

## Project Update: February 2013

The project team successfully performed a very intensive programme during February 2013. We didn't have the new record number but it was good to count YS on a weekly basis. The very first consecutive day count was conducted in Dardanelles. During February a lot of new volunteers participated in the project.

At the beginning of March 2013 the team performed a simultaneous and whole day count both in the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus.

The team also started to practice internationally standardized European Seabirds at Sea (ESAS) Methodology to use it for ship-based counts. This standard method was translated to Turkish by the project coordinator and presented to volunteers who want to join ship-based counts to train them before fieldwork. We contacted some seabird experts and got their advice to implement this method. To better understand and to better operate ESAS methodology project coordinator is going to be in Malta to participate Malta's Life Seabird Project and will be trained by this project's team on ESAS and colony research during April 2013.

