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Coordinating beneficiary
Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park

Associated beneficiary
State Forestry Corps

Project area
11 Italian regions (Emilia-Romagna, Toscana, Umbria, Marche, Abruzzo, Molise, Lazio, Campania, Puglia, Basilicata e Calabria)

Duration 5 years
(1st June 2014 – 31st May 2019)

Budget 2.414.270 €

EU co-funding 1.265.077 €

The LIFE PLUTO Project consists of several synergistic actions to prevent and combat the use of poison in 11 regions of mainland Italy, thus helping to preserve protected species that are susceptible to this threat.

Main actions include the creation and use, by the State Forestry Corps, of six Anti-poison Dog Units, an essential instrument to detect poison baits and carcasses, and to rapidly and effectively remove them.

The LIFE PLUTO Project also aims at training staff to adequately manage poisoning cases, at involving institutional stakeholders and at sensitising local population to encourage reporting of suspected cases.

In the Gran Sasso-Laga National Park, the LIFE Project will make it possible, among other things, to carry out specific activities to prevent the use of poison, such as the setting up of a feeding station for birds of prey, to be supplied in collaboration with local livestock farms.



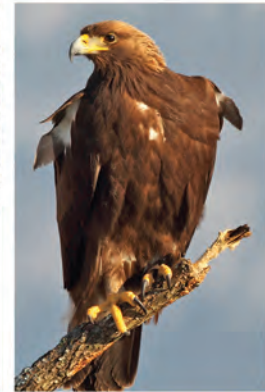
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ENDANGERED LARGE CARNIVORES AND SCAVENGING RAPTORS IN EUROPE



IN COLLABORATION WITH



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PROGRAMME

October 13th 2016 - First session

Conservation issues, actions and perspectives

- 8,30-9,00 **Registration of the participants**
- 9,00-9,30 **Congress opening and welcome speeches**
Tommaso Navarra, President of the Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park, Italy
Luciano Sammarone, Chief Officer of the State Forestry Corps, Italy
Pier Augusto Scapolo, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Teramo, Italy
- 9,30-9,50 **The LIFE project PLUTO**
Anna Cenerini & Federico Striglioni, Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park, Italy
- 9,50-10,10 **The reintroduction of the Bearded vulture in the Alps**
José Tavares, Vulture Conservation Foundation, Switzerland
- 10,10-10,30 **Scavenging raptors in Spain, conservation status, trend and most important threats**
Luis Tirado Blázquez, SEO/BirdLife Sociedad Española de Ornitología, Spain
- 10,30-10,50 **Vultures in France, status and conservation/reintroduction projects**
Raphael Neouze, LPO Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux, France
- 10,50-11,00 **Questions and answers. Discussion**
- 11,00-11,30 **Coffee break**
- 11,30-11,50 **Griffon vulture in Italy and Eastern Europe**
Fulvio Genero, Italy
- 11,50-12,10 **Causes of Griffon vulture mortality in the Apennines and modeling the risk of poisoning**
Tiziana Altea, State Forestry Corps-UTB Castel di Sangro, Italy
- 12,10-12,30 **Urgent actions to prevent the extinction of the Egyptian vulture in Italy**
Guido Ceccolini, CERM Endangered Raptors Centre, Italy
- 12,30-12,50 **The conservation of the Egyptian vulture in the Balkans, a race against time and poison**
Vladimir Dobrev, BSPB Bulgarian Society for the protection of Birds, Bulgaria
- 12,50-13,10 **The Red Kite reintroduction in Tuscany: a virtuous model of international synergy**
Anna Cenerini, CERM Endangered Raptors Centre, Italy
- 13,10-13,30 **Questions and answers. Discussion**
- 13,30-15,00 **Buffet**
- 15,00-15,20 **The Marsican brown bear: status and perspectives**
Roberta Latini, Abruzzo, Lazio e Molise National Park, Italy
- 15,20-15,40 **Actions for the conservation of the brown bear in Spain**
Fernando Ballesteros, Fundación Oso Pardo, Spain
- 15,40-16,00
- 16,00-16,20 **The experience of the Gran Sasso-Laga National Park in the wolf conservation**
Federico Striglioni, Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park, Italy
- 16,20-16,40 **Wolf and vultures, positive or negative interactions?**
Emilian Stoykov, WWF Fund for Wild Flora and Fauna, Bulgaria
- 16,40-17,00 **Questions and answers. Discussion and first session conclusions**

October 14th 2016 - Second session

Veterinary aspects in the conservation of large carnivores and scavenging raptors

- 8,30-9,00 **Registration of the participants**
- 9,00-9,10 **Session opening**
Pier Augusto Scapolo, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Teramo, Italy
- 9,10-10,40 **Poisoning in large scavenging raptors in Aragon: anatomopathological signs**
Chabier González, Wildlife Rescue Center "La Alfranca", Zaragoza, Spain
- 10,40-11,00 **Diclofenac in Europe: a review**
José Tavares, Vulture Conservation Foundation, Switzerland
- 11,00-11,20 **Contribution of captive breeding to the Red kite conservation in Aragon**
María Cortés, Wildlife Rescue Center "La Alfranca", Zaragoza, Spain
- 11,20-11,30 **Questions and answers. Discussion**
- 11,30-12,00 **Coffee break**
- 12,00-12,20 **Power lines and wind turbines: signs observed in large raptors**
Chabier González, Wildlife Rescue Center "La Alfranca", Zaragoza, Spain
- 12,20-12,40 **The role of feeding stations for the conservation of scavenger bird species**
Guido Ceccolini, CERM, Endangered Raptors Centre, Italy
- 12,40-13,00 **Technical and regulatory issues on the creation and management of a feeding station for scavenging birds**
Franca Adriani, Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park, Italy
- 13,00-13,20 **Lead poisoning in scavenging raptors**
Alessandro Andreotti, ISPRA Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, Italy
- 13,20-13,30 **Questions and answers. Discussion**
- 13,30-14,40 **Buffet**
- 14,40-15,00 **First description of Avian papillomavirus infection in the Griffon vulture, Italy**
Cristina Esmeralda Di Francesco, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Teramo, Italy
- 15,00-15,20 **Causes of mortality for wolf and Marsican brown bear in the Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park**
Leonardo Gentile, Abruzzo Lazio and Molise National Park, Italy
- 15,20-15,40 **Mortality in free-ranging brown bear and gray wolf in Croatia**
Djuro Huber, Josip Kusak and Slaven Reljić, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia
- 15,40-16,00 **Causes of mortality for wolf in the Gran Sasso-Laga National Park**
Umberto Di Nicola, Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park, Italy
- 16,00-16,20 **Canine distemper cases in wolves in Abruzzo**
Fulvio Marsilio & Cristina Esmeralda Di Francesco, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Teramo, Italy
- 16,20-16,40 **Gunshot wounds and poisoning signs in wolves and brown bears**
Rosario Fico, National Reference Centre for Forensic Veterinary Medicine at the Preventive Animal Healthcare Institute for Lazio and Tuscany, Italy
- 16,40-17,00 **Questions and answers. Discussion and conclusions**

October 15th 2016 - Schedule 9,00 - 16,00
Field trip to the Gran Sasso-Laga Park