

An effort to recover the golden eagle in Galicia

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Between 2006 to 2012, the Galician Government in collaboration with Grefa and coordinate with the editor of the recovery plan of the golden Eagle in Galicia (Ecoplanin), proceeded to release the method of hacking 15 juvenile specimens of Golden Eagle. This phase of the program is aimed at looking for the reproduction of the species in four or five years. Considered necessary control and monitoring of individuals subject to the program. Is currently developing the tracking of radio-tagged individuals and equipped with Argos-GPS system.



The gradual loss of territory in the last few decades in Galicia, had a negative impact on the overall reproductive success, generating a clear risk of extinction in the short and medium term in Galicia.

Catalogued as an endangered species in Galicia, required the development of a Recovery Plan. This situation led to the implementation of the Golden Eagle population reinforcement program in the Baixa Limia-Serra Xurés Natural Park by the Government of Galicia in collaboration with GREFA (Group for Rehabilitation of Native Fauna and Habitat). The protection of these natural areas facilitated the correction of most problems that led the Eagles to this critical situation in the area. The reinforcement program includes measures in addition to involving the local population, school, local hunters, tourism, ... involves the direct application of the measures on the territory, with the correction of the impacts (such as the modification of power lines), habitat improvements aimed to availability of prey species and the monitoring and implementation of the protocols in the fight against the use of poisons.

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This information provides vital information on the status of the specimens, mortality, the use and dispersal areas, inter and intra-specifically relationships, the response to conservation measures implemented, such as additional food and habitat enhancement, and allows the feedback to optimize these measures can know the frequency of return of the units to the territory in which they are released by the hacking. Finally tracking allowed the confirmation of the species nesting attempt this cross-order nature reserve, which was considered extinct as a reproductive so far.

