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## Species of the Day: Dalmatian Pelican

The **Dalmatian Pelican**, *Pelecanus crispus*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™, and has a decreasing population trend. Its worldwide population is estimated to be 10,000-20,000 individuals including 4,000- 5,000 breeding pairs. It breeds in wetlands and has a wide but fragmented distribution from east and southeast Europe, to Mongolia and up to the coasts of China and Hong Kong.

Former declines of the Dalmatian Pelican were mainly caused by wetland drainage and persecution by fishermen, with continuing threats that include disturbance from tourists and fishermen, and destruction and alteration of wetland habitats. Other threats to this species include water pollution, collision with overhead power lines and over-exploitation of fish stocks.

Main conservation measures should include surveys carried out on breeding and wintering grounds in west, central and east Asia, and especially all former Soviet Union countries, where the largest part of the global population is found. Sustainable management of wetlands is required across the range of the Dalmatian Pelican, but more specifically, establishment of non-intrusion zones around breeding colonies would solve most problems.

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