

***Gyps fulvus* conservation project in the Natural Reserve of Cornino's Lake (Udine, north-east of Italy)**



Figura 1 - *Gyps fulvus* and their feeding point at the natural Reserve. Photos gently provided by Fulvio Genero

The *Gyps fulvus* conservation project in the *Natural Reserve of Cornino's Lake (Udine, Italy)* is endowed by the independent Friuli Venezia Giulia Region in the north east of Italy and is run by the Municipality of *Forgaria nel Friuli* in collaboration with the Municipality of *Trasaghis*. The undertaken actions and the management of a supply point have enabled the establishment of the vultures colonies, nesting only in the *Medio Tagliamento* area, in the whole Alpine area. The natural Reserve is an important attraction point for the vultures in transit on the Italian Alps and for these and other species of birds of prey has become an increasingly known reference more and more visited over the years.

The conservation and research participation are managed in collaboration with institutions of various European countries: among the others the National Park Hohe Tauern (Austria) and Parco Natura Viva (Verona, Italy).

It's been a couple of years now since, in collaboration with the University of Udine (Department of Agronomy and Environmental Science), research about the ecology of these birds started. The studies concern the animal movements and the habitat use and are conducted with different methodologies that employ various marking systems and satellite telemetry.

The use of CyberTracker software is for storing and processing data collected through the observation of marked vultures on the feeding point.

We present our results on National and International conferences describing how this innovative and useful tool could simplify the data field acquisition and their interpretation.