



Annual **Bearded Vulture** Meeting 2014

Barcelonnette, Alpes de Haute-Provence

8-9 November 2014

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Saturday 8 November

08:00-09:00 - Registration

09:00-09:30 - Welcome addresses

- a. Vice président du conseil d'administration du Parc national du Mercantour: Mr Jean- Claude Michel
- b. Parco naturale Alpi Marittime: Mr Giuseppe Canavese
- c. Scientific director of the Fondation Prince Albert II: Mr Philippe Mondielli
- d. Maire de Barcelonnette: Mr Pierre Martin Charpenel
- e. Président de la Communauté de Communes Vallée de l'Ubaye: Jacques Martin
- f. President, Vulture Conservation Foundation: Mr Daniel Hegglin

Session I – Key note presentations

09:40-10:00 - From the Pyrenees to the Alps – how everything started - Michel Terrasse

10: 00-10:20 - Incidents between vultures & cattle – Olivier Duriez & Raphaël Neouze

10:20-10:40 - Diclofenac & NSAIDs – new threat emerging to vultures - José Tavares

10:40-11:00 - 35 years of captive breeding for reintroduction projects – the significance of the EEP for the restoration of European bearded vulture populations – Hans Frey & AlexLlopis

11:00-11:45 – Coffee break

11:45-12:05 - Bearded vulture in the Pyrenees – demography, breeding, conservation and challenges – Martine Razin

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Session II – Alpine reintroduction project - overview

12:05-12:25 - General update on the Alpine Bearded vulture project – 2014 releases, number of breeding pairs - Richard Zink & José Tavares

12:25-12:45 - Update on the genetic monitoring of bearded vultures across the Alps. Methods, results, constraints and challenges – Franziska Lörcher

12:45-13:05 - The bearded vulture EEP – current status and future challenges – Alex Llopis & Hans Frey

13:05-13:25 - Modelling distribution and movement patterns of the Bearded vulture in the Swiss Alps: from casual observations to individual satellite-telemetry - Raphael Arlettaz, Veronica Braunisch, Sergio Vignali

13:30-15:10 – Lunch break

Session III – Alpine reintroduction project – regional updates

15:10-15:30 – Current situation in the Southern and South-Western Alps (Mercantour & Alpi Marittime) - Monique Perfus & Luca Giraud

15:30-15:50 - Bearded vulture in Mercantour – history and challenges + the history of the breeding couple of the Haute-Ubaye, and the perspective from a local volunteer - François Breton, Didier Freychet

15:50-16:10 - Current situation in the North-Western Alps (Valais, Haute Savoie, Savoie & Aosta/Gran Paradiso) - François Biollaz, Etienne Marlé, Marie Heuret, Michael Delorme, Christian Chioso & Paolo Fasce

16:10-16:55 – Coffee break

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16:55-17:10 - Current situation in Écrins– Christian Couloumy

17:10-17:30 - Current situation in the Central Alps (Southern Grisons, Stelvio & South Tyrol) - David Jenny, Klaus Bliem, Paolo Trotti & Enrico Bassi

17:30-17:50 - Release in Switzerland - End of five years Calfeisental and beginning at a new site - Daniel Hegglin

17:50-18:10 - Current situation in Austria - an update – Michael Knollseisen & Ferdinand Lainer

18:10-18:30 - Current situation in the west (Grand Causses & Vercors) - Raphaël Neouze & Benoît Betton

Saturday evening – dinner offered to all participants by the Parc National du Mercantour

Sunday 9th November

Session IV – Bearded vulture conservation in Europe: challenges & opportunities

09:30-09:50 - The GYHELP LIFE project – Marie Heuret

09:50-10:10 - The reintroduction of the bearded vulture in Andalusia – Junta de Andalusia

10:10-10:30 - News from elsewhere in Europe & North Africa – Crete, Balkans, Morocco – Stavros Xirouchakis, Jovan Andevski, Alfonso Godino

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10:30-10:50 - The conservation of the bearded vulture in Corsica & the action plan to save it – Franck Finelli

10:50-11:30 – Coffee break

11:30-11:50 – The bearded vulture in Armenia and in the Caucasus – Ruben Khachatryan

Session V – Conclusions

11:50-12:10 - Bearded vulture in the Alps – the view from a funder - Philippe Mondielli, Fondation Prince Albert II

12:10-12:30 -Bearded vulture reintroduction plan in Europe – update & release plans for 2015 – José Tavares

12:30-12:50 - Conclusions – José Tavares

12:50-13:00 – Concluding remarks

Fieldtrip

We will visit the vallée de l'Ubayette (Communes de Meyronnes et Larche), a site where one electrical line will be worked on as part of the LIFE GYPHELP project, and where there is also a site for the reintroduction of the ibex, and one recently established pair of bearded vultures (no breeding confirmed yet).

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