

Common Buzzard Proof of concept

STSM-

Protocols for surveying (by region / country) -use data available from European Bird Breeding Atlas, Hardey et al. etc.

Annual cycles – to know when to go

Habitat type – how to find

Home range

Nest sites

Breeding Season visit Schedule

Signs of occupancy

Signs of breeding / non-breeding

Evidence for fledging

Evidence for non- breeding

Aging and sexing young

-Training such as raptor patch or local existing monitoring experts to train new members/ volunteers

1. Protocols for sample request

-Appeal: Descriptions for identification of bodies including photos of individuals (flying, perched, colour morphs)

-Links to the website for more details (squares)

-Decide times to collect (considering age, migration), potentially juveniles would be the best. As a start at least consider this if not for proof of concept, do it for later. *Make sure that specifications of what we want are strict to avoid non-wanted bodies.*

-Information to be provided:

Health and safety instructions on handling and package information

Method of submission:

App that can automatically check submission 'square' and reply if sample is still needed or not (some areas/ countries to be left as indefinite number of samples); send a message to volunteer collectors)

Website Explanation of project and details of areas / protocols/ etc . Contact numbers or links for each country to submit DEAD BIRD

Appeal dissemination:

Local appeal information with support (brochure-type) from COST

Facebook, twitter, etc

Meetings, conferences

Schemes such as splat/ roadkill

EWDA- local

Computer system/ app/ website to let submitters know that their square has been filled (submitted).

Sources: roadkills- Health and safety rely on local road clearing – freezer provided
App on phone that provides location to be collected- in connection to the police to avoid tampering with evidence
Hot line
-rescue centres
-vet clinics
-universities

2. Submission form:

Date Found:

Geographical location found: (GPS coordinates- links to how to obtain location or name of nearest town)

Circumstances of death (eg. Found on the side of the road, inside the nest, prey items or other animals nearby, etc.)

Storage previous to submission (Fresh, Chilled, Frozen)

Submitter's contact details (name, email, phone number)

Short instructions to pack and postage

Include submission form inside and outside

Processing: Skills, museums, age, measurements.

Need protocol for necropsy

Need storage

Postage

Possibly missions can help complete anything that Silvias protocols may need if training on that aspect is needed?

Success: success would be measured by seeing success of coverage of the squares of interest