



## SYMPOSIUM 'REINTRODUCING MIGRATORY BIRDS'

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### Campaign against illegal bird hunting in Italy

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The European LIFE+ project "Reason for Hope" aims to reintroduce a migratory population of the continentally extinct, critically endangered Northern Bald Ibis (*Geronticus eremita*). One major threat for the release population is illegal hunting in Italy during autumn migration. All birds are equipped with GPS tracking devices. This allows to quantify the impact of environmental crime on the population level and to identify geographic hot-spot areas where preventive measures have to be taken primarily.

After four years of the LIFE+ project, essential milestones within the campaign against illegal bird hunting could be reached. There are indications that the losses caused by this type of environmental crime are decreasing.