

Recommendations from the Task Force on the Recovery of Birds (19/04/2023)

Unit ENV.D3 (Nature protection)

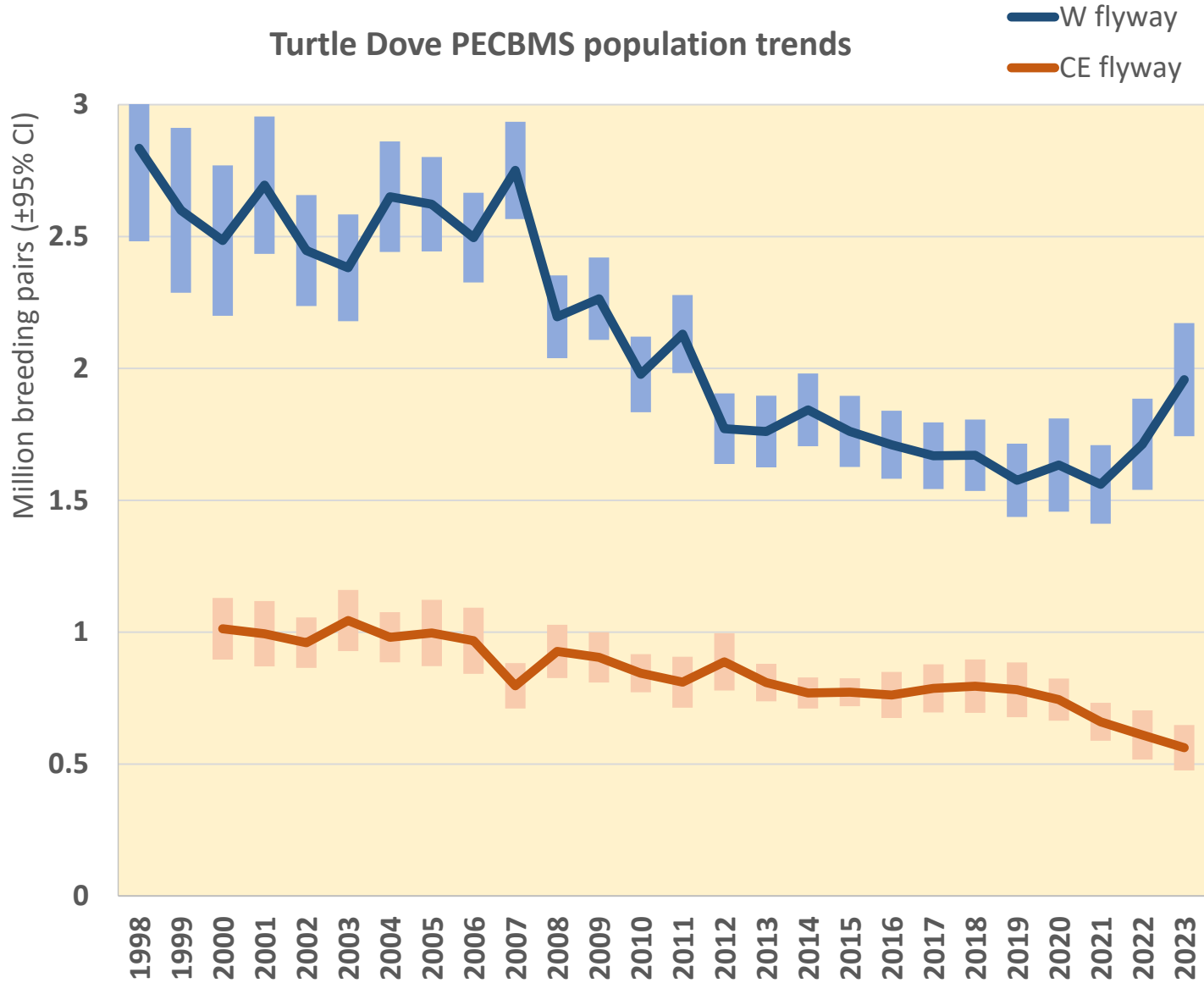
NADEG meeting of 14 May 2024



Background

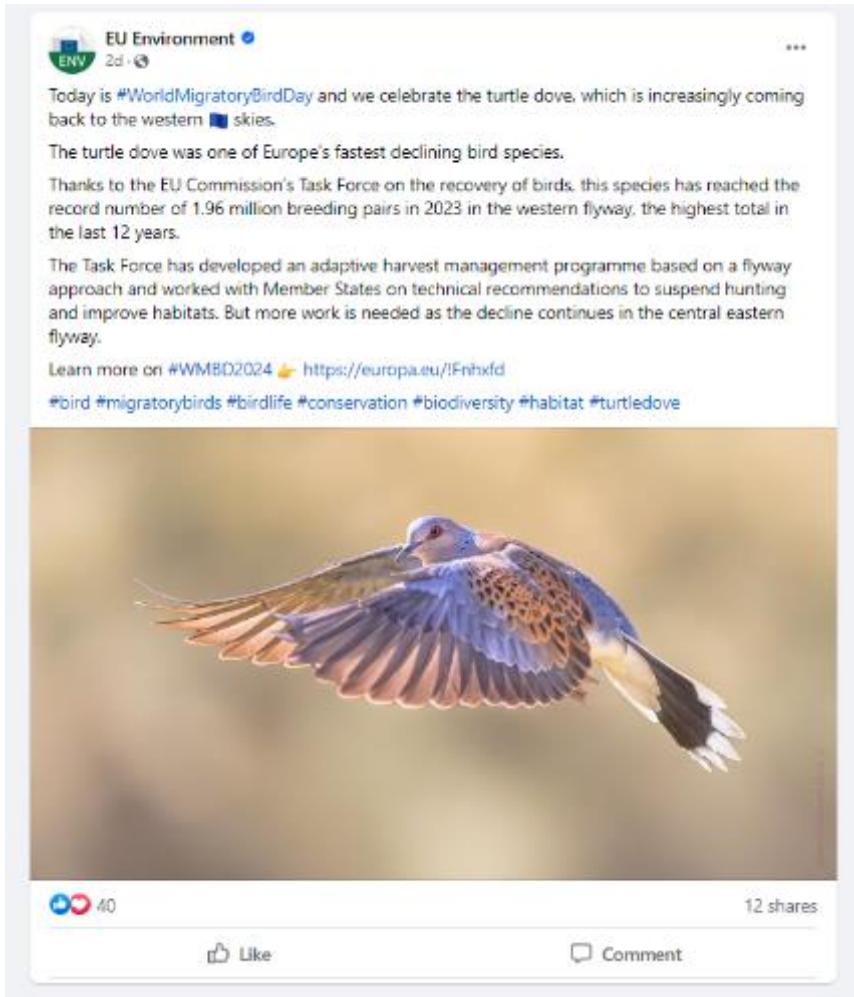
- Task Force makes **recommendations to NADEG** based on a scientific input
- Work done: **method for (un)sustainable hunting, review of the bird's classification**
- Ongoing work: Support action for the **Turtle Dove**, approach to allocate **hunting quotas**, assessment of **hunting sustainability** for a first batch of 15 species, identification of **key actions non-hunting** related, overview of actions on **resident species**
- Future work : **Adaptive Harvest Management** for 3 species
- 5 Meetings held : 18/03/2022, 07/11/2022, 21-22/03/2023, 01/12/2023, 19/04/2024 –Next meeting : 28 June
- Today: examine the recommendations of the Task Force and **provide a NADEG recommendation** on the **T. Dove** for each flyway for 2024 to Member States

Turtle Dove PECBMS population trends





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Western flyway of Turtle Dove

Conclusion of the task force for fulfilling the conditions for resuming hunting



Population increase of at least 2 years – *condition met*



Increase in survival (growth rate reliably equal to or above 1) – *on track, still unable to confirm survival increase leading to growth rate $(\lambda) \geq 1$*



Credible **regulatory** and **control/enforcement systems** – *some progress, insufficient development (disparities in deployment of measures, uneven efforts, unable to assess validity of existing systems)*

Western Flyway : Technical recommendation for 2024 hunting season



HUNTING: maintain temporary moratorium; review in 2025

MS wanting to reopen hunting in 2025 should submit document to TFRB by Oct 2024 explaining regulatory system to be applied once a national quota is agreed, and details of mechanism (and resources available) to assess compliance.

MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES:

- Improve **mechanisms** for implementing and enforcing reduced harvests
- Implement **habitat management** measures specifically **targeted to TD**
- Improve/implement **monitoring mechanisms**

RESEARCH PRIORITIES:

- Improve collection of **survival data**
- Implementation of national **censuses** and full surveys of **abundance**

Central Eastern flyway of Turtle Dove

Conclusion of the task force for fulfilling the conditions for allowing Turtle Dove hunting



Population increase of at least 2 years – *deviating from target*



Assessment of survival (growth rate reliably equal to or above 1) – *unable to estimate survival and unlikely*



Credible **regulatory** and **control/enforcement systems** – *insufficient to guarantee reduced harvest*

Central eastern Flyway : Technical recommendation for 2024 hunting season



HUNTING: Maintain and fully implement a temporary hunting moratorium

- Complete harvest data and assessment of % hunters using App

MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES:

- Implement measures that are specifically **targeted to TD**
- Implementation of **monitoring mechanisms** for the efficacy of measures

RESEARCH PRIORITIES:

- Increase efforts for developing flyway-specific population model (**initiate CMR programs** for **survival** data)
- Collection of data on **productivity**
- Implementation of **national surveys/censuses**

Questions

- **Western flyway:** Do NADEG members agree with the recommendation that zero harvest be maintained for 2024?
- **Central-eastern flyway:** Do NADEG members agree with the recommendation that zero harvest be implemented for 2024?
- **Both flyways:**
 - Do NADEG members agree with the recommendations to improve habitat management, monitoring and research and with the need to build effective control and enforcement systems in relation to hunting?
 - Do Member States agree to send explanation on the regulatory system to be implemented to ensure compliance with the reduced quotas that may be established?

Thank you !

