IMPORTANT BIRD AND BIODIVERSITY AREAS IN DANGER

Priority sites for immediate action

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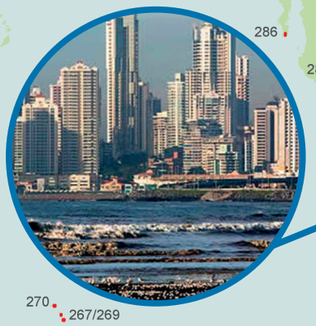
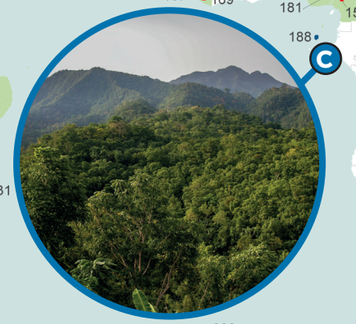
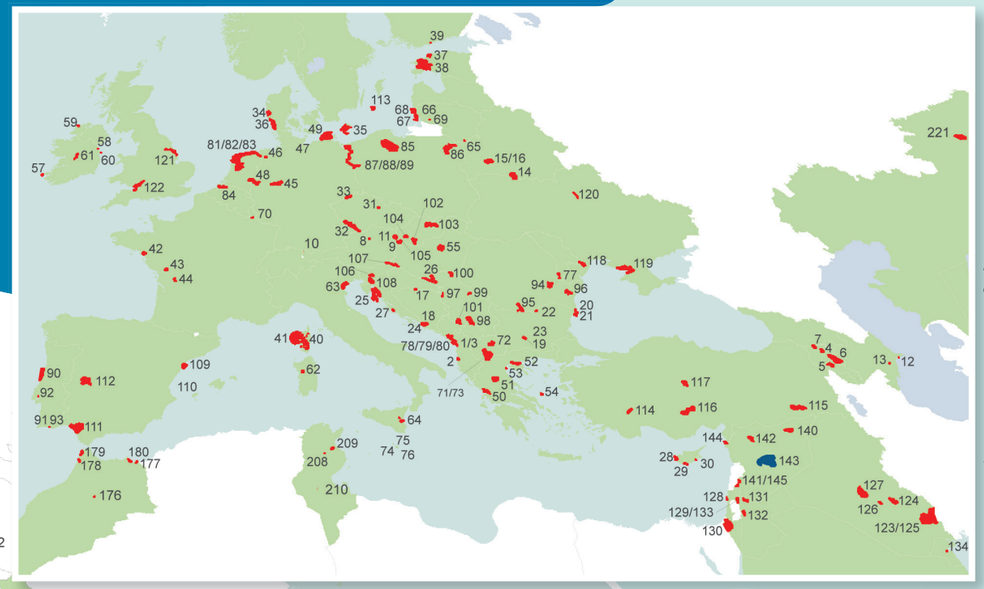
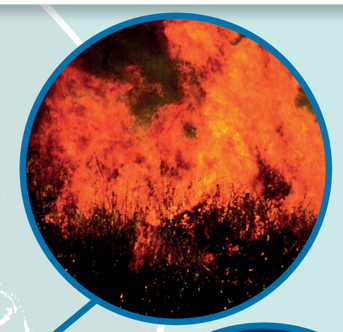
The 2014 IBAs in Danger list includes 356 sites in 102 countries/territories as well as the High Seas.

All face intense threats and need urgent attention. Examples from across each region highlight the diversity of pressures and the urgency with which actions are required.









Participating countries

IBAs in Danger

Profiled IBAs in Danger

A Upper Bay of Panamá, Panamá

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This IBA hosts up to 2 million migratory shorebirds each year. Despite formal protection, it faces high pressures from a wide range of threats. An attempt to degazette the protected area was successfully defeated in 2013 by the Panama Audubon Society (BirdLife in Panama) and others. Now the challenge is to develop a sustainable land-use plan for the site and improve the management of the protected area.

B Isle of Conejera and islets of Bledes and Espartar, Spain

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Isle of Conejera is one of the last remaining undeveloped islands in the Balearic archipelago and home to a colony of Critically Endangered Balearic Shearwater Puffinus mauretanicus. SEO/BirdLife (BirdLife in Spain) is lobbying local authorities to drop controversial, and potentially devastating, plans to turn the island's lighthouse into a hotel.

C São Tomé lowland forests, São Tomé & Príncipe

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This site holds three species that are Critically Endangered and seven more that are Endangered or Vulnerable. The IBA is threatened by industrial-scale plantations and hydroelectric dam building as well as illegal hunting. Strengthening local capacities, working with the private sector to improve the sustainability of business practices, and research are all urgently needed actions.

D Tadmur desert and mountains, Syria

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This IBA holds the last remaining population of the Critically Endangered Northern Bald Ibis Geronticus eremita in the Middle East. The site is facing diverse threats, including agricultural expansion and intensification, road building, oil and gas exploitation and hunting. The Syrian Society for Conservation of Wildlife (BirdLife in Syria) has been working to increase local capacities and awareness.

E Belum-Temenggor, Malaysia

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The site has an exceptional diversity of mammals and birds, including 10 species of hornbills. One-third of the IBA is protected as a State Park. The highest threats to the site are commercial logging, land conversion and industrial development. The Malaysian Nature Society (BirdLife in Malaysia) is advocating for the protection and sustainable management of the whole forest complex and the establishment of a sustainable financing mechanism.

F Murray-Sunset, Hattah and Annuello, Australia

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This IBA is particularly important for a range of threatened bird species restricted to the unique mallee shrubland. Recent large-scale wildfires have destroyed vast areas of habitat and increased the extinction risk for these birds, exacerbated by political pressure on government agencies to carry out planned burning. Protection of unburnt mallee from fire is now the top priority.

G Tasman Sea, Australia and New Zealand

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The Tasman Sea, in international waters between Australia and New Zealand, is a key feeding area for many globally threatened seabirds. Unfortunately, the ingestion of plastic debris by seabirds is estimated to be higher at this site than any other worldwide. The threat from fisheries bycatch is also high. Actions needed include bycatch mitigation measures and innovative solutions to the plastic pollution problem.

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IBAs in Danger List 2014

EUROPE

1 Delta e Drinit (ALB)
2 Laguna e Karavastase (ALB)
3 Velipoja (ALB)
4 Dsegh (ARM)
5 Khosrov Reserve (ARM)
6 Lake Sevan (ARM)
7 Tashir (ARM)
8 Machland (AUT)
9 Parndorfer Platte und Heideboden (AUT)
10 Riede im nördlichen Rheintal (AUT)
11 Zentrales Marchfeld (AUT)
12 Gizilgyol (AZE)
13 Hajigabul Gyolu (AZE)
14 Al'manskija baloty (BLR)
15 Ščara floodplain (BLR)
16 Vyhanaščanskija baloty (BLR)
17 Bardaca (BIH)
18 Hutovo blato (BIH)
19 Besaparski ridove (BGR)
20 Durankulashko ezero (BGR)
21 Kaliakra (BGR)
22 Ribarnitsi Mechka (BGR)
23 Ribarnitsi Plovdiv (BGR)
24 Delta Neretve (HRV)
25 Kvarnerski otoci (HRV)
26 Podunavlje i donje Podravlje (HRV)
27 Vransko jezero (HRV)
28 Akamas and Agia Aikaterini – Agia Paraskevi Gorges (CYP)
29 Akrotiri Peninsula - Episkopi Cliffs (CYP)
30 Larnaca Salt Lakes (CYP)
31 Komarov (CZE)
32 Sumava (CZE)
33 Vychodni Krusne hory (CZE)
34 Ringkøbing Fjord (DNK)
35 Rønne Banke (DNK)
36 Vadehavet (DNK)
37 Pakri (EST)
38 Väinameri (EST)
39 Suomenoja (FIN)
40 Forêts domaniales de Corse (FRA)
41 Golfe de Porto, presqu'île de Scandola et golfe de Galeria (FRA)
42 Marais de Brière (FRA)
43 Plaine de Niort (nord-ouest) (FRA)
44 Vallée de la Charente : amont d'Angoulême (FRA)
45 Hellwegbörde (DEU)
46 Leda-Jümme-Niederung (DEU)
47 Mühlenberger Loch (DEU)
48 Unterer Niederrhein (DEU)
49 Vorpommersche Küsten- und Boddenlandschaft (DEU)
50 Amvrakikos Kolpos (GRC)
51 Antikhassia Ori and Meteora (GRC)
52 Limnes Volvi-Langada (or Koronia-Ag. Vasiliou) kai Stena Rentinas (or Makedonika Tempi) (GRC)
53 Limnothalassa Alyki Kitros (GRC)
54 Oros Kohilas, Nissos Skyros (GRC)
55 Del-Hevesi-sik (HUN)
56 Mývatn-Laxá (ISL)
57 Blasket Islands (IRL)
58 Boyne estuary (IRL)
59 Falcarragh to Min an Chladaigh (IRL)
60 Lambay Island (IRL)
61 River Shannon callows: Portumna-Athlone (IRL)
62 Altopiano di Campeda (ITA)
63 Laguna di Venezia (ITA)
64 Medio corso e foce del Simeto e Biviere di Lentini (ITA)
65 Grybaulia (Grybaulios zuvininkystes ukis) (LTU)
66 Kalviai (Kalviu zvyro karjeras) (LTU)
67 Kursiu nerijos pajuris (Baltijos juros akvatorija ties Kursiu Nerija) (LTU)
68 Palangos pajuris (Baltijos juros akvatorija ties salies zemynine dalimi) (LTU)
69 Visbarai (LTU)
70 Vallée supérieure de l'Alzette (LUX)
71 Mariovo (MKD)
72 Ovče Pole (MKD)
73 Pelagonija (MKD)
74 Rdum Ta'Cenc (MLT)
75 Rdum Tal-Madonna, L-Ahrax (MLT)
76 West of Wied ix-Xaqqa to Wied Maqbyl Cliffs (MLT)
77 Manta-Beleu (MDA)
78 Sasko jezero (MNE)
79 Skadarsko jezero (MNE)
80 Ulcinjska solane (MNE)
81 IJsselmeer (NLD)
82 Markermeer (NLD)
83 Waddenzee (NLD)
84 Westerschelde en Saeftinghe (NLD)
85 Bory Tucholskie (POL)
86 Dolina Biebrzy (POL)
87 Dolina Dolnej Odry (POL)
88 Ujscie Warty (POL)
89 Zalew Szczecinski (POL)
90 Figueira da Foz (PRT)
91 Lagoa dos Salgados (PRT)
92 Salinas de Alverca e do Forte da Casa (PRT)
93 Vilamoura (PRT)
94 Balta Albă - Amara - Jirlău (ROU)
95 Confluența Olt - Dunăre (ROU)
96 Stepa Casimcea (ROU)
97 Donje Podrinje (SRB)
98 Kopaonik (SRB)
99 Labudovo Okno (SRB)
100 Pašnjaci Velike Droplje (SRB)
101 Pester (SRB)
102 Dolné Považie (SVK)
103 Nízke Tatry (SVK)
104 Puste Ulany-Zelenec (SVK)
105 Syslovské polia (SVK)
106 Ljubljansko barje (SVN)
107 Mura (SVN)
108 Snežnik - Pivka (SVN)
109 Delta de l'Ebre (ESP)
110 Isla Conejera e Islotes de Bledes y Espartar (ESP)
111 Marismas del Guadalquivir (ESP)
112 Monfragüe (ESP)
113 Södra Midsjöbankarna (SWE)
114 Burdur Gölü (TUR)
115 Dicle Vadisi (TUR)
116 Ereğli Ovası (TUR)
117 Seyfe Gölü (TUR)
118 Dnestr delta (UKR)
119 Karkinitskiy i Dzharilgatchkiy zaliv (UKR)
120 Usovskiy zakaznik (UKR)
121 Humber Estuary (GBR)
122 Severn Estuary (GBR)

MIDDLE EAST

123 Central Marshes (IRQ)
124 Dalmaj Marsh (IRQ)
125 Hawizeh (IRQ)
126 Ibn Najm (IRQ)
127 Razzaza Lake (Bahr Al Milh) (IRQ)
128 Carmel coast (ISR)
129 Northern lower Jordan valley (ISR)
130 Western Negev (ISR)
131 Irbid - Mafraq plains (JOR)
132 Madaba - Hisban (JOR)
133 Northern Jordan Valley (North Ghor) (JOR)
134 Dawhat Kazima (KWT)
135 Al-Habrow al-Arabi (SAU)
136 Jiddah south corniche and port (SAU)
137 Qishran Bay (SAU)
138 Shallal ad-Dahna (SAU)
139 Wadi Jawwah (SAU)
140 Jabal Abdul Aziz (SYR)
141 Jabal al-Shaykh (SYR)
142 Sabkhat al-Jabboul (SYR)
143 Tadmur desert and mountains (SYR)
144 Umm al-Tuyyur (SYR)
145 Wadi al-Qarn - Burqush (SYR)
146 Aden (YEM)
147 Al-'Urj (YEM)
148 Islands off Bir Ali (YEM)
149 Jabal Iraf (YEM)
150 Wadi Mawr - Al-Zuhrah (YEM)

AFRICA

151 Mbi Crater Faunal Reserve - Mbingo forest (CMR)
152 Mount Oku (CMR)
153 Santchou Faunal Reserve (CMR)
154 Waza National Park (CMR)
155 Forêt de Day (DJI)
156 Lac Abhé (DJI)
157 Mabla (DJI)
158 Abijatta - Shalla Lakes National Park (ETH)
159 Awash National Park (ETH)
160 Berga floodplain (ETH)
161 Liben plains and Negele woodlands (ETH)
162 Dakatcha Woodland (KEN)
163 Lake Ol' Bolossat (KEN)
164 Lake Turkana (KEN)
165 Tana River Delta (KEN)
166 Yala swamp complex (KEN)
167 Lofa-Gola-Mano Complex (LBR)
168 Nimba mountains (LBR)
169 Sapo (LBR)
170 Lake Ihotry Hunting Reserve - Mangoky Delta complex (MDG)
171 Mahavavy Kinkony Wetland (MDG)
172 Tsitongambarika Classified Forest and surrounding areas (MDG)
173 Dzalanyama Forest Reserve (MWI)
174 Ntchisi Mountain Forest Reserve (MWI)
175 Soche Mountain Forest Reserve (MWI)
176 Aguelmane de Sidi Ali Ta'nzoult (MAR)
177 Embouchure Oued Moulouya (MAR)
178 Marais Larache (MAR)
179 Oued Tahadart (MAR)
180 Sebkha Bou Areg (MAR)
181 Afi River Forest Reserve (NGA)
182 Gashaka-Gumti National Park (NGA)
183 Kagoro - Nindam Forest Reserves and vicinity (NGA)
184 Omo Forest Reserve (NGA)
185 Yankari National Park (NGA)
186 Akanyaru wetlands (RWA)
187 Nyabarongo wetlands (RWA)

IBAs in Danger List 2014 (cont.)

188 São Tomé lowland forests (STP)
189 Lake Sonfon and environs (SLE)
190 Sierra Leone River Estuary (SLE)
191 Yawri Bay (SLE)
192 Botriviervlei and Kleinmond estuary (ZAF)
193 Chrissie Pans (ZAF)
194 Grasslands (ZAF)
195 Kamfers Dam (ZAF)
196 KwaZulu-Natal Mistbelt Grasslands (ZAF)
197 Lower Berg river wetlands (ZAF)
198 Ndumo Game Reserve (ZAF)
199 Nyl River Floodplain (ZAF)
200 Steenkampsberg (ZAF)
201 Swartkops Estuary - Redhouse and Chatty Saltpans (ZAF)
202 Gough Island (SHN)
203 Dar es Salaam coast (TZA)
204 East Usambara Mountains (TZA)
205 Lake Natron and Engaruka basin (TZA)
206 Pande Game Reserve and Dondwe Coastal Forests (TZA)
207 Uluguru Mountains (TZA)
208 El Houareb reservoir (TUN)
209 Sebkhet Kelbia (TUN)
210 Snam (TUN)
211 Bangweulu Swamps (ZMB)
212 Chisamba (ZMB)
213 Kafue Flats (ZMB)
214 Lukanga Swamp (ZMB)
215 Machile (ZMB)
216 Driefontein grasslands (ZWE)
217 Mavuradonha Mountains (ZWE)
218 Middle Zambezi Valley (ZWE)
219 Robert McIlwaine Recreational Park (ZWE)

CENTRAL ASIA

220 Chardara Reservoir (KAZ)
221 Koybagar-Tyuntyugur Lake System (KAZ)
222 Son-Kul Lake (KGZ)
223 Tokmak Pheasant Reserve (KGZ)
224 Western Issyk Kul Lake (KGZ)
225 Озеро Денгизкуль (UZB)
226 Озеро Судочье (UZB)
227 Северный Айдаркуль (UZB)

ASIA

228 Kampong Trach (KHM)
229 Lomphat (KHM)
230 Sesan River (KHM)
231 Stung / Chi Kreng / Kampong Svay (KHM)
232 Western Siem Pang (KHM)
233 Flamingo City (IND)
234 Jawaharlal Nehru Bustard Sanctuary (IND)
235 Mahul - Sewree Creek (IND)
236 Sailana Kharmor Sanctuary (IND)
237 Tillangchong, Camorta, Katchal, Nancowry and Trinkat (IND)
238 Pegunungan Sahendaruman (IDN)
239 Siau (IDN)
240 Awase tidal flat (JPN)
241 Belum-Temenggor (MYS)
242 North-central Selangor coast (MYS)
243 Gulf of Mottama (MMR)
244 Lenya (MMR)
245 Nantha Island (MMR)
246 Dharan forests (NPL)
247 Dhorpatan Hunting Reserve (NPL)
248 Farmlands in Lumbini area (NPL)
249 Balbalasang-Balbalan National Park and proposed extension (PHL)
250 Mount Hilong-hilong (PHL)
251 Mount Siburan (PHL)
252 Mounts Irid-Angilo and Binuang (PHL)
253 Zambales mountains (PHL)
254 Lower Central Basin (THA)
255 Mae Wong (THA)
256 Mae Yom (THA)
257 Na Muang Krabi (THA)
258 Palian Lang-ngu (THA)
259 An Hai (VNM)
260 Nghia Hung (VNM)
261 Tra Co (VNM)

PACIFIC

262 Boodjamulla (AUS)
263 Lower Hunter Valley (AUS)
264 Murray-Sunset, Hattah and Annuello (AUS)
265 Riverina Plains (AUS)
266 Norfolk Island (NFK)
267 Fatu Hiva (PYF)
268 Makatea (PYF)
269 Mohotani (PYF)
270 Ua Huka (PYF)
271 Vallées Maruapo, Papehue, Hopuetamai et Orofero (PYF)
272 Aoupinié (NCL)
273 Massif des Lèvres (NCL)
274 Massif du Panié (NCL)
275 Massifs du Grand Sud - entre le mont Humboldt et la rivière Bleue (NCL)
276 Peleliu (PLW)
277 Henderson Island (PCN)

NORTH AMERICA

278 Boundary Bay - Roberts Bank - Sturgeon Bank (Fraser River Estuary) (CAN)
279 Lancaster Sound Polynya (CAN)
280 Mackenzie River Delta (CAN)
281 Prince Edward Point (CAN)
282 Centro de Veracruz (MEX)
283 Cerro Saybal-Cerro Cavahlná (MEX)
284 Cerros de Chalchihuitán (MEX)
285 Cerros de Tapalapa (MEX)
286 Estero de San José (MEX)
287 Istmo de Tehuantepec-Mar Muerto (MEX)
288 Sierra Anover (MEX)
289 Sur del Valle de México (MEX)
290 Barataria Terrebonne (USA)
291 Barrow Canyon & Smith Bay (USA)
292 Chandeleur Islands (Breton National Wildlife Refuge) (USA)
293 Isles Dernieres-Timbalier Islands (USA)
294 NM Lesser-Prairie Chicken Complex (USA)
295 Northern Everglades (USA)
296 Salton Sea (USA)

CARIBBEAN

297 Dog Island (AIA)
298 Graham's Harbour (BHS)
299 Harrold and Wilson Ponds National Park (BHS)
300 Joulter Cays (BHS)
301 Kemp Cay to Pigeon Cay (BHS)
302 Bluff Forest (CYM)
303 Honduras (DOM)
304 Los Haitises (DOM)
305 Parque Nacional Jaragua (DOM)
306 Sierra de Bahoruco (DOM)
307 Sierra de Neyba (DOM)
308 South Soufriere Hills (MSR)
309 Caño Tiburones (PRI)
310 East Caicos and adjacent areas (TCA)
311 Anegada: Western salt ponds and coastal areas (VGB)

CENTRAL AMERICA

312 Barra de Santiago (SLV)
313 Cerrón Grande (SLV)
314 Jiquilisco y Jaltepeque (SLV)
315 San Diego y La Barra (SLV)
316 Bosques del Golfo de los Mosquitos (PAN)
317 Cerro Santiago (PAN)
318 El Chorogo-Palo Blanco (PAN)
319 Parte Alta de la Bahía de Panamá (PAN)
320 Serranía de Majé (PAN)

SOUTH AMERICA

321 Bahía de Samborombón y Punta Rasa (ARG)
322 Cuenca del río Aguapey (ARG)
323 Meseta Lago Buenos Aires (ARG)
324 Perdices (ARG)
325 Reserva de Uso Múltiple Bañados del Río Dulce y Laguna Mar Chiquita (ARG)
326 Yungas Inferiores de Amboró (BOL)
327 Yungas Inferiores de Carrasco (BOL)
328 Yungas Inferiores de Isiboro-Sécure/ Altamachi (BOL)
329 Aurora do Tocantins / Taguatinga (BRA)
330 Bandeira / Macarani (BRA)
331 Complexo Pedra Azul / Forno Grande (BRA)
332 Curaçá (BRA)
333 Rio Capim (BRA)
334 Desembocadura del Río Bío-Bío (CHL)
335 Isla Pájaro Niño de Algarrobo (CHL)
336 Lago Lanalhue (CHL)
337 Lago Peñuelas (CHL)
338 Parque Nacional Archipiélago de Juan Fernández: Isla Alejandro Selkirk (CHL)
339 Bosque Protector Alto Nangaritza (ECU)
340 Cayapas-Santiago-Wimbí (ECU)
341 Cordillera del Cóndor (ECU)
342 Zumba-Chito (ECU)
343 Bahía de Asunción (PRY)
344 Cerrado de Laguna Blanca (PRY)
345 Parque Nacional San Rafael (PRY)
346 Parque Nacional Tinfunqué - Estero Patiño (PRY)
347 Paso Curuzú (PRY)
348 Bañados del Este (URY)
349 Laguna José Ignacio (URY)
350 Pastizales de Lorenzo Geyres y Quebracho (URY)
351 Pastizales de Young (URY)
352 Quebradas de Treinta y Tres (URY)

HIGH SEAS

353 Indian Ocean, Western 1 - Marine
354 Pacific, Eastern Central 2 - Marine
355 Pacific, Southeast 24 - Marine
356 Pacific, Southwest 11 - Marine

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