

Workshop “Captive breeding of the Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*: sharing expertise and best practices”

15-17 May 2018

Agriturismo "I Monti", loc. I Monti, Semproniano (GR), Italia

DRAFT AGENDA

First Day, Tuesday 15 May 2018

Best practices for the captive-breeding of the Egyptian Vulture

9:00 - 9:30 - Registration

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- Presentation of the LIFE Project *Egyptian vulture*
- Presentation of the workshop agenda
- Presentation of participants

10:00 - 10:40

- Facilities for the captive breeding: aviaries (types of perches, substratum, net, etc.), equipment (incubators, brooders, freezers, etc.) and surveillance systems - Experience of participants

10,40 - 11,20

- Management of captive Egyptian vultures (EVs) (daily routine and sporadic interventions, feeding, cleaning, sanitary controls, etc.) - Experience of participants

Coffee Break 11,20 - 12,10

12,10 - 13,30

- management of reproductive EV adults (pair formation, pair management, management of eggs and chicks in the first stage after hatching, management of young birds to be kept for captive breeding or to be released into the wild) - Experience of participants

- discussion

Lunch 13,30 - 15,00

15:00 - 18:00

- visit to the CERM's aviaries and facilities
- final discussion

Second Day, Wednesday 16 May 2018

Proposal for a common strategy to improve the conservation status of the EV

9:00 - 10,00

- Presentation of centres that keep in captivity and/or breed EVs and analysis of their studbooks - CERM, EEP EAZA, Green Balkans, Israel Nature & Parks Authority and Junta de Andalusia's experience

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- Presentation of a networking proposal to reach the following targets:
 - define common guidelines for the captive breeding
 - create a common database of all captive EVs (studbook)
 - identify the possible exchanges of EVs to be carried out in short time
 - define a strategy to increase the number of EVs in the captive-breeding programme by the acquisition of recovered birds in rescue centres
 - define those aspects to be investigated to increase the breeding success of captive EVs
 - define the availability of EEP EAZA and other centres to provide EVs to be released in Italy
 - simplify the procedures for the exchange of EVs among captive-breeding centres
 - keep the working group updated through a newsletter about the main news on captive breeding (number of chicks born, exchanges of individuals, number of individuals released, etc.)

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- Discussion and proposal draw up

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- Drafting of a shared document

Third Day, Thursday 17 May 2018

Visit to key sites for raptors conservation

9:00 - 17:00 Trip excursion in areas where key actions for the conservation of birds of prey have been carried out in the framework of previous LIFE projects

- Secured power-lines to prevent electrocution
- Artificial nest holes for raptors nesting on cliffs
- Habitat restoration of mountain grasslands
- Breeding range of the reintroduced population of Red Kite