The Osprey in the Mediterranean basin:
challenges for future conservation

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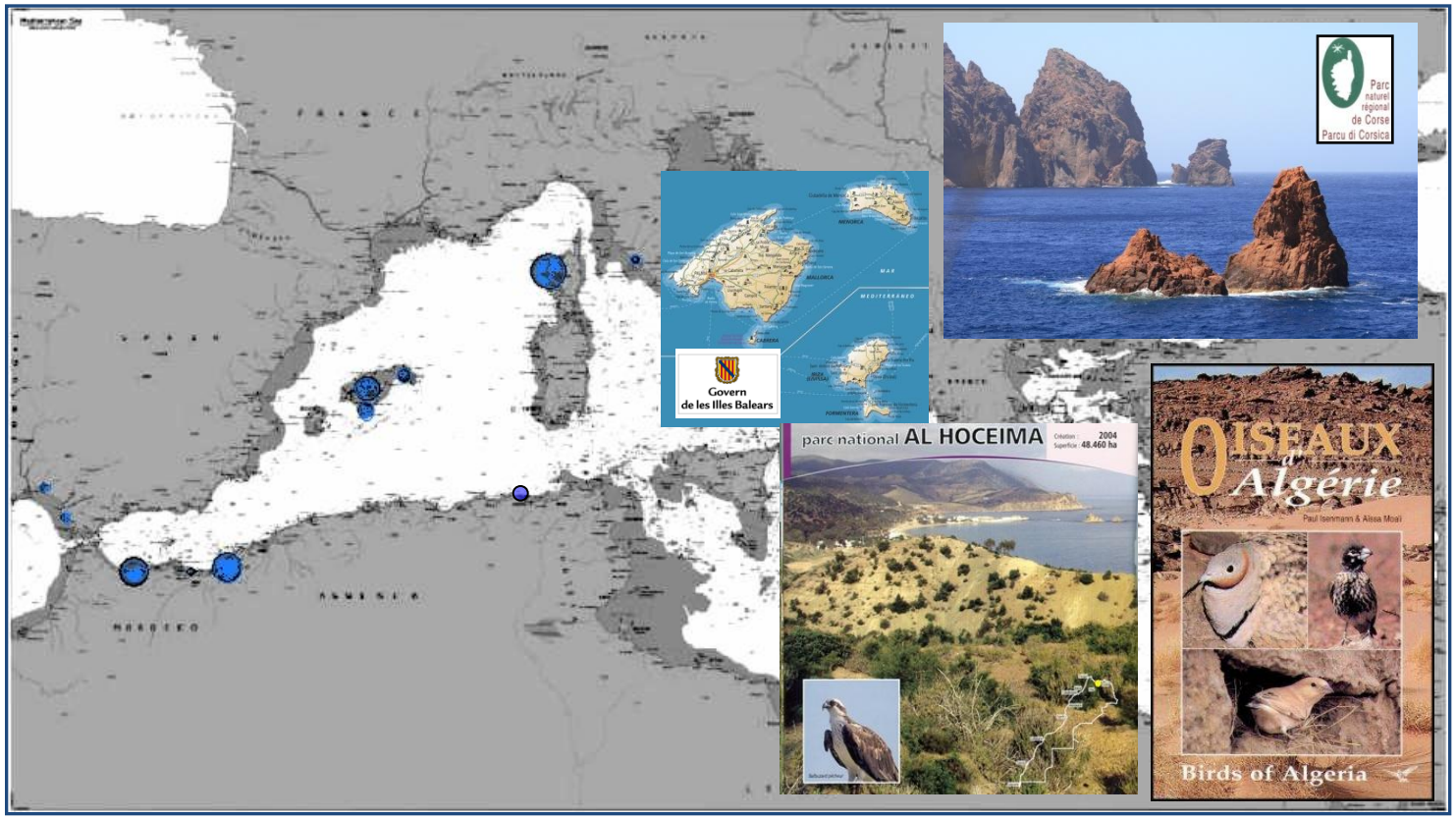
Osprey Mediterranean Background

Status and Conservation

Four main breeding sites around the basin

Less than 100 breeding pairs → **"Endangered"**

Three reintroduction projects: Spain (2003) - **Italy** (2006) - **Portugal** (2011)



Osprey Mediterranean Background

Distribution and Conservation Status

Geographic Area	Location	Breeding pairs	Total	References
Balearic Islands (*Spain*)	Mallorca	8	15	Triay & Siverio, 2008
	Menorca	4		
	Cabrera	3		
Spain (*mailand*)	Marismas del Odiel (Huelva)	1	2	Muriel et al., 2010
	Embalse del Guadalcacin (Cadiz)	1		
Chafarinas Islands (*Spain*)	Congreso Island	1	1	Triay & Siverio, 2008
Italy	Maremma Regional Park (Tuscany)	1	1	Monti et al., 2011
Morocco	Parc National d'Al Hoceima	18	18	Orueta & Cherckaoui, 2010
Algeria	Oran + El Kala	15+2	17	Orueta & Cherckaoui, 2010+Aziz Telalia *com. pers.*
Corsica (*France*)	West coast (e.g. Scandola MPA)	32	32	Dominici, 2008 LPO Mission Rapaces, 2011
Total			86	

STARTING POINT

Gaps in Knowledge

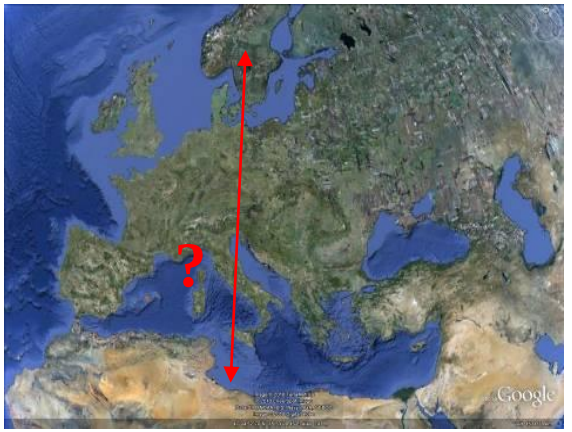
Basic information on spatial ecology

- Local movement patterns
- Dispersal strategies / Migration
- Wintering ecology (areas outside from the breeding season)

Investigate osprey's spatial ecology at different spatial and temporal scales

Local scale

Regional scale



Global scale

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A multiscale integrated approach

1) LOCAL SCALE and PRESENT TIME

Corsica and Italy

- *Individual tracking*
- *Genetics*
- *Stable Isotopes*
- *Models*

- **Movements during the breeding season**
- **Winter displacements**
- **Wild (Corsica) VS reintroduced (Italy) birds**

Feeding areas and test the "Marine Reserve Effect" on the population's performance (Scandola Reserve in & out).

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2) REGIONAL SCALE and HISTORIC TIME

Mediterranean basin

Movements among populations
(connectivity and genetic flow)

- ***Individual tracking***
- ***Genetics***
- ***Stable Isotopes***
- ***Models***

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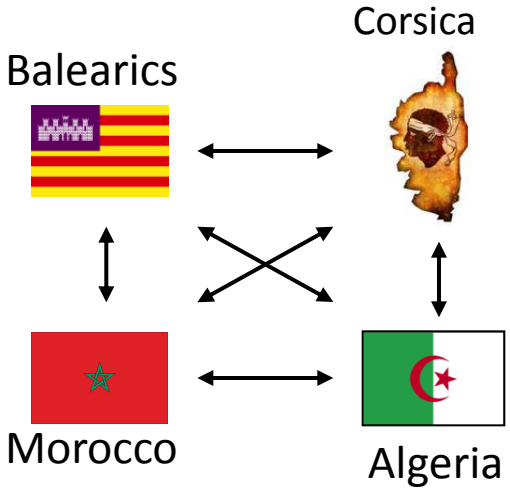

Do exchanges among populations occur in Mediterranean basin?

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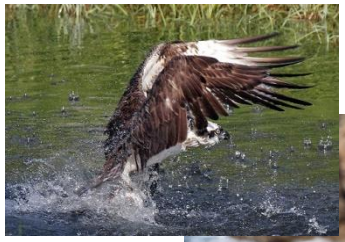
3) GLOBAL SCALE and EVOLUTIONARY TIME

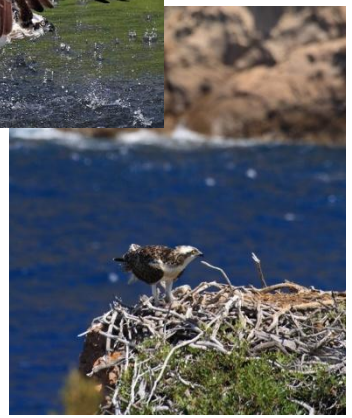
- ***Individual tracking***
- ***Genetics***
- ***Stable Isotopes***
- ***Models***

Explore and compare dispersal and migratory strategies between Mediterranean and Northern Europe populations.

Winter habitat selection (freshwater VS sea)

Philogenetic structure: genetic divergence between Mediterranean and other populations (Mitochondrial)





MEDITERRANEAN OSPREY NETWORK

Promotion of a common network between the different Mediterranean breeding sites.

- Sharing Ringing Programs



- Harmonization of monitoring protocols

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- Marine Protected Areas



- Building of artificial nesting sites

- Reintroduction programs

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