

Risks maps

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1. Summary

The kentish plover is a shorebird that breeds and nests on the coast from mid-March to mid-July. Its eggs, creamy white and speckled, are laid on the sand and blend in with the environment. Its nests are often found at the top of the beach, between the shoreline and the dune. Because of their colors, the eggs are very difficult to distinguish and can easily be crushed, especially when there are gatherings on the beach.

Kentish plovers nesting areas:

- Major stakes areas: proven kentish plovers nesting areas;
- High-stakes areas: probable kentish plovers nesting areas;
- Medium stakes areas: possible kentish plovers nesting areas;

At the scale of the marine natural park of the Gironde estuary and Pertuis sea Marine Natural Park, the map is based on monitoring data of the park involving many actors, including the Conservatoire du littoral, the French Office of Biodiversity, the National Forestry Office, the LPO, Rivages de France and many other associations. The data are interpreted here within the framework of “On marche sur des oeufs” program in heat zones, a more relevant representation than a precise point system because it is more protective. Interested people can turn to local actors to have more information on these zones at stake.

In Spain, the majority of dune ecosystems suffered serious deterioration in the 1990s and 2000s as a result of coastal urbanization and mass tourism. Against this backdrop, it is of the utmost importance to preserve these fragile ecosystems on the north coast from the severe erosion they are undergoing. The dunes act as a bulwark against rising sea levels, protecting us from storms and high tides, and are home to many endemic plant and animal species.

They are protected at various levels: nature park, ZEPA, LIC, biosphere reserve.... In the Urdaibai reserve and the Santoña marshes natural park, which are not home to kentish plovers, the SEO aims to conserve the dune ecosystems at Noja and Santoña.

At the scale of the Natural Park of Cabo de Gata, the map is based on monitoring data from the Andalusia region, which counts pairs and nests every year.

These areas should be avoided for beach clean up events during the nesting period.

2. Links to risks maps

All the risks maps are available directly on a specific section of the project web site, [here](#).

This on-line availability allows for easy updating of information.

Figure 1 present the web site visual for that maps

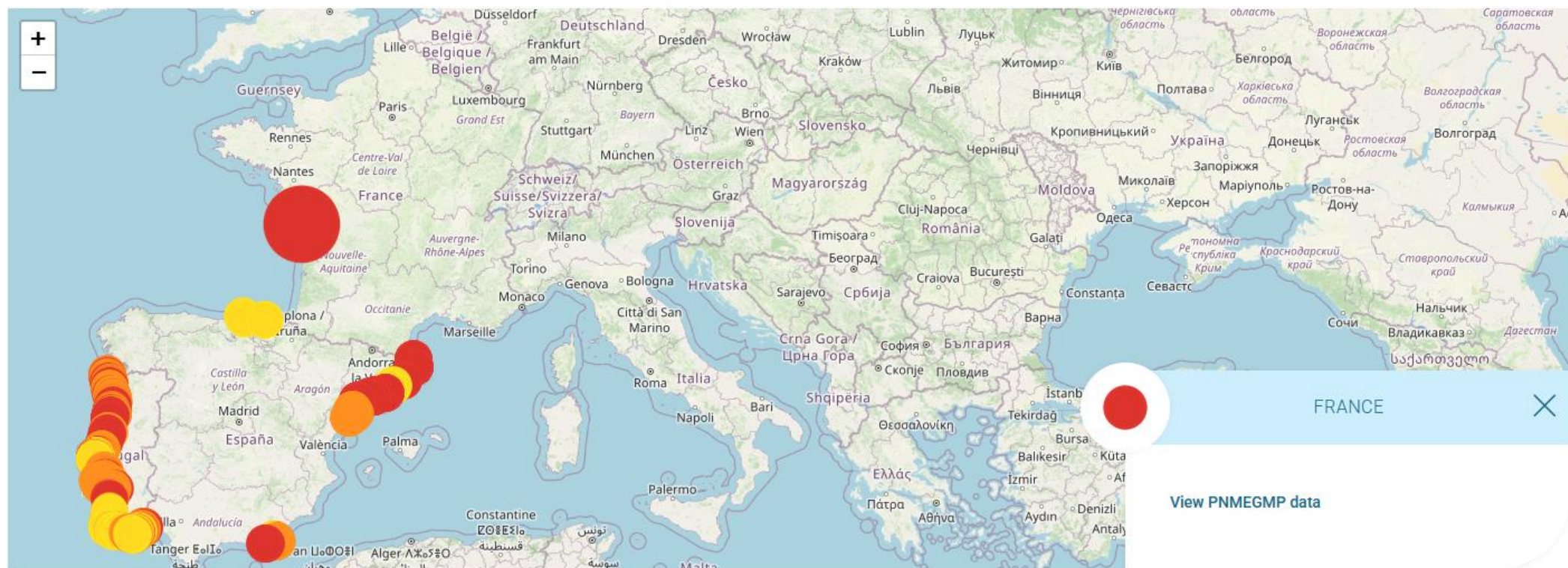


Figure 1: global view of risks maps