

SOS ENVIRONMENT HOTLINE 800 292 800

24 H (free)

National Fixed Network Call

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TRY OUR NEW MOBILE FORM!

Register grounded Cory's GPS location
and receive a unique code on your mobile
phone to register in the rescue box!



This autumn join the SOS Cagarro Campaign and alert your family and friends to: 1) drive slowly to prevent collisions with the Cory's; 2) reduce outdoor lights; 3) rescue birds at risk and 4) register the Cory's you saved!

More information about the campaign at:

www.soscagarro.gov.pt



The Life Natura@Night project (LIFE20 NAT/PT001098)

joined the SOS Cagarro Campaign

portal.azores.gov.pt/web/drpm/life-natura-night

CAMPAIGN



S.O.S. Cagarro

The Cory's Shearwater (*Calonectris borealis*)
is the most iconic seabird of the Azores,
where most of the world's population
breeds!

Between October and November, at
nightfall, adult-sized juvenile birds leave
their nests to begin the first migration.

The fledglings, still learning how to fly, get
disoriented by artificial lights and become
grounded. Many are killed by collision,
predation or run over.

The **SOS Cagarro Campaign** engages the
population in rescuing juvenile Cory's
Shearwaters in the Azores since 1995, thus
contributing to the conservation of this species.



IF YOU FIND A GROUNDED CORY'S SHEARWATER, ENSURE YOUR OWN SAFETY AND PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

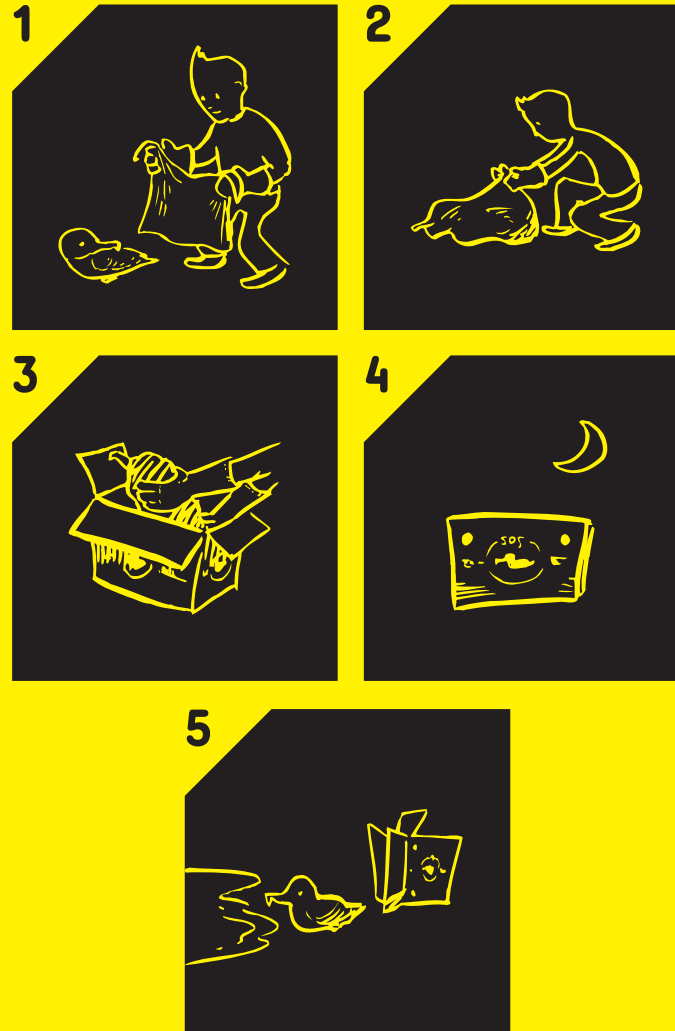
What to do

- 1 Approach the bird slowly from behind, wearing gloves, if possible.
- 2 Gently cover the bird with a coat, blanket or towel.
- 3 Without pressing too tight, hold the whole bird and carefully place it in a cardboard box.
- 4 Hand it over to the Natural Park Wardens or at a designated collecting point on your island (e.g. Police stations, fire departments). If not possible, call **800 292 800**.
- 5 Alternatively, keep the box in a dark and quiet place and release the shearwater the next morning, by the sea, in a place where it has space to take off on its own initiative.



If the bird is injured, do not release it! Clearly mark it on the box, inform and deliver it to authorities.

Register each rescue on the SOS Cagarro Portal. This info is crucial to identify the most critical ground sites and to improve conservation measures for this species!



BEST PRACTICES

- Hold the Cory's shearwater by the flanks and not by the wings; if it stretches its wings and gets more agitated the bird may injure itself.
- Do not provide any water, food or medication.
- Never force or throw the birds into the sea as they may be unable to fly or get stranded in the surf line; Cory's may not take off immediately; they will begin their journey on their own when ready.
- If it is not possible to transport and maintain the Cory's shearwater in a cardboard box or deliver it to the authorities, release it the same night near the coast, in a dark area, preferably away from sources of artificial lighting.
- Do not release injured shearwaters, inform the authorities! If you experience any difficulties during the rescue, please call the SOS Environment hotline (800 292 800).
- Rescued Cory's shearwaters must not be detained for a period longer than is strictly necessary to delivery it to the competent authorities or until release it, no later than the following morning.
- This species is protected by law and its capture, detention, use for food or bait or pure vandalism are illegal!