



# SPA network data: assessing completeness and accuracy

Unit ENV.D3 Nature conservation  
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## Work initiated end 2023

- Closer look at MS SPA data derived from Article 12 and Natura 2000 databases (SDFs)
- Use the outcome (country check lists) to understand the national SPA networks
- Conclusions on the quality of the data - gaps and inconsistencies identified:
  - Species names errors
  - Duplication of records
  - Missing numeric data and population assessments
  - Annex I species in SAC/SCI sites
  - Use of D category for large proportions of populations
  - Unclear use of OTHERSPECIES table

## Next steps in 2024

- Questionnaire on the SPA Network data completeness and data accuracy
- EU survey tool will be used – short and straightforward ?s
- Objective: Better understanding of MS approaches to SPA classification and SPA database
- To be sent to MS by end May 2024 – 3-4 weeks to reply
- Feedback on findings at next Reporting Group and NADEG
- 3 sections:
  - Site classification approach
  - Effect of including species in Section 3.2
  - Use of the SDF and data quality checks