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June 26th GLC (local conservation group) of LIPU Sila

A brief note entitled “A new breeding site for tree pipit in a wood which is degraded due to human and environmental factors” has just been published in the ornithological scientific journal ALULA. The site is in the Sila National Park (Calabria).

The data are important since the area currently represents the extreme southern limit for breeding that is certain and documented.

June 28th

LIPU is participating in camps protecting loggerhead turtles, Kentish plover and little ringed plover on the Domitian coast (Caserta, Campania). There are still numerous nests this year; it is an initiative from the local Domizia association with the scientific support of Anton Dohrn of the Naples aquarium.

4th July

Good morning with some good news.

All the wild hunting amendments to the Agriculture Bill, in discussion in the Senate, have been rejected.

The work carried out by all the associations and the petition which had gathered more than 65,000 signatures carried a lot of weight in the success of this battle.

Be careful, however, the match is not yet settled. The Bill, signed by Bruzzone, is still with the Agriculture Commission in the Chamber of Deputies and attempts will be made to try and use other measures.

For the time being we breathe a sigh of relief and carry on gathering signatures.

Giovanni Albarella

Hunting and Poaching Sector of LIPU

19th July

Thanks to the support of thousands of people like you we have managed to win a first, very important battle: to stop the wild hunting amendment of the Agriculture Bill.

In February, in the face of a serious attack mounted by the pro-hunting politicians, that is the proposed law “wild hunting” by the honourable Bruzzone, we launched a petition which in a short time has gathered 65,000 signatures.

It is a demonstration of what Italian citizens think: migratory birds and biodiversity, protected by our Constitution, cannot be touched.

A common front to stress our NO.

23rd July Press release (extract)

Wind turbines, LIPU.

Maps of sensitivity for birds is available to the regions from today on the LIPU website together with recommendations for their use.

Four types of area are identified, at different grades of risk.

These maps are essential instruments in order to avoid the mistakes of the past and tackle together the climate crisis and that of biodiversity.

“Birds are particularly vulnerable to wind turbines – says Alessandro Polinori, President of LIPU – and therefore positioning, both on land and at sea, is important to reduce the risk of collision or the loss of essential sites. There have been too many errors in the past in the absence of planning and these cannot be repeated”.

6th August Press release (extract)

The end of the White Stork breeding season in Calabria is very satisfying for LIPU. 95 young fledged, 15 more than last year. Of 36 pairs present in the breeding area (Sibari Plain, Crati and Esaro valleys) 32 were successful in fledging youngsters. In common with other years the majority were in the Sibari Plain.

Roberto Santopaolo, initiator of the white stork project in Calabria, said “These are important and well-deserved results for a large amount of work started by LIPU many years ago. After an absence of more than 500 years finally a small population has returned to the skies of Calabria”.

Alessandro Polinori, President of LIPU, added “ A group of 11 volunteers from LIPU Rende has monitored these birds. From February to July, with more than 600 hours of work, they have checked on the sites to guarantee non-disturbance. To them and all involved go particular thanks”.

The return is due to the idea of using artificial nests, large wooden platforms, which, thanks to collaboration with e-distribution, were installed on posts and electricity pylons identified by LIPU. The importance of these is demonstrated by the fact that 30 of the 32 pairs nested on the artificial platforms.

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