

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A FIELD OFFICER POSITION TO MONITOR VULTURES IN THE CENTRAL APENNINES

Position:	Vulture Field Officer
Reference:	VFO
Reporting to:	Team leader / Field Officer
Location:	Griffon vulture's distribution range in the Central Apennines (CA)
Type of Contract:	External assistance / consultancy contract
Remuneration:	€ 11,400 gross + 1,425 for travel reimbursements
Output:	Monitoring of vultures in the CA
Time frame:	0,6 FTE, until December 31 st 2021

POSITION SUMMARY

Rewilding Apennines ETS (RA) is looking for a VFO to monitor griffon vultures in the Central Apennines in cooperation and functional coordination with the relevant public agencies and institutions.

The RA headquarter in Gioia dei Marsi will be the main office. The VFO will reach the office by own car and use RA's 4x4 for field activities. The VFO will use the computer/laptop of the organization or her/his own one. Computer work can be done also from home to reduce ecological footprint.

RESPONSIBILITIES / SCOPE OF WORK

- Focus on investigating vultures' food habits, movements, roost sites, population census, livestock abundance and main anthropogenic threats to the species (ingestion of poison and other contaminants, collision with cableways or wind turbines, electrocution etc.).
- Moreover, the VFO will manage the provision of carcasses to a feeding station, in strong coordination with the relevant institutions, if its use is authorized, and will be responsible for direct or remote (i.e., by camera traps) monitoring of vultures' attendance at the feeding station/s.
- Provide all data acquired both digitally and on paper, and which is required to make backups (weekly / monthly) etc. data on the cloud. In any case, the data is owned by Rewilding Apennines.

OUTPUTS

- Monthly written reports of the activities carried out.
- GIS maps and analysis of vultures' home range and movements.
- Database of observations.
- Database of carcasses recorded.
- Database of threats to vultures.
- Database of livestock reported in the area.
- Final report at the end of 2021.

REQUIREMENTS

- Driving licence type B.
- No police record.
- Italian native speaker and English proficient user, both spoken and written.
- Propensity to outdoor activities.
- Living in the Central Apennine region.
- Bachelor or senior degree in Conservation Biology, Zoology or similar.
- Knowledge of and competences in the use of basic statistical analysis and related software, GPS, GIS, camera traps.
- Knowledge of and competences in remote tracking techniques.

Spotting scope and binoculars will be appreciated.

To apply to this job position, please send your CV and motivational letter to info@rewilding-apennines.com within April 23rd 2021.