

Mediterranean workshop to develop tortoise conservation strategies
Reunión Mediterránea para el desarrollo de estrategias de conservación de tortugas

Scientific Program

Monday 28th October

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration
9:00 – 9:30 Opening remarks

Session I: 9:30 – 11:30	Conservation of wildlife populations (part 1) Andrés Giménez and Roberto Rodríguez-Caro
9:30	Conservation status of tortoises in the current context of global change: <i>Testudo hermanni</i> y <i>T. graeca</i> in the circum-Mediterranean Region Eva Graciá <i>Universidad Miguel Hernández (Spain)</i>
9:45	Potential climate change effects on <i>Testudo graeca</i> in the Mediterranean Region Miguel Ángel Esteve-Selma <i>Universidad de Murcia (Spain)</i>
10:00	Modelling the response of Mediterranean terrestrial tortoises to fire in a spatial context of fire-regime shift Xavier Santos <i>CIBIO/InBIO. Universidade do Porto (Portugal)</i>
10:15	Effects of land use changes on terrestrial tortoises: a spatially explicit individual-based model approach María Victoria Jiménez-Franco <i>Universidad Miguel Hernández (Spain)</i>
10:30	Wild populations of Hermann's tortoise in central part of Balkan Peninsula Ana Golubović <i>University of Belgrade (Serbia)</i>
10:40	Description of <i>Testudo graeca</i> populations in North Africa: distribution, genetic and phenotypic information. Soumia Fahd <i>Université Abdelmalek Essaadi (Morocco)</i>
10:50	Changes on the distribution of the genus <i>Testudo</i> at the island of Mallorca: 30 years after Samuel Pinya <i>Universitat de les Illes Balears (Spain)</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break

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Session I: Conservation of wildlife populations (part 2)	
11:30 - 14:00	Andrés Giménez and Roberto Rodríguez-Caro
11:30	Habitats of <i>Testudo hermanni</i> in Italy Marta Biaggini <i>Università degli Studi di Firenze (Italy)</i>
11:40	What is long-term monitoring for? Albert Bertolero <i>Associació Ornitològica Picampall de les Terres de l'Ebre (Spain)</i>
11:50	Long-term monitoring program of <i>Testudo graeca</i> in Murcia-Almería populations María del Carmen Martínez-Pastor <i>Universidad Miguel Hernández (Spain)</i>
12:00	Plan de Conservación de Tortuga mora <i>Testudo g. graeca</i> en la Región de Murcia Emilio Aledo <i>Comunidad Autónoma de la Región de Murcia</i>
12:10	Results of 10 years monitoring a population core of Hermann's tortoise (<i>Testudo hermanni</i>) in the Serra de l'Albera Ramón Mascort <i>CRT l'Albera (Spain)</i>
12:20	Veinte años de cría en cautividad y refuerzo poblacional de tortuga mediterránea (<i>Testudo h. hermanni</i>) en la sierra de l'Albera (Pirineo oriental, Cataluña) Joan Budó <i>CRT l'Albera (Spain)</i>
12:30 - 14:00	Round table
14:00 - 15:30	Lunch

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Session II 15:30 - 17:00	Species trade and management of tortoises in captivity (part 1) Irene Pérez and Marcos Ferrández
15:30	<p>When should we reintroduce tortoises? Collection, captivity, and reintroductions of spur-thighed tortoises in Southeast Spain Irene Pérez</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Universidad de Zaragoza (Spain)</i></p>
15:50	<p>Función y forma de trabajo de la Autoridad Científica CITES Barbara Soto-Largo</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica</i></p>
16:10	<p>Projects of Wildlife Protection Societies in Central Europe – Focus on Research and Protection of <i>Testudo spp.</i> Beate Pfau</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>German Society for Herpetology and Herpetoculture (Germany)</i></p>
16:20	<p>Population genetics tools for conservation of Mediterranean tortoises Oriol Vidal</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Universitat de Girona (Spain)</i></p>
16:30	<p>Gestión de las poblaciones cautivas de <i>Testudo graeca</i> en el Centro de Recuperación de Fauna de Santa Faz (Alicante). Marcos Ferrández</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Centro de Recuperación de Fauna “Santa Faz” (Spain)</i></p>
16:40	<p>Problem and casuistry of the genus <i>Testudo</i> in the COFIB Nieves Negre</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Consorci per a la recuperació de la fauna de les Illes Balears (Spain)</i></p>
16:50	<p>Reintroduction program of Hermann’s tortoise (<i>Testudo hermanni hermanni</i>) in the Valencian Community Mercè Vilalta</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Equipo de Seguimiento de Fauna. VAERSA (Spain)</i></p>
17:00 - 17:30	Coffee break

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Session II: 17:30 - 19:30	Species trade and management of tortoises in captivity (part 2) Irene Pérez and Marcos Ferrández
17:30	Gestión de <i>Testudínidos</i> mediterráneos en los centros de recuperación españoles. Joaquín Soler <i>Centro de Recuperación de Anfibios y Reptiles de Cataluña (Spain)</i>
17:40	STOP al comercio online Luis Fidel Samiento <i>Generalitat Valenciana (Spain)</i>
17:50	Mediterranean spur-thighed tortoise collection and trade as pets: Why does public awareness matter? Amalia Segura <i>Universidad de Castilla La Mancha (Spain)</i>
18:00 - 19:30	Round table

19:30 - 20:30 Premiere of the short documentary film:
“**Ojos de la tierra**” directed by Marcos Altuve. The short documentary was recorded in Morocco by Universidad Miguel Hernández. The film shows the importance of the local knowledge for science research and species conservation. The projection will include a presentation of the project and Q&A with participants. Some of them are part of the Mediterranean Network of Scientific Women.

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Session III: 9:00 – 10:30	Emerging diseases and parasites (part 1)	Albert Martínez Silvestre
9:00	Molecular diagnosis of rhinitis in captive <i>Testudo graeca</i>: implications for conservation. Fernando Esperón <i>Centro de Investigación en Sanidad Animal (INIA-CISA) (Spain)</i>	
9:10	Enfermedades de interés y bioseguridad en la conservación de <i>Testudo</i> Españolas. Albert Martínez <i>Centro de Recuperación de Anfibios y Reptiles de Cataluña (Spain)</i>	
9:30	Hyalomma ticks infecting tortoises in North Africa and Turkey: distribution, genetic variation and their role as potential vectors. Ana Perera <i>CIBIO/InBIO. Universidade do Porto (Portugal)</i>	
9:40	Ensayo clínico del tratamiento de Mycoplasma de <i>Testudo graeca</i> en FIEB Carmen Aranda <i>Fundación para la Investigación en Etología y Biodiversidad (Spain)</i>	
9:50	Decontamination Protocol for field work with tortoises María Isabel García de la Fuente <i>Universidad Miguel Hernández (Spain)</i>	
10:00	The double role of endobiotic nematodes in <i>Testudo graeca</i> populations Roberto Rodríguez-Caro <i>Universidad Miguel Hernández (Spain)</i>	
10:10	Proposal of a health screening protocol for the reintroduction of <i>Testudo hermanni hermanni</i> into the wild Danielle Marine <i>Università degli Studi di Perugia (Italia)</i>	
10:20	Status assessment of Sardinian <i>Testudo</i>: proposed objectives and protocols to protect natural populations Danielle Marine <i>Università degli Studi di Perugia (Italia)</i>	
10:30 – 11:00		Coffee break
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12:30 – 13:00	Closing remarks	