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BIRD FREE



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urban environment

Report on installation of 小島 *Bird Free*
at Palazzo Venezia, Rome, 30 March – 1 April 2015.



Dating from the 15th Century, in 1469 the Palazzo Venezia became a residential papal palace. It is now most famous for Mussolini's rabble-rousing speeches, and his declaration of war on Britain and France in 1940, which were delivered from the balcony of the Palazzo overlooking Piazza Venezia.



Three locations inside the Palazzo Venezia had been identified as requiring treatment with 小島 *Bird Free* to eliminate the pigeon infestation: the L-shaped loggia in the south-west of the Palazzo (above left); an inner courtyard, where air-conditioning equipment is located (above centre); and the loggia in the south-east of the Palazzo which faces the Monumento Milite Ignoto (above right).



Pigeons were roosting at night in the rafters of the south section of the L-shaped loggia in the south-west of the Palazzo. The pigeons droppings were causing an unsightly mess on the floor of the loggia (above right).



The seven delta-shaped rafters in the south section of the loggia were first cleaned. Dishes of 小島 *Bird Free* were then fitted to the upper parts of the rafters at 20cm centres (above middle), and to the lower part of the rafters at 25cm centres (above right). The dishes are invisible from below.



Dishes of 小島 *Bird Free* were fitted at 25cm centres to all small ledges on both sides of the L-shaped loggia to prevent displacement.



The ledges and air conditioning equipment inside the inner courtyard were treated with dishes of 小島 *Bird Free* as shown above.

Testimonial

On 18 April 2015, the following letter was received from Mr Ovidio Casconi, Director of the Ministry of Heritage, Cultural Activities and Tourism.

“On the occasion of the work done at this site of the Ministry of Heritage, Cultural Activities and Tourism - Palazzo Venezia - Rome, in the year 2015, *Bird Free* was successfully installed.

The Palazzo suffered from a massive presence of pigeons that were roosting on many parts of the structure. The *Bird Free* system has proved effective in deterring pigeons from roosting inside the Palazzo.”

An inspection of the Palazzo was carried out in July 2018. No pigeons were observed.