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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Conservation  
of the Dalmatian  
pelican along  
the Black-Sea  
Mediterranean  
Flyway



### PARTNERS:

**Rewilding Europe** – project lead

**Greece:** Hellenic Ornithological Society/BirdLife Greece (HOS)

**Bulgaria:** Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds (BSPB),  
Persina Nature Park Directorate

**Romania:** Rewilding Danube Delta, Romanian Ornithological Society/  
BirdLife Romania (SOR)

**Ukraine:** Rewilding Ukraine



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# "PELICAN WAY OF LIFE"

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## AN ICONIC SPECIES IN DANGER

With a wingspan of almost three metres and weighing in at over 10 kg, the Dalmatian pelican is one of the most impressive breeding birds in Europe. The Dalmatian Pelican is an ambassador for healthy and well connected wetlands in Europe.

The Dalmatian pelican is a globally threatened species. Extremely vulnerable across its entire geographical range, it is classified as "Near Threatened" on the IUCN Red List. The global population of the species has suffered a dramatic decline over recent decades, with the principal causes including collisions with power lines, habitat decline, disturbance, direct persecution by fishermen, and a lack of awareness amongst local communities

## WHAT THE PROJECT WILL DO

### STUDY AND RESEARCH

Scientific research on the species will be carried out using satellite telemetry, ringing and focused studies and counts, — this will enable the development of a GIS database. Assessments will be made of the risk of collisions with local power lines and the attitude of local communities towards fish-eating birds.



### CONSERVATION ACTIONS

#### Reduce collision risk

Bird diverters will be installed on at least 10 km of power lines at key sites, in cooperation with utility companies.

#### Enhance breeding and roosting

Artificial platforms will be built or enlarged along the flyway at key sites.

#### Reduce disturbance

New patrolling schemes will be established at seven sites, in collaboration with management authorities and hunting associations.



## PROJECT SCOPE

Pelican Way of LIFE - the principal conservation project for the Dalmatian pelican (*Pelecanus crispus*) in Europe and at global scale - aims to reduce the threats to the birds and improve their habitat at 27 sites in Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and Ukraine on the Mediterranean-Black Sea flyway. The project will also focus on scientific research and monitoring, the involvement of local stakeholders and communities in conservation efforts, and capacity building in Turkey, Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia.



### MONITORING

Key indicators related to roosting and nesting, disturbance, biology and migration, as well as the effectiveness of project activities, will be monitored during the project. The socio-economic impact of the project and its impact on nature-based services will also be measured.



### PUBLIC AWARENESS

Information and education campaigns and the development of online resources will engage the support of key stakeholders and raise of public awareness of pelican conservation. Efforts will also be made to promote nature-based tourism, enhance pelican conservation in neighbouring countries, and develop project networking.

