



# Research and monitoring for and with raptors in Europe – EURAPMON

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**Special issue on raptor population monitoring in 25 European countries of journal *Acrocephalus* is available on EURAPMON website.** This publication is a key contribution towards preparing the inventory of existing raptor monitoring and provides a first and preliminary overview of the state of monitoring for raptors in Europe. [Read more](#)



**An overview of existing raptor contaminant monitoring activities in Europe was published in Environment International in 2014 and is available on EURAPMON [website](#).** As one of the EURAPMON project activities the authors investigated the potential for EU-wide coordinated contaminant monitoring using raptors as sentinels using a questionnaire to ascertain the current scale of national activity across 44 European countries.

Results of the questionnaire on existing monitoring of contaminants in raptors is available on EURAPMON website. You can download an [Excel sheet](#) that contains the findings of the project (as of 9 November, 2012) including an **overview of monitoring schemes**, their **purpose**, **types of samples** collected and a **list of monitored contaminants**.

**Save the Date:** EURAPMON will convene a **Summer School on Monitoring for and with Raptors** at the Naturalis Biodiversity Center in The Netherlands from 27-29 August 2014. The school will address both contaminant monitoring and monitoring of raptor populations, and will include the use of museum collections for raptor studies. The school will be open to 10-12 doctoral and post-doctoral students. Further details on the school and how to apply are available [here](#).



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**Save the date:** EURAPMON final conference will be organised in Natural Park of Sierra Espuña (Murcia, Spain) from 2-4 February 2015. More information will be available in due time on [EURAPMON website](#).

**Funding from EURAPMON network is available for short visit grants.** EURAPMON enhances capacities for monitoring *for* and *with* raptors in Europe in line with best practice, in particular in those European countries currently lacking in skills and resources through provision of grants for short visits. All information on eligibility, duration, purpose of visits and application procedure are available [here](#).



EURAPMON has so far awarded **10 short and exchange visits** grants to students and researchers in order to spread best practices and build capacities in Europe for harmonized raptor monitoring. A full list of supported visits with reports is available on [EURAPMON website](#).



Sharing knowledge: **Raptors – A Field Guide to Surveys and Monitoring** is available on [EURAPMON website](#). This is the second edition of the field guide giving methods for surveying and monitoring raptors, covering all the species of diurnal raptors and owls that breed regularly in Britain and Ireland.

EURAPMON is an European Science Foundation Research Networking Programme that runs from May 2010 until May 2015. It is [financed by ESF member organisations and other bodies](#) from 15 countries, and is open to interested participants from Europe and beyond.

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