Healthy wetlands play an essential role as a habitat for biodiversity that can help to adapt to climate change. Mediterranean wetlands are a particularly important habitats for migratory birds. However, they are threatened by human pressures, thus reducing their capacity to preserve biodiversity. Find out more at offyourmap.org

- **Mediterranean wetland species** threatened with extinction: **-36%**
- **Coastal wetland sites** lost: **-95%**
- **Mediterranean wetlands** lost between 1970-2015: **-48%**
- **Wetland species** (vertebrate) abundance has halved since 1990: **-46%**

Climate change is driving sea level rise which will flood 95% of coastal wetland sites used by birds.

- **Habitat fragmentation** makes adapting to climate change much harder for wetland animals like birds.
- **Pollution of natural wetland ecosystems** from agricultural run-off.
- **Conversion of wetlands** to agricultural lands and fish farms.
- **Diversion of water** from wetlands to other purposes, leading to shortages of water in the ecosystem.
- **Urbanisation** building on wetlands, particularly on the coast.