

**Conference on Mediterranean population of the
genus *Alectoris***

Alessandria, Italy, 14 - 15 November 2011

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

h. 8:30 Registration

h. 9:00 Welcome & Introduction

h. 10:00: Session 1

Status and Conservation

Chairmen: F. Dessì-Fulgheri - G.R. (Dick) Potts

Lecture

Differences in the breeding ecology of *Alectoris* and *Perdix* and implications for the conservation of *Alectoris*. **Potts G.R.**

Oral communications

Status and distribution of *Alectoris graeca* in Apennine areas. **Sorace et al.**

An habitat suitability model to predict the distribution area of Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca*) in the Central Italian Apennine. **Amici et al.**

Density and habitat suitability of the Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*) on the Elba Island (Tuscany). **Chiatante et al.**

Posters

The impact of agro-pastoral abandonment on the Rock Partridge in the Apennines. **Rippa et al.**
Alectoris graeca in Latium region (Central Italy): Status and Action Plan. **Sorace et al.**

Status of Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca*) in Lazio Region, Central Italian Apennine: five years of monitoring. **Amici et al.**

h. 11:30: Coffee break

h. 11:45: Session 2

Systematics and Genetics

Chairmen: E. Randi - M. Scandura

Lecture

Conservation genetics of the *Alectoris* partridges. **Randi E.**

Oral communications

Genetic status of the Sardinian Partridge (*Alectoris barbara*) population. **Scandura et al.**

Pure Red Legged *Alectoris rufa* and *A. chukar* -contaminated partridges populations living in near areas of NW Italy. **Pellegrino et al.**

Posters

Barbary, chukar and Red-legged: 10 years of research on *Alectoris* partridges at the University of Pisa. **Forcina et al.**

Genetic structure of Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca*) populations in the central southern alps. **Fabro & Filacorda**

On the status of the Cyrenaic Partridge (*Alectoris barbata* Reichenow, 1896). **Spanò et al.**
Alectoris rufa sightings outside its traditional distribution area in Piedmont. **Lasagna et al.**

h. 13:00 Lunch

h. 14:30: Session 3

Physiology and behaviour

Chairmen: A. Bernard-Laurent - G. Malacarne

Lecture

Physiological and behavioral interactions in ecology: lessons and perspectives for the conservation of Partridge populations. **Boos M.**

Oral communications

Morphological growth and behavior ontogenesis in the Barbary Partridge, *Alectoris barbara* (Bonnaterre, 1790). **Znari et al.**

Behavioural and hormonal partner compatibility in captive *Alectoris graeca* pairs.

Hirschenhauser

Posters

Diet of the Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca saxatilis*) in the central sector of Italian Alps. **Danova et al.**

Distribution and genetic characterization of some Partridge Population in Tunisia: An Eco-toxicological study. **Banni et al.**

Factors affecting defensive behaviour of Rock and Red-legged Partridges. **Zaccaroni et al.**

h. 16:00: Coffee break

h. 16:15 Session 4

Ecology and population dynamics

Chairmen: J. Viñuela F. - Ponce-Boutin

Lecture

Factors affecting Red-legged Partridge population dynamics: a review and new insights. **Viñuela J.**

Oral communications

Abundance of Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca*) in relation to the multi spatial structure of habitat and food availability. **Visintin & Filacorda**

Habitat suitability model for Alpine Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca saxatilis*) in piedmont mountains: a mid-term study. **Nelli et al.**

Rock Partridge *Alectoris graeca saxatilis* occurrence in pastoral habitats. The Val Troncea Natural Park case of study. **Maurino et al.**

Posters

Expansion of Red legged Partridge's habitat in the southeast of the Alessandria Province: the rivers as ecological corridors? **Tizzani et al.**

Influence of weather-climate conditions on the reproductive period of Rock Partridge *Alectoris graeca* in a population of the western alps. **Giordano et al.**

Monitoring the dynamic of an increasing Red-legged Partridge population. **Tizzani et al.**

Effects of conventional agriculture and game-cover crops on Red-legged Partridge populations. **Meriggi et al.**

h. 09:00: Session 5

Health and parasites

Chairmen: C. Gortazar - P. G. Meneguz

Lecture

Diseases and parasites of the Red-legged Partridge: implications for management and conservation. **Gortazar et al.**

Oral communications

Relation between parasites, reproductive index and habitat change in Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca*) populations in the central southern alps. **Fabro et al.**

Helminths communities of Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca*) in Western Alps: effect of age and sex. **Formenti et al.**

Sanitary status of the Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa* in the province of Alessandria, Italy. **Tizzani et al.**

Posters

Responses to an antigen vaccine in laying females: differences between the Grey and the Red-legged Partridge. **Malacarne et al.**

h. 10:45: Coffee break

h. 11:00: Session 6

Hunting

Chairmen: M. Delibes-Mateos - S. Spanò

Lecture

Lights and shadows of the Red-legged Partridge hunting management in central Spain. **Delibes-Mateos M.**

Oral communications

Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*) demographic models: application to hunting management. **Ferreras et al.**

Predator control as a management tool: effects of red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) control in a Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*) population. **Mateo-Moriones et al.**

Posters

Conservation status and hunting management of Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*) in the Eastern Province of Genoa (Liguria Region, NW Italy). **Ciuffardi & Spanò**

Management and monitoring of Red-legged Partridge in province of Pisa. **Vecchio et al.**

Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca saxatilis*): hunted animals and reproductive success on the Italian Alps (2006-2010). **Artuso**

h. 10:45: Lunch

h: 14:30: Session 7

Census and techniques

Chairmen: C. Jakob - P. Tizzani

Lecture

Some recent tools for bird surveys, a fast overview and the example of the French Red-legged Partridge survey. **Jakob C.**

Oral communications

Does the use of playback affect the estimates of numbers of Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa*? **Tizzani et al.**

Posters

Census of *Alectoris graeca whitakeri* in the ZPS ITA010029 Monte Cofano, Capo San Vito e Monte Sparagio. **Lo Valvo et al.**

Is the Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*) naturally colonising the north of Lazio region, Italy? **Primi et al.**

Current distribution of Red-legged Partridge (*Alectoris rufa*) in Piedmont: signs of recent territorial expansion. **Boano et al.**

Eight years monitoring of Rock Partridge *Alectoris graeca saxatilis* in Val Troncea Regional Park. **Maurino et al.**

h. 15:30: Coffee break

h: 16:00: Session 8

Sustainable management and action plans

Chairmen: S. Kark - A. Meriggi

Lecture

The importance of regional collaboration for biodiversity conservation: the case of Mediterranean Basin. **Kark S.**

Oral communications

Status of Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca saxatilis*) populations along the western Alps: output of an Alcotra programme. **Bernard-Laurent et al.**

Comparison of predictive and descriptive models in order to plan the monitoring and research on the Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca*) in the north eastern alps. **Visintin et al.**

Posters

LIFE09 NAT/IT/000099 project in Sicily: "Urgent actions for the conservation of the *Alectoris graeca whitakeri*". **Lo Valvo & Barresi**

Viability analyses (PVA) of Barbary Partridge (*Alectoris barbara*) in Sardinia Island. **Giordano et al.**

Sicilian Rock Partridge (*Alectoris graeca whitakeri*): is the current protected area network enough? **Nelli et al.**