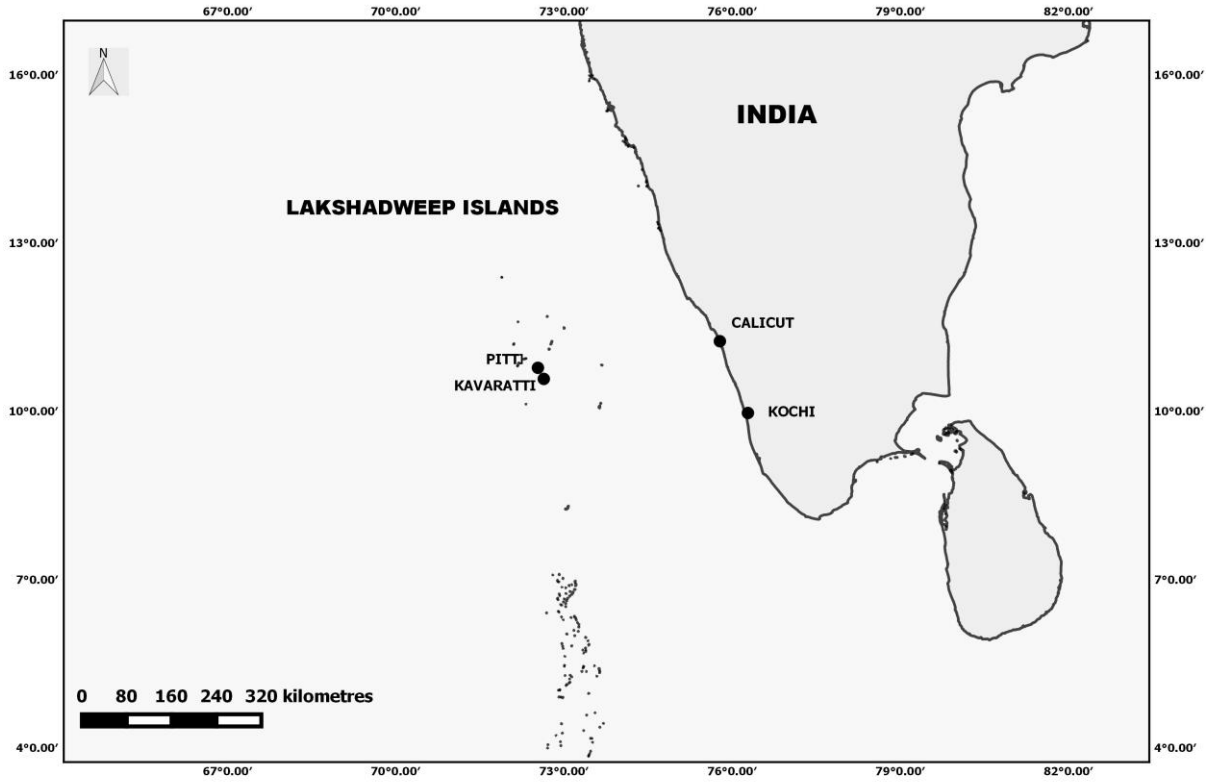


1



2

3

Fig 1. Map of Pitti and Kavaratti Islands in Lakshadweep

4



5

6

7 **Fig 2.** Fishermen harvesting eggs of the Sooty tern on Pitti island (Photo: David Grémillet)

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

TABLE1

22
23

Population estimates and records of egg loss to humans and natural predators on Pitti Island, Lakshadweep, India

Date of observation	Area of colony (m²)	Number of Sooty Terns recorded	Number of eggs	Human harvested eggs (% of eggs)	Predation by crabs, turnstones (%)
17February 2013	90	970	430	60 (14)	2 (0.5)
10 March 2013	20	580	310	85 (27)	2 (0.7)
10 February 2014	12	335	55	25 (45)	0

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

TABLE2

45

Association between involvement in seabird egg trade and support for seabird conservation among 800 respondents on Kavaratti Island^a

46

Seabird egg trade	%support for seabird conservation(n)		% involved in egg trade(n)
	Yes	No	
Yes	55 (238)	92 (335)	72 (573)
No	45 (196)	8 (31)	28 (227)
% support for conservation	55 (434)	92 (366)	800

47

^a($\chi^2=56.62, df=1, p<0.0001$)

48