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## ANNEX

### LIST OF TAXONOMIC CHANGES MADE TO THE MARINE AND COASTAL SPECIES IN ANNEX II TO THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The following taxonomic updates related to the denomination or classification of marine and coastal species are proposed to Annex II to the Protocol concerning specially protected areas and biological diversity in the Mediterranean ('the Protocol'):

- (1) The following species have been linked to a different taxonomic group:
  - "*Fucus virsoides* J. Agardh" was moved from the phylum "Rhodophyta" to the phylum "Heterokontophyta"
  - "*Kallymenia spathulata* (J. Agardh) P.G. Parkinson" was moved from the phylum "Heterokontophyta" to the phylum "Rhodophyta"
- (2) The following species have been deleted under the category "Aves":
  - "*Hydrobates pelagicus* (Linnaeus, 1758)"
  - "*Phalacrocorax aristotelis* (Linnaeus, 1761)"
  - "*Phalacrocorax pygmeus* (Pallas, 1773)"
  - "*Phoenicopterus ruber* (Linnaeus, 1758)"
  - "*Sterna albifrons* (Pallas, 1764)"
  - "*Sterna bengalensis* (Lesson, 1831)"
  - "*Sterna caspia* (Pallas, 1770)"
  - "*Sterna nilotica* (Gmelin, JF, 1789)"
  - "*Sterna sandvicensis* (Latham, 1878)"

While the following species have been added under the same category:

- "*Hydrobates pelagicus ssp. melitensis* (Schembri, 1843)"
- "*Phalacrocorax aristotelis ssp. desmarestii* (Payraudeau, 1826)"
- "*Microcarbo pygmaeus* (Pallas, 1773)"
- "*Phoenicopterus roseus* (Pallas, 1811)"

- "*Sternula albifrons* (Pallas, 1764)"
- "*Thalasseus bengalensis* (Lesson, 1831)"
- "*Hydroprogne caspia* (Pallas, 1770)"
- "*Gelochelidon nilotica* (Gmelin, JF, 1789)"
- "*Thalasseus sandvicensis* (Latham, 1878)"