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GULL-BILLED TERN *Gelochelidon nilotica*
Črnonoga čigra – dva osebka opažena 26.10.2008
in 29.10.2008 v bližini otoka Olib (UTM VK81,
Dalmacija, Hrvaška)

At 10.00 a.m. on 26 Oct 2008, two Gull-billed Terns, both occupied with catching fish, were observed about 0.5 km southwest from the harbour of Olib Island (UTM VK81, Dalmatia, W Croatia). Once again, three days later (29 Oct 2008), two Gull-billed Terns were spotted along the eastern coast of the island in Samotvorac Bay (it is possible that these were the same birds that had been recorded previously). There are only few published data on the occurrence of Gull-billed Terns in the region of Dalmatia; mostly solitary specimens were observed during autumn and spring migration (KRALJ 1997). In addition to the fact that this species is a rare migrating bird, our observation is important also because of its location, since the area of Zadar islands (Premuda, Silba, Olib, Škarda, Ist, Molat etc.) between the islands of Lošinj and Dugi otok are part of the “National Ecological Network – important areas for birds in Croatia” (RADOVIĆ *et al.* 2005).

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