

**Griffon Vulture Conservation Planning mini-workshop**  
University of Rome, Universita Roma 'La Sapienza'  
May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00-17:30

Thank you for your interest in attending the workshop on griffon vulture conservation planning in the Mediterranean Basin. The main goals of this one day workshop are to discuss scientific approaches and tools for optimizing conservation actions, plans and policy for the griffon vulture in the Mediterranean region, as well as options for future research and scientific collaboration among participants. We will begin with presentations of the current conservation planning status and move to discussions on future research.

**Location:** The meeting will be at the Department of Animal and Human Biology, Viale Universita at the "Meeting Room" (Sala Riunioni), Universita Roma 'La Sapienza'. If you intend to spend the night it is recommended to book a hotel and travel arrangements in advance as May 1-3 is a long weekend in Italy. The hotel nearest to the University is Globus Hotel [http://www.bestwestern.it/BW/98242\\_hotel\\_Roma](http://www.bestwestern.it/BW/98242_hotel_Roma)

Many thanks to Professor Luigi Boitani and Dr Carlo Rondinini from The University of Rome who kindly agreed to provide us with a home for the workshop free of charge.

**Tentative program (15 minutes presentations and 5 minutes discussion following each):**

- 9:00 – 9:10 – Presentation of participants, interests and expertise
- 9:10 – 9:30 – Prof. Hugh Possingham, The University of Queensland. (Decision theory and conservation).
- 9:30 – 9:50 – Prof. Francois Sarrazin, University Pierre & Marie Curie, Museum of Natural History, Paris (Dynamics of restored populations of Griffon vultures in France)
- 9:50 – 10:10 – Helene Dupont, Ecole Normale Superieure, Museum of Natural History, Paris (Modelling the relationship between farmers, vultures and managers)
- 10:10 – 10:30 – Ohad Hatzofe, Israel's Nature and Parks Authority and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (The factors that endangering griffon vulture populations and the conservation efforts the Middle East example.)
- 10:30 – 10:50 – Coffee break

- 10:50 – 11:10 – Alvaro Camiña Cardenal, The Vulture Conservation Foundation and University Complutense, Madrid (Recent trends in conservation and scientific research on vultures in Spain)
- 11:10 – 11:30 – Prof. Hugh Possingham, The University of Queensland. (Systematic conservation planning at the single species level)
- 11:30 – 11:50 – Dr. Salit Kark, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. (Conservation planning in the Mediterranean Basin – the effect of coordination)
- 11:50 – 12:05 – Prof. Raphael Arlettaz, Institute of Ecology and Evolution, University of Bern (The Alpine bearded vulture, from population dynamical modelling and viability analysis to a Pan-Mediterranean restoration strategy) with Michael Schaub.
- 12:05 – 12:30 - Working group discussion session 1: where are we standing today with griffon vulture conservation planning across the Mediterranean Basin?
- 12:30 – 13:30 – Lunch (on site or nearby)
- 13:30 – 14:20 – Working group discussion session 2: The role of science. Current conservation plans – (how) can they be improved? How can science contribute? Where should we take our research?
- 14:20 – 15:10 – Working group discussion session 3: The role of coordination: Do we need more cross-country and regional coordination for effective conservation planning in the Mediterranean Basin?
- 15:10 – 15:30 – Coffee break
- 15:30 – 16:30 – Working group discussion session 4: Policy: how can we combine science with policy for more effective conservation?
- 16:30 – 17:30 – Future ideas and directions for research and joint work. Plan for papers resulting from the workshop.
- 17:30 – Dinner - We will go for dinner together at some nice and inexpensive place in Rome, please join us if you can stay and bring partners along.

The program is flexible and can easily be changed following your suggestions  
Information on exact location of workshop within campus will be sent soon.

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