



LIFE Egyptian Vulture Project

Final Conference



Manuel de La Riva

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Unahotels Hotel MH
Matera (Italy)



Programme

DAY 1 - 19/09/2023

- 09.00-09.30** Congress registration
09.30-10.00 Welcome and presentation of the event

Session 1 – Actions and general outcomes of the LIFE Egyptian vulture project

10.00-10.10 *The LIFE Egyptian vulture project.* Anna Cenerini (Biodiversità sas)

The partners contribution to the project

- 10.10-10.20** Luca Morabito (E-Distribuzione S.p.A.)
10.20-10.30 Alessandro Andreotti (Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research ISPRA)
10.30-10.40 Miguel Ángel Cabrera Pérez (Government of the Canary Islands)
10.40-10.50 Ramón Gallo Barneto (Territorial and Environmental Management and Planning Agency GESPLAN S.A.)
10.50-11.00 Rogelio Mesa (E-Distribución Redes Digitales S.L.U.)
11.00-11.10 Corrado Teofili e Maria Villani (Federparchi - Europarc Italia)
11.10-11.20 Caterina Dibitonto (Regione Puglia)
11.20-11.25 Roberto Tricomi (Regione Basilicata)

Questions and discussion

11.35-12.05 *Coffee break*

Session 2 – The Egyptian vulture in Europe

- 12.05-12.15** *The Egyptian vulture: a threatened species. Global and European status of the species.* Ian Burfield (BirdLife International)
12.15-12.25 *The Egyptian vulture in Italy: status and future prospects.* Alessandro Andreotti (ISPRA)



- 12.25-12.35 **The Egyptian vulture in the Canary Islands.** José Antonio Donázar (Doñana Biological Station CSIC)
- 12.35-12.45 **The Egyptian vulture in Spain.** Jorge Fernández Orueta (Spanish Ornithological Society SEOBirdLife)
- 12.45-12.55 **The Egyptian vulture in the Balkans. story of a dramatic decline.** Vladimir Dobrev (Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds BSPB)

Questions and discussion

13.05-15.00 *Lunch buffet*

Session 3 – Captive breeding and release programmes

- 15.00-15.15 **The work of the CERM Endangered Raptors Centre for the restocking of the Italian Egyptian vulture population.** Guido Ceccolini (CERM Endangered Raptors Centre Association)
- 15.15-15.30 **The release in Italy of captive-bred individuals: behaviour, survival and threats.** Alessandro Andreotti (ISPRA)
- 15.30-15.40 **Egyptian vulture network: the key role of volunteering.** Guido Ceccolini (CERM Association)
- 15.40-15.55 **Twenty years of reintroduction of Egyptian vultures in Israel - a success story.** Ohad Hatzofe (Science Division, Israel Nature and Parks Authority)
- 15.55-16.10 **Reinforcement programme for the Egyptian Vulture in the Balkans.** Volen Arkumarev (BSPB)
- 16.10-16.20 **The genetic characterization: a tool for the conservation of the species.** Edoardo Velli (ISPRA)

Questions and discussion

Session 4 – Role of the supplementary feeding stations

- 16.30-16.45 **Supplementary feeding stations for the Egyptian vulture in Italy: present situation, results and future prospects.** Matteo Visceglia (De Rerum Natura sas) and Salvatore Urso (Ornithological Station of Calabria StOrCal)
- 16.45-16.55 **Supplementary feeding stations for the Egyptian vulture in the Canary Islands.** Ramón Gallo Barneto (GESPLAN)
- 16.55-17.05 **Methodology and role of the supplementary feeding stations in Bulgaria.** Volen Arkumarev (BSPB)

Questions and discussion

17.15 *Closing of the work*

DAY 2 - 20/09/2023

Threats to the conservation of the species and their mitigation

- 09.30-09.40 **The main mortality causes for diurnal raptors in Europe.** Anna Staneva (BirdLife International)
- 09.40-09.50 **Non-natural mortality causes of Egyptian vulture in Spain.** Jorge Fernández Orueta (SEOBirdLife)

Session “Impacts of power lines and wind power plants”

- 09.50-10.00 **Bird electrocution in Italy.** Guido Ceccolini (Biodiversità sas)
- 10.00-10.10 **The impact of power lines on the Egyptian vulture in the Canary Islands: story of an affective shared path.** Miguel Ángel Cabrera Pérez (Gobierno de Canarias)



- 10.10-10.20** *Bird electrocution in Spain: legislation. impact and mitigation.* Carlota Viada (AQUILA a-LIFE project. Rehabilitation Group for Native Fauna and its Habitat GREFA)
- 10.20-10.30** *Wind power plants in Italy. Which future for birds threatened species?* Marco Gustin (Italian League for Bird Protection LIPU)
- 10.30-10.40** *Reducing soaring bird mortality at wind farms: does shut down-on-demand works?* Alexandre Leitao (Biota Lda. Portugal)

Questions and discussion

10.50-11.20 *Coffee break*

Session "Poisoning"

- 11.20-11.30** *Poison in the Canary Islands: risks and prevention.* Miguel Ángel Cabrera Pérez (Government of the Canary Islands)
- 11.30-11.40** *Protecting the Egyptian vulture in the Balkans: a never-ending battle against wildlife poisoning.* Elzbieta Kret (WWF Greece; Society for the Protection of Biodiversity of Thrace)
- 11.40-11.50** *Raptor poisoning: a complex phenomenon.* Antonio Juan García Fernández (Department of Socio-sanitary Sciences. University of Murcia)

Questions and discussion

Session "Poaching and disturbing"

- 12.00-12.15** *Poaching: alarm Italy. Mediterranean Sea and Malta.* Arianna Aradis (ISPRA) and Guido Ceccolini (CERM Association)
- 12.15-12.25** *Monitoring and mitigation of human disturbance to the Egyptian vulture in the Canary Islands.* Ramón Gallo Barneto (GESPLAN)
- 12.25-12.35** *Development of a web-based tool for the assessment and mitigation of disturbance risk caused by climbing activities in Greece and promotion of its use to the climbing community.* Nikos Tsiopelas (H.O.S/BirdLife Greece).

Questions and discussion

- 12.45-12.55** *The outcome of the LIFE Egyptian vulture project for the future of the Egyptian vulture in Italy.* Anna Cenerini (Biodiversità sas)
- 12.55-13.05** *Conclusions and congress closing.* Elio Aliperti (E-Distribuzione S.p.A.)

13.05-15.00 *Lunch buffet*

DAY 3 - 21/09/2023

Field visit to the project areas

