**Supplementary Material**

The importance of spring hunting in Malta on European Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia turtur* and Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix* populations

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|  | Quail Breeding Pairs | | |  | Turtle Dove Breeding Pairs | | |
|  | Minimum | Maximum | Year(s) |  | Minimum | Maximum | Year(s) |
| Austria | 5,000 | 15,000 | 1998-2002 |  | 8,000 | 10,000 |  |
| Belgium | 2,400 | 5,700 | 2001-2002 |  | 9,000 | 12,000 | 1998 |
| Bulgaria | 8,000 | 15,000 |  |  | 100,000 | 250,000 |  |
| Cyprus | 1,000 | 4,000 | 1994-2002 |  |  |  |  |
| Czech Republic | 5,000 | 10,000 | 2000 |  | 60,000 | 120,000 | 1985-1989 |
| Denmark | 200 | 600 | 2000-2001 |  | 60 | 100 | 1998-2003 |
| Estonia | 10 | 50 | 1998 |  | 3,000 | 7,000 | 1998-2002 |
| Finland | 10 | 100 | 1998-2002 |  | 50 | 100 | Late-1980s |
| France | 100,000 | 500,000 | 2000 |  | 200,000 | 450,000 | 1989-1992 |
| Germany | 12,000 | 32,000 | 1995-1999 |  | 117,000 |  |  |
| Greece | 2,000 | 5,000 | 1995-2000 |  | 100,000 | 30,000 |  |
| Hungary | 70,000 | 94,000 | 1999-2002 |  | 1,000,000 | 200,000 |  |
| Ireland | - | 20 | 1988-1991 |  |  |  |  |
| Italy | 5,000 | 20,000 | 2003 |  | 50,000 | 100,000 |  |
| Latvia | 20 | 500 | 1990-2000 |  | 3,000 | 5,000 |  |
| Lithuania | 1,000 | 2,000 | 1999-2001 |  | 2,000 | 5,000 | 1999-2001 |
| Luxembourg | 10 | 25 | 2002 |  | 2,000 | 5,000 |  |
| Malta | 1 | 3 | 1990-2002 |  | 2 | 5 |  |
| Netherlands | 2,000 | 6,500 | 1998-2000 |  | 35,000 | 50,000 | 1979 |
| Poland | 100,000 | 150,000 | 2000-2002 |  | 100,000 | 200,000 |  |
| Romania | 160,000 | 220,000 | 1999-2002 |  | 20,000 | 40,000 |  |
| Portugal | 5,000 | 50,000 | 2002 |  | 10,000 | 100,000 | 1989 |
| Slovakia | 2,000 | 6,000 | 1990-1999 |  | 15,000 | 30,000 |  |
| Slovenia | 1,000 | 2,000 | 1999 |  | 2,000 | 3,000 |  |
| Spain | 320,000 | 435,000 | 1992 |  | 390,000 | 650,000 | 2006 |
| *Canary Islands* | 2,500 | 10,000 | 1997-2003 |  |  |  |  |
| Sweden | 10 | 40 | 1999-2000 |  |  |  |  |
| UK | 5 | 450 | 1996-2000 |  | 75,000 | 750,000 | 1988-1991 |
| EU Population (Sum × 2) | 1,608,332 | 3,167,976 |  |  | 4,602,224 | 6,034,410 |  |