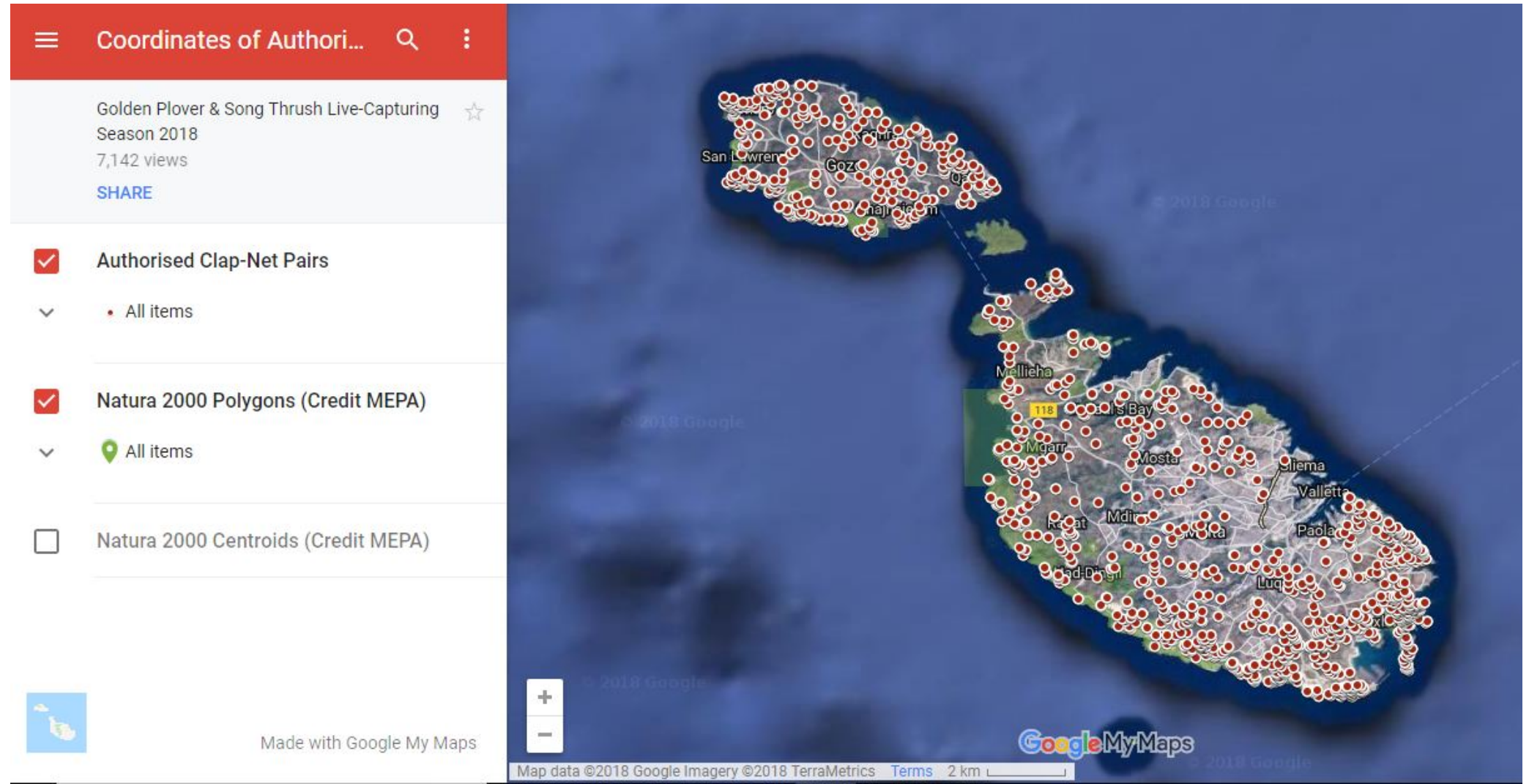
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# ILLEGAL TRAPPING

- FINCH TRAPPING
- WADER TRAPPING
- USE OF ELECTRONIC DECOYS
- TRAPPING IN THE DARK
- TRAPPING IN PROTECTED AREAS
- USING MULTIPLE NETS

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# HUNTING



*A MEPA enforcement officer chases after a poacher at the Foresta 2000 site.*

*Photo: Photo: Fiona Burrows, BirdLife Malta*

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# HUNTING

- 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY
- TURTLE DOVE 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER UNTIL 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER QUOTA 7000
- 40 SPECIES PERMITTED



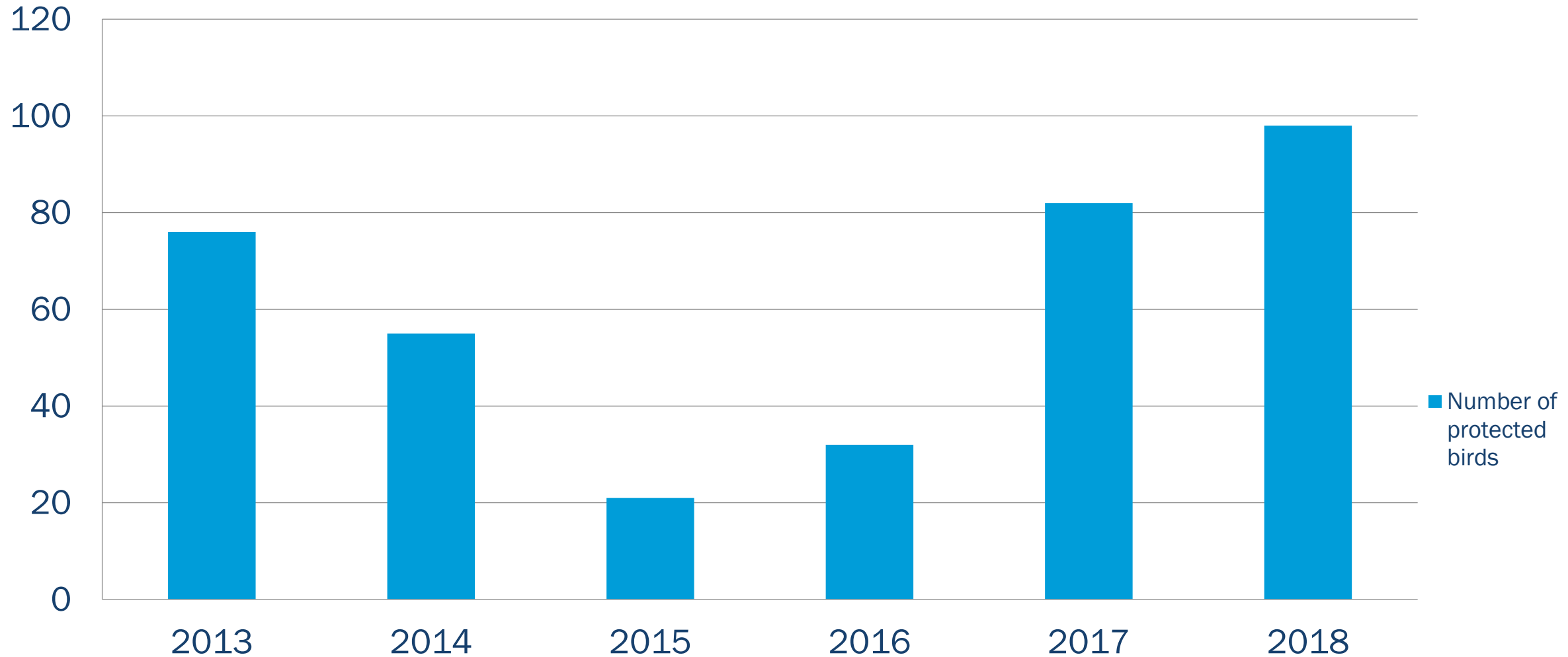
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# ILLEGAL HUNTING

- TARGETTING PROTECTED SPECIES
- USE OF ELECTRONIC DECOYS
- HUNTING OUTSIDE OF ALLOWED HOURS
- HUNTING IN PROTECTED AREAS
- HUNTING OUTSIDE OF THE HUNTING SEASON

## WHAT ARE THE WILDLIFE CRIMES IN MALTA?

Number of protected birds illegally shot and retrieved by BirdLife Malta



# HOW DOES BIRDLIFE MALTA TRY TO PREVENT THESE CRIMES?

- LOBBYING
- BIRD PROTECTION CAMPS
- EDUCATION
- OUTREACH TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC
- GETTING ADVICE AND IDEAS FROM OTHER PROJECTS ON WAYS TO COMBAT WILDLIFE CRIME



## HOW DOES BIRDLIFE MALTA TRY TO PREVENT THESE CRIMES?

### ■ LOBBYING





## HOW DOES BIRDLIFE MALTA TRY TO PREVENT THESE CRIMES?

### ■ BIRD PROTECTION CAMPS





## HOW DOES BIRDLIFE MALTA TRY TO PREVENT THESE CRIMES?

### ■ EDUCATION



*Photo by: Eleni Karatzia*



# HOW DOES BIRDLIFE MALTA TRY TO PREVENT THESE CRIMES?

## ■ EDUCATION



## HOW DOES BIRDLIFE MALTA TRY TO PREVENT THESE CRIMES?

### ■ OUTREACH



*Photo: BirdLife Malta*



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- GETTING ADVICE AND IDEAS FROM OTHER PROJECTS ON WAYS TO COMBAT WILDLIFE CRIME



*Life Themis Visit in Malta  
Photo by: Life Themis*

# LOCAL PEOPLE RESPONDING TO OUR EFFORTS

- GENERAL PUBLIC
- ARTISTS
- POLITICIANS



## LOCAL PEOPLE RESPONDING TO OUR EFFORTS

👉 Our kids deserve to see live marsh harriers fly above their heads.

The miracles of nature that makes them want to protect it. Because you protect what you know and what you love.

A big thank you to Birdlife Malta and the police who gave my children some hope in a sometimes grey world. It was nice to see the professionalism and passion.



José Herrera  
Clint Camilleri  
Joseph Muscat

What do you want for your kids? How would you defend this if it was your kids finding this? Are you out in nature with them?

@Photos: Cami Appelgren



**Keith Ellul Photography** is 🌱 feeling hopeful.

October 20 at 10:22 AM · 🌐

An early morning with a difference, while trekking for the usual weekend shoot in company of my friend Martin Agius – we ended up saving this Heron, found on the cliffs at Lapsi with shotgun wounds and a broken leg. I sincerely like to thank the Administrative Law Enforcement Section better known as A.L.E. especially PC1418 J.Sammut and his colleague PC789 M.Said for their immediate response, it took them only 15 minutes to arrive on location, I would like to thank them for the great job and care of capturing and taking the injured heron to the veterinary. Well done guys, keep it up !!!



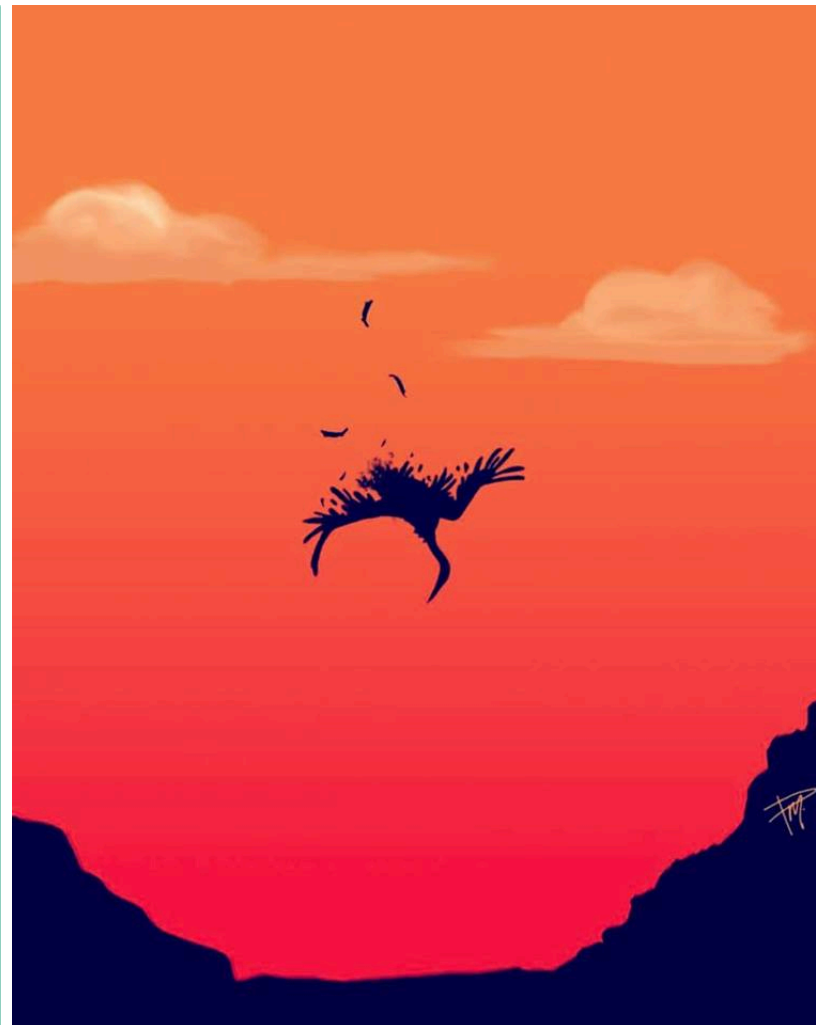
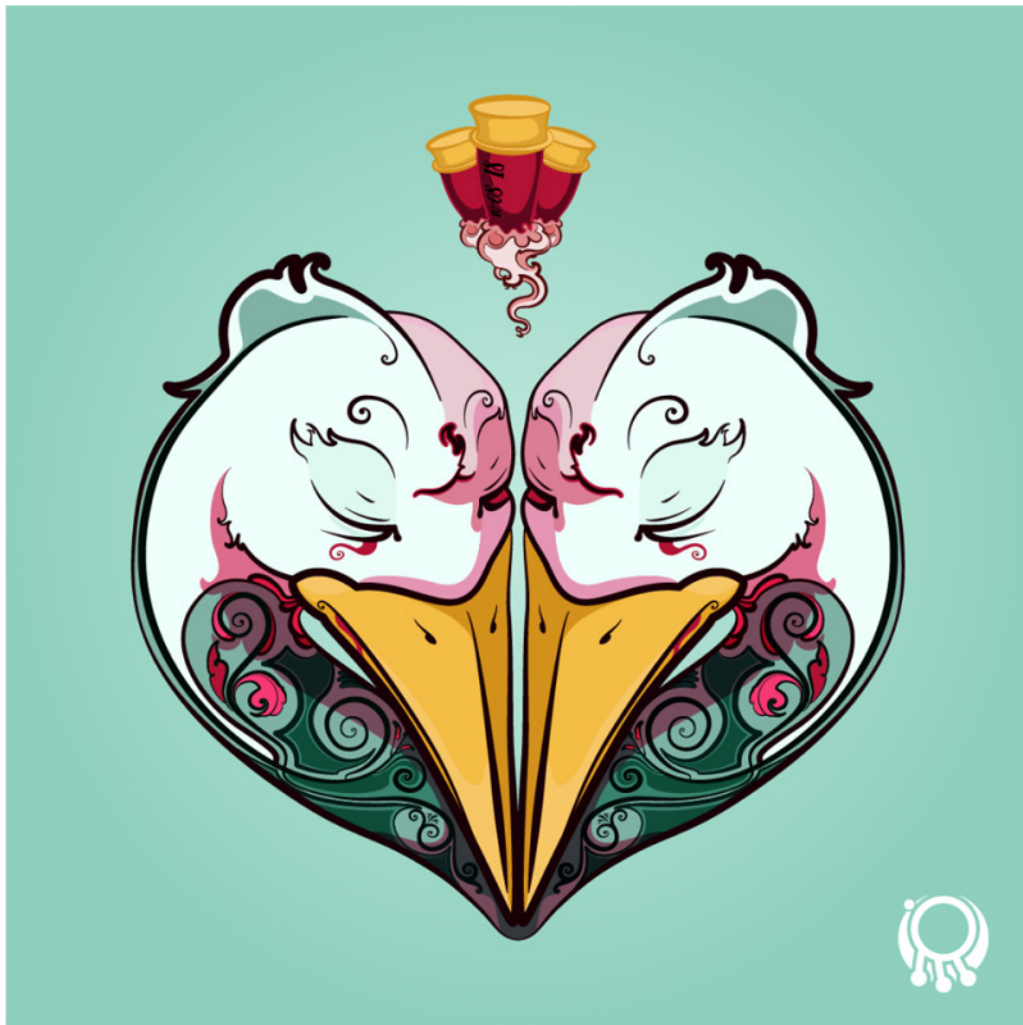
## LOCAL PEOPLE RESPONDING TO OUR EFFORTS



Unknown Artist  
Photo by: Rikki Lee Scicluna



## LOCAL PEOPLE RESPONDING TO OUR EFFORTS



*Illustration: Peter  
Magro*

*Illustration: Ramon  
Azzopardi Fiott*

## LOCAL PEOPLE RESPONDING TO OUR EFFORTS



**Clint Camilleri**

@Clint\_Camilleri

Following

Just in case you missed it: "A clear sign of a change in the Maltese hunting community" "not a single shot" - CABS. [@FKNKMALTA](#) [@BirdLife\\_Malta](#) [@TheTimesofMalta](#) [@maltatoday](#) [@IndependentMlt](#) [@saviourbalzan](#)



**Committee Against Bird Slaughter (CABS)**

Yesterday at 17:00 · 🌐

Raptors on Malta: Hundreds of birds of prey arrived in Malta last night and stayed at the Buskett Gardens nature reserve. In addition to about 500 Honey Buzzards and 100 Marsh Harriers, Montagu's Harrier, Lesser Kestrel, Peregrine falcons and Osprey were also seen. Expecting a 'hot morning' following a few incidents in recent days the CABS



**BirdLife Malta** @BirdLife\_Malta · Sep 15

Replying to [@Clint\\_Camilleri](#) [@FKNKMALTA](#) and 4 others

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**Clint Camilleri** @Clint\_Camilleri · Sep 15

No need to, [@BirdLife\\_Malta](#) & the 'independent' media do that part perfectly - inflating the few illegalities & ignoring all positive news. Well done [@CABS\\_REPORTS](#).

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**Mark Sultana** @marksult123 · Sep 15

[@JosephMuscat\\_JM](#) the above comment by junior minister [@Clint\\_Camilleri](#) is shameful & should be retracted. I call his bluff now. Show me which figures by [@BirdLife\\_Malta](#) are inflated. Same figures that WBRU have. Tal-misthija. [@saviourbalzan](#) [@JosephMuscat\\_JM](#)

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**THANK YOU!**