



Vulture

Multi-species Action Plan

European Regional Workshop

25th - 29th October 2016
Torrejón el Rubio, Extremadura (Spain)
National Park of Monfragüe

25th of October

- Transfer from Madrid Airport to Monfragüe (14:00h and 18:00h)
- Arrival in the hotel and dinner

26th of October (Day I)

9:00 - Registration. (1h)

10:00 - Opening ceremony. (1,5h)

- Welcome by Regional Government of Extremadura
- Welcome by President Diputación de Cáceres
- Welcome by Director of the NP Monfragüe
- Welcome by the Vulture Conservation Foundation
José Tabares
- Welcome by the CMS
Nick P. Williams
- Welcome by the global coordinator
Andre Botha

11:30 - Presentation. (1h)

- Vulture Status and Conservation in Extremadura, the situation in the last 30 years and best practices. (20min)
Angel Sanchez, Dirección General de Medio Ambiente.
- Vulture Status and Conservation in Spain. (20 min)
Rubén Moréo-Opo Diaz, Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment
- Discussion. (20min)

12:30 - Lunch. (1,5h)

14:00 - Plenary Session. (2,5h)

Key note presentations:

- Introduction - CMS/Raptors MoU/Vulture MsAP. (20min)
Nick P Williams, Coordinating Unit of the CMS Raptors MoU
- Purpose of the workshop. Introduction to the methodology. Expected outcomes and expected contribution from the participants. (20min)
Boris Barov, BirdLife International

- Analysis of the existing frameworks for international coordination of the conservation actions on vultures. (20min)
José Tavares, Vulture Conservation Foundation, VCF
- EuroSAP – SAP tracking tool. (20min)
Iván Ramírez, BirdLife International
- Four vulture species' distribution range, trend and legal status (questionnaire results). (1h)
Jovan Andevski, Vulture Conservation Foundation, VCF
- Discussion. (10min)

16:30 - Coffee break. (30min)

17:00 - Presentation:

Key threats to vultures - what do we now?. (2h)

- Overview of the poisoning problem. (20min)
David de la Bodega, SEO-BirdLife, Spain.
- Impact to vulture population from electricity infrastructure (collision and electrocution). (20min)
Alvaro Camiña, FC World Bank Group/VCF.
- Food availability – benefits and limitations to vulture populations. (20min)
Raphaël Néouze, LPO Grands Causses/VCF.
- Persecution, disturbances and other threats to vultures. (20min)
Stoycho Stoychev & Dobromir Dobrev, BSPB - BirdLife Bulgaria.
- Discussion. (40min)

20:30 - Dinner

Organizers:



Sponsors:



Day II (27th of October)

Introduction and work assignment for groups (20min) :

- (1) Threats to Vultures: how to analyze and prioritize them?
- (2) Linking threats to root causes and stakeholders in local and global context.

Explanation: Boris Barov, BirdLife International.

9:00 - Group work. (2h)

1st Working session:

Threats analysis and prioritization

- Working groups divided by main threats:
 - Poisoning
 - Electrocution and collision
 - Food availability
 - Other threats

Facilitators will receive the questionnaire results for each threat (threat group).

Facilitators: Boris Barov, José Tavares, Iván Ramírez & Jovan Andevski

What is the threat? Is it anthropogenic? Who causes it and why?

All groups to produce a prioritized list of threats, with clear definition and category: Critical, High, Medium, Low, Local (where?), Unknown

11:00 - Coffee break. (30min)

11:30 - Group work. (1,5h)

2nd Working session: Threats root cause and stakeholder analysis - identifying the key stakeholder group(s) associated to each key threat (threat oriented groups, previously established). Development of a "Behaviour change" intervention that includes:

- What is the reason and root cause for the behaviour?
- What motivates the behaviour?
- How do we want this behaviour to change?
- What tools do we have?

13:00 - Lunch. (Including internal meeting for facilitators). (1,5h).

14:30 - Presentation to plenary. (2h)

- Reporting from the threats working groups - presentation by each group facilitator:
 - Poison. (20min)
 - Electrocution / collision. (20min)
 - Food availability. (20min)
 - Other threats. (20min)
- Panel Discussion (40 min)
 - What should be our strategy and priority actions?
 - What are the common issues across species and regions?

16:30 - Coffee break. (30min)

17:00 - Evening presentations. (30min)

- Preliminary conclusion from the Vulture MsAP African Regional Workshop. (20min)
Andre Botha
- Discussion. (10min)
- 17:30 - Preparation of the next day working session (in parallel/ for facilitators only). (2h)
- 20:30 - Dinner

Day III (28th of October)

9:00 - Group work on Actions. (3h)

3rd Working session. In same working groups & coffee without break

- Decisions on what should be the priority actions to develop for each group of threats.
- Develop: Objectives, Results and Actions. Grouping into Strategies.
 - Objectives – the population recovery targets to be achieved by the MSAP
 - Results – the final desired state of each group of actions addressing priority threat or problem.
 - Strategies – sum of multiple actions targeted at one group of stakeholders and aiming to achieve one MsAP Objective
 - Actions – individual actions to be implemented at specific population level (define level for each of them, e.g. region, sub-region, country) that are specific to that population only.
 - Specific action related to species

12:00 - Group rotation. (2h)

Two rounds of Group rotation - to give opportunity to the experts to contribute/debate to the output of each group (Carrousel method, timed for 45 min. per session. The facilitators for each group stay, the participants rotate and critically analyse/criticize/complement the results of each group.

14:00 - Lunch. (1,5h)

15:30 - Presentation. (1h)

- Vulture conservation in Europe what are the gaps and long-term priorities. (30min)
José Tavares, Vulture Conservation Foundation, VCF
- Discussion. (30min)

16:30 - Coffee break. (30min)

17:00 - Discussion. (1h)

- Coordination along flyways and between sub-populations. (20min)
- Topic to be defined. (20min)
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18:00 - Next steps. (1h)

- Discussion.

19:00 - Conclusions. (1h)

- Workshop Wrap up / Concluding Remarks.

Boris Barov, BirdLife International

Closing dinner

Day IV (29th of October)

Excursion: Guided visit through the Monfragüe National Park and visit to the main birdwatching spots in Monfragüe and Llanos de Trujillo and Cáceres.

Departure (30th of October)

After breakfast (6:00 or 9:00h)

Transfer: Monfragüe - Madrid Airport