





ACTION D.3 – SURVIVAL RATES AND DISPERSAL PATTERN OF RELEASED VULTURES 2018

Vulture heat maps

Methods

The heat maps were realised with the software Quantum Gis, version 2.18.17. Data were gathered by satellite tracking of 7 restocked vultures and of 4 rehabilitated birds from Sardinia, as summarized in table 1. Restocking was carried on in collaboration with the Vulture Conservation Foundation (www.4vultures.org). All birds from Sardinia were released from boxes in the Bosa area. All restocked birds were released in Porto Conte after an acclimatization period of 15 months.

Name of the	Sex	Age	Source	Data from/to
vulture				
Artis 1	Male	Born in 2017	Restocked, born in captivity in the	April– December 2018
			ARTIS Zoo (Amsterdam)	
Artis 2	Female	Born in 2017	Restocked, born in captivity in the	April– December 2018
			ARTIS Zoo (Amsterdam)	
Barca	Female	Born in 2015	Restocked, rehabilitated in AMUS*	April– December 2018
			rescue centre (Spain)	
Bonassai	Female	Born in 2017	From <u>Sardinia</u> , <u>rehabilitated</u> in <u>Bonassai</u>	September 2017– July
			rescue centre (FoReSTAS)	2018
Bulga	Female	Born in 2015	Restocked, rehabilitated in AMUS*	April– December 2018
			rescue centre (Spain)	
Cristallo	Male	Born in 2015	Restocked, rehabilitated in AMUS*	April– December 2018
			rescue centre (Spain)	
Fenugiu	Male	Born in 2015	Restocked, rehabilitated in AMUS*	April– December 2018
			rescue centre (Spain)	
Jana	Female	Born in 2016	From Sardinia, rehabilitated in Bonassai	March– December
			rescue centre (FoReSTAS)	2017
Mina	Female	Born in 2017	From Sardinia, rehabilitated in Bonassai	November 2017–
			rescue centre (FoReSTAS)	December 2018
Tempestosa	Female	Born in 2016	From Sardinia, rehabilitated in Bonassai	March– September
			rescue centre (FoReSTAS)	2017
Timidone	Male	Born in 2015	Restocked, rehabilitated in AMUS*	April– December 2018
			rescue centre (Spain)	

^{*}http://www.amus.org.es/







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Highlights

- The Porto Conte regional park is a hotspot for all the restocked vultures;
- Hotspots for the vultures from the Sardinian population are concentrated in the Bosa area;
- Restocked vultures, irrespectively of age and sex, frequent the Porto Conte regional park, the Bosa territory, the Altopiano di Campeda, and the corridor between these SPAs;
- Different hotspots are located outside the SPAs;
- Centralized feeding stations are a hotspot for most of the vultures;
- All vulture foraging movement are concentrated in north-west of the island.





































































