

Conclusions

- Population of **griffon in Sardinia small and struggling**
 - ✓ Fluctuating population, restricted to 1 main site
 - ✓ History of poisoning events with large impact
 - ✓ LIFE GRIFONE – good opportunity to improve the situation
- Population of **griffon in Italy slowly growing**
 - ✓ Reintroduction sites: slowly growing population (rate of growth smaller than in France, even in places where natural food is available e.g. Gran Sasso)
 - ✓ Need to compare breeding productivity between sites (seems to be good in Sicily, recently in Sardinia!)
 - ✓ Connection between populations mainland Italy-Sicilia
 - ✓ Need to change vet regulations to allow for more natural foraging conditions for vultures

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Conclusions II

- **LIFE GRIFONE** is an important step to **cement a partnership** and **build capacity** to work on the whole **vulture guild** in Sardinia
- **Griffon as a “proxy” species** - first stepping stone to other vulture species
- **Unique opportunity: good partnership and funding** - needs full engagement from partners
- **LIFE project not easy to manage** - needs full engagement from partners
- International project (vultures from Spain, expertise from Spain and France, etc), big potential for **international exposure**
- **LIFE GRIFONE inclusive project**. NGOs should support and engage – this is not someone’s project, it is a project for the griffone and for Sardinia! All together!
- Working **with the farmers!** Farmers as allies. Communication and simplicity are key.
- Need to address issue feral dogs

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Conclusions III

- **LIFE Grifone** introducing **innovative tools**
- ✓ **Supplementary feeding sites** (n=2)
- ✓ **Farm feeding stations** (n=40) – more sustainable and natural.
New regulations, precedent & best practice for the rest of Italy! Important to have simple protocols.
- ✓ **Marking griffons + camera traps** (colour rings, GPS tags)
- ✓ **Toxicological analysis** (Istituto Profilatico) – also **lead** (start to characterize the situation in Sardinia!) and **vet drugs**
- ✓ **Canine brigade** - evaluate threat poisoning + preventive effect
- ✓ **Restocking griffon vultures** (n=60)

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