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# Egyptian Vulture Conservation in France

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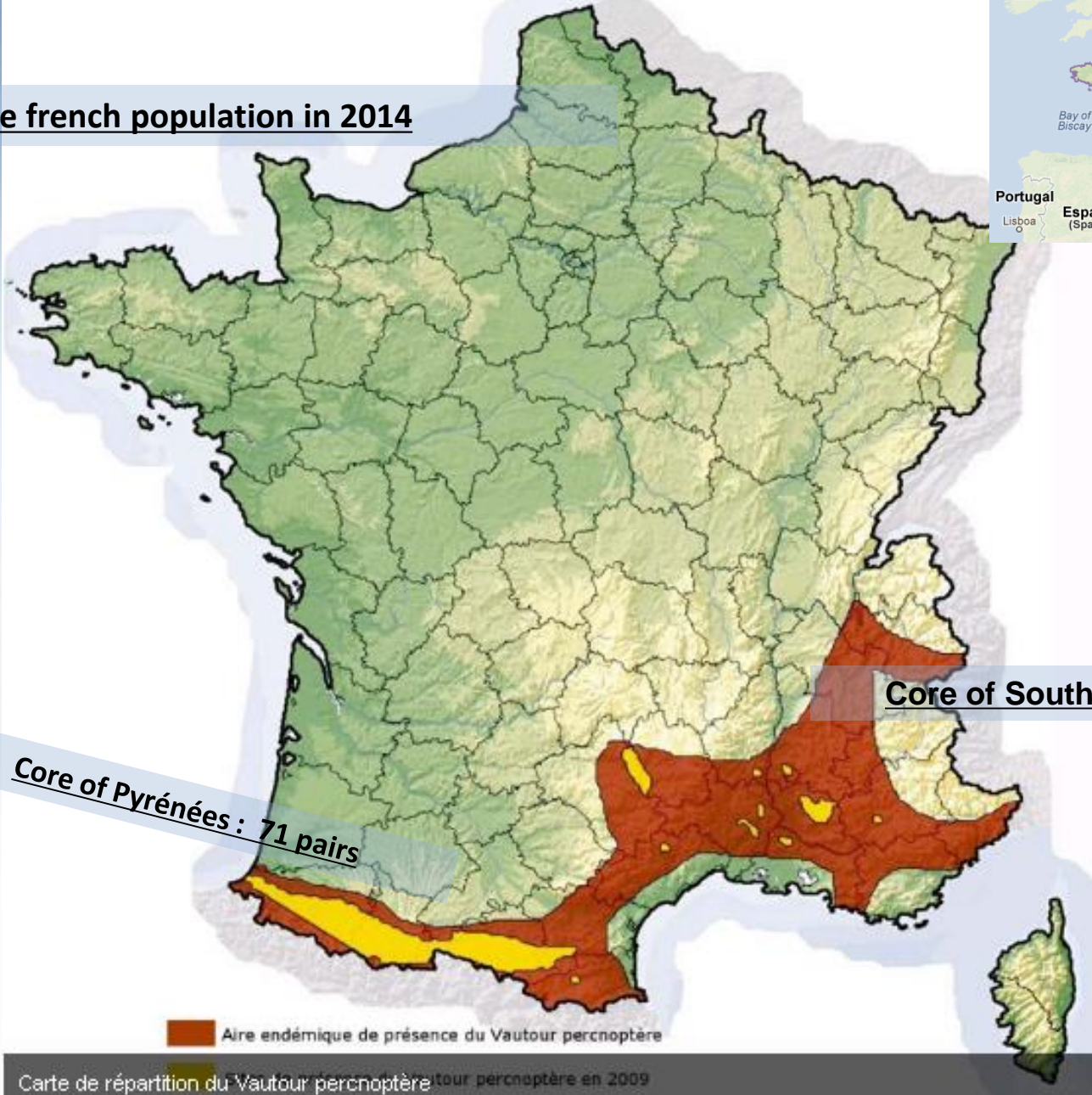
## Statuts and population size in France

- Endangered species on the red national list (UICN/MNHN)
- Two core populations: one in the Pyrenees and a smaller one in the South-East





# The french population in 2014



Carte de répartition du Vautour percnoptère en 2009

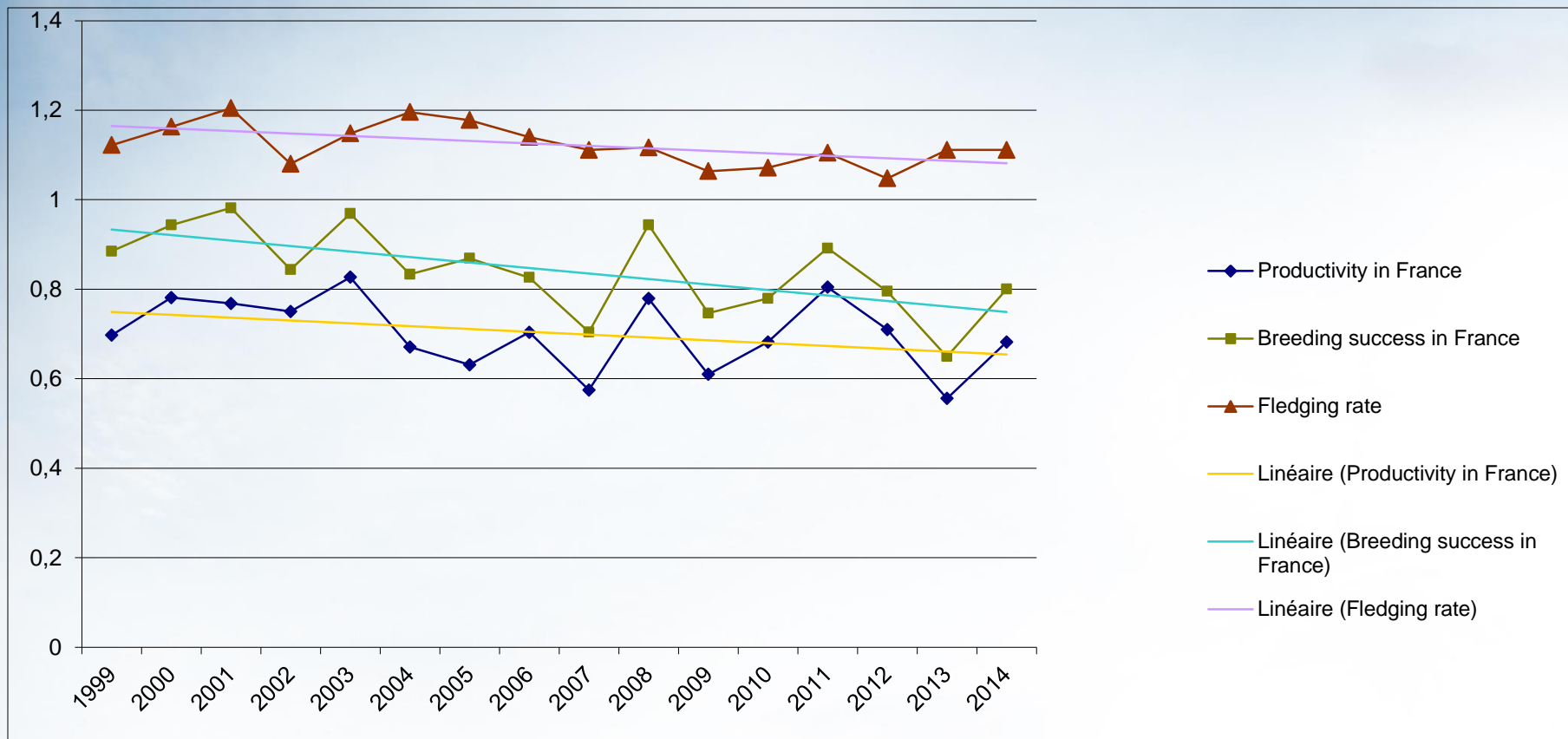


## Statuts and population size in France

### Numbers of territorial pairs of Egyptian Vulture from 1935 to 2014



# Evolution of the breeding parameters





## Main threats

- Changing in livestock breeding habitats (lack of food availability)
- Habitat loss because of urbanization
- Toxics / poisoning (pesticides or poisoned baits)
- Electrocutions/collision
- Disturbances during breeding season (climbing, paragliding, hiking, forestry works, military flying, photographers...)





## Conservation initiatives

- First National Restoration Plan 2002 -2007
  - Applied in the South-East thanks to a LIFE program
  - Applied in the Pyrénées with an INTERREG/POCTEFA program around the vultures guild still running
- 2<sup>nd</sup> National Action Plan (2014-2023)
- Ringling program since 1997





LIFE03 NAT/F/00103  
Recovery plan for the Egyptian Vulture in South-  
Eastern France  
2003-2008



## Context reminder

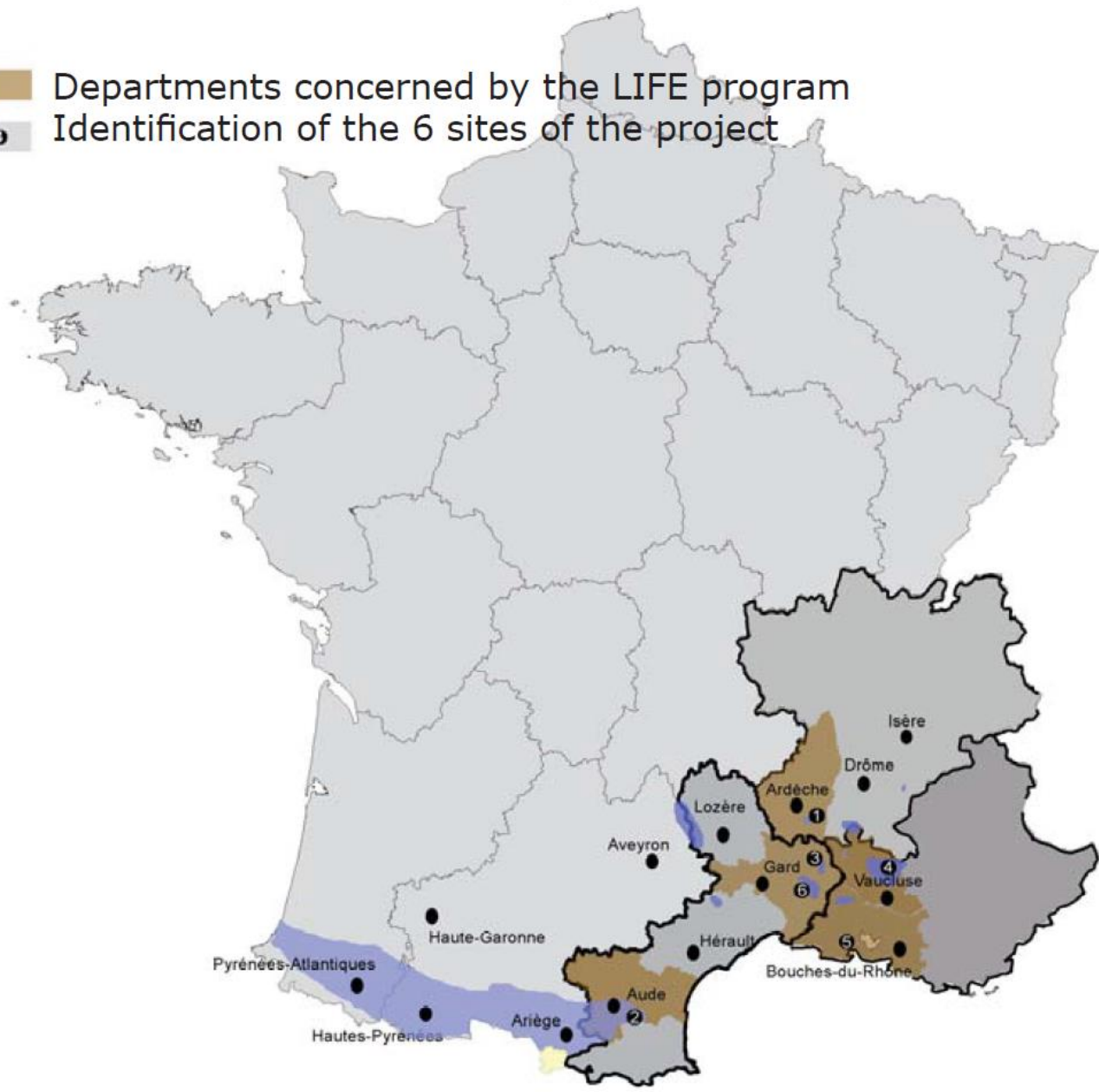
- Declining for several tens of years (>50% decrease over the last 50 years)
- In 2001, just 12 breeding pairs left



Urgency to implement conservation actions in the South East, in accordance with the National Restoration Plan to stop the local decrease while trying to initiate a return to abandoned site



- Departments concerned by the LIFE program
- ① Identification of the 6 sites of the project



## Main purposes

- Providing food with the settlement of breeders feeding places

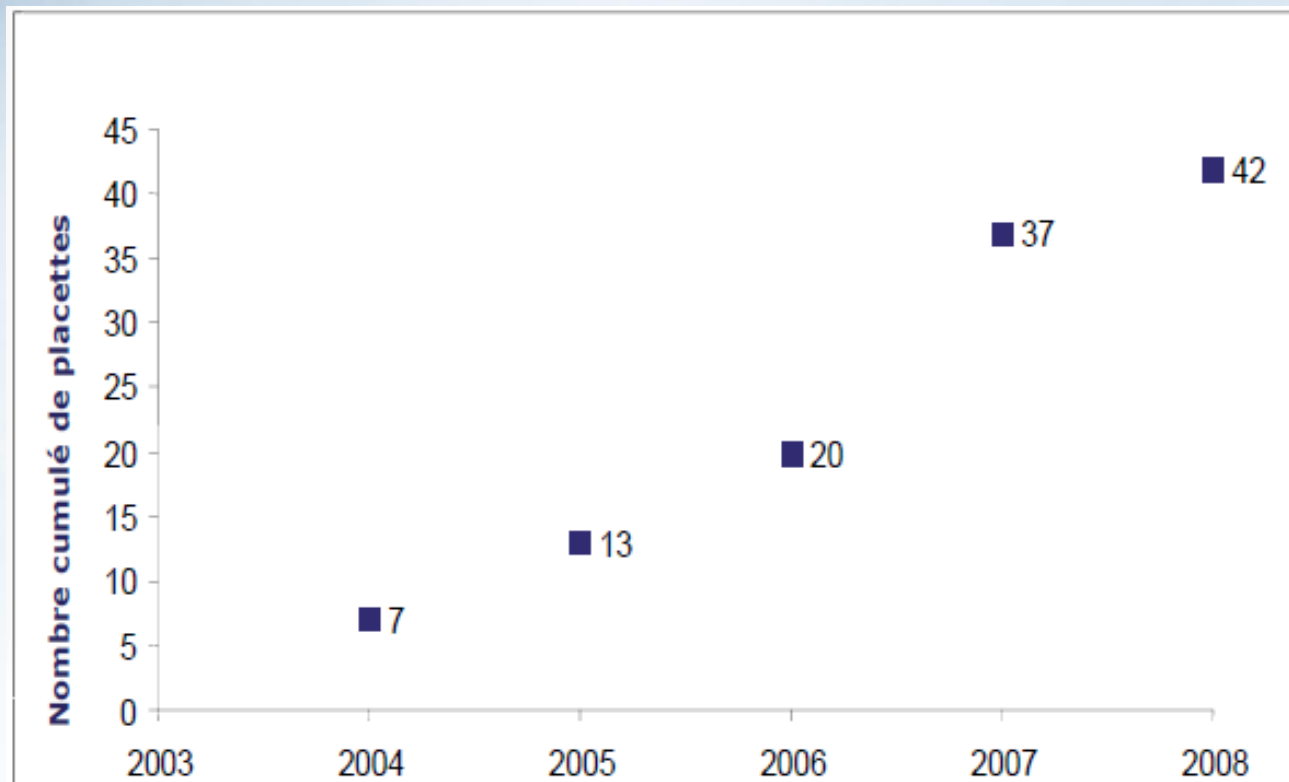
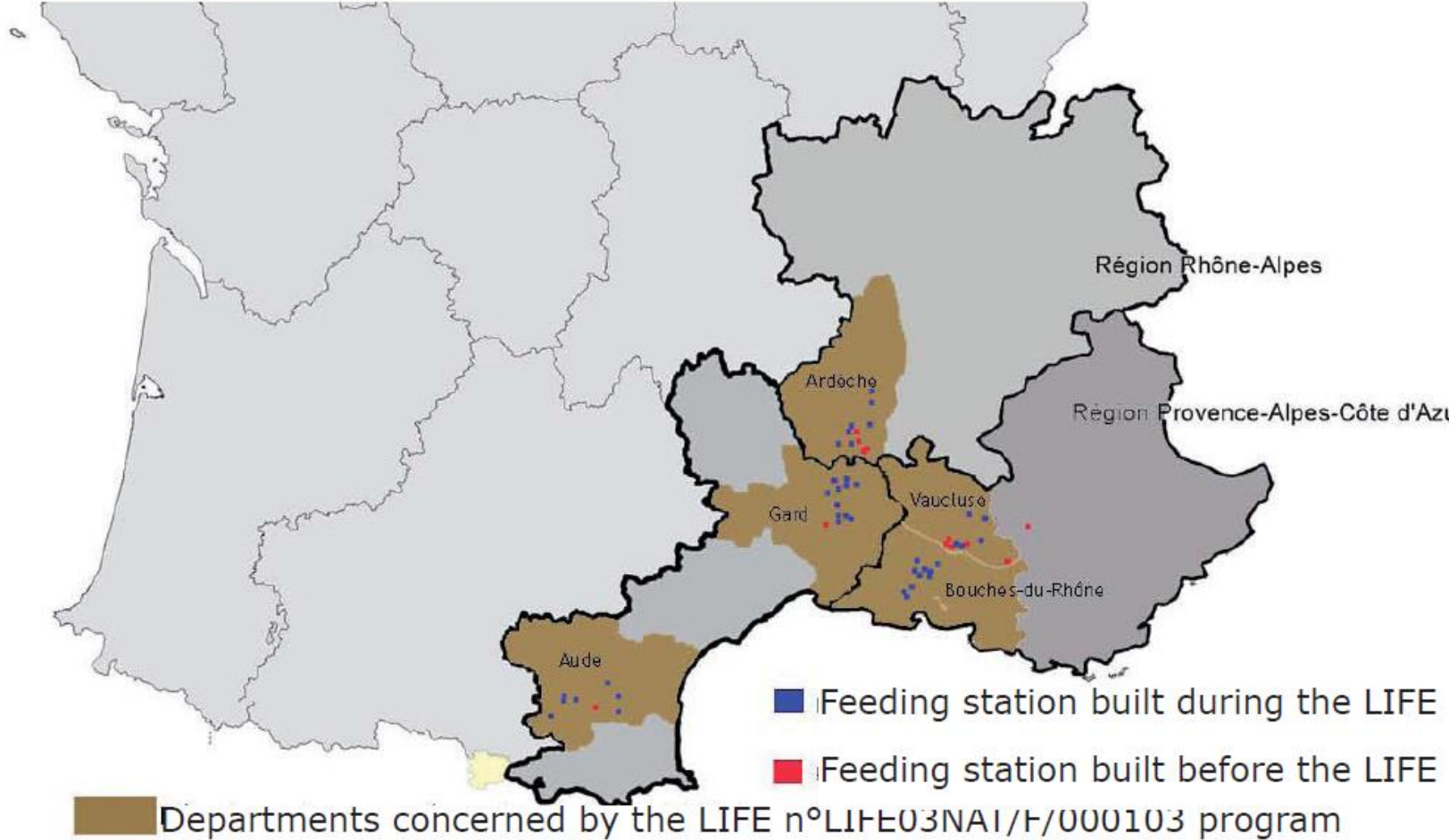


Figure 2 : Summary Histogram of the cumulated numbers of feeding stations installation per year.

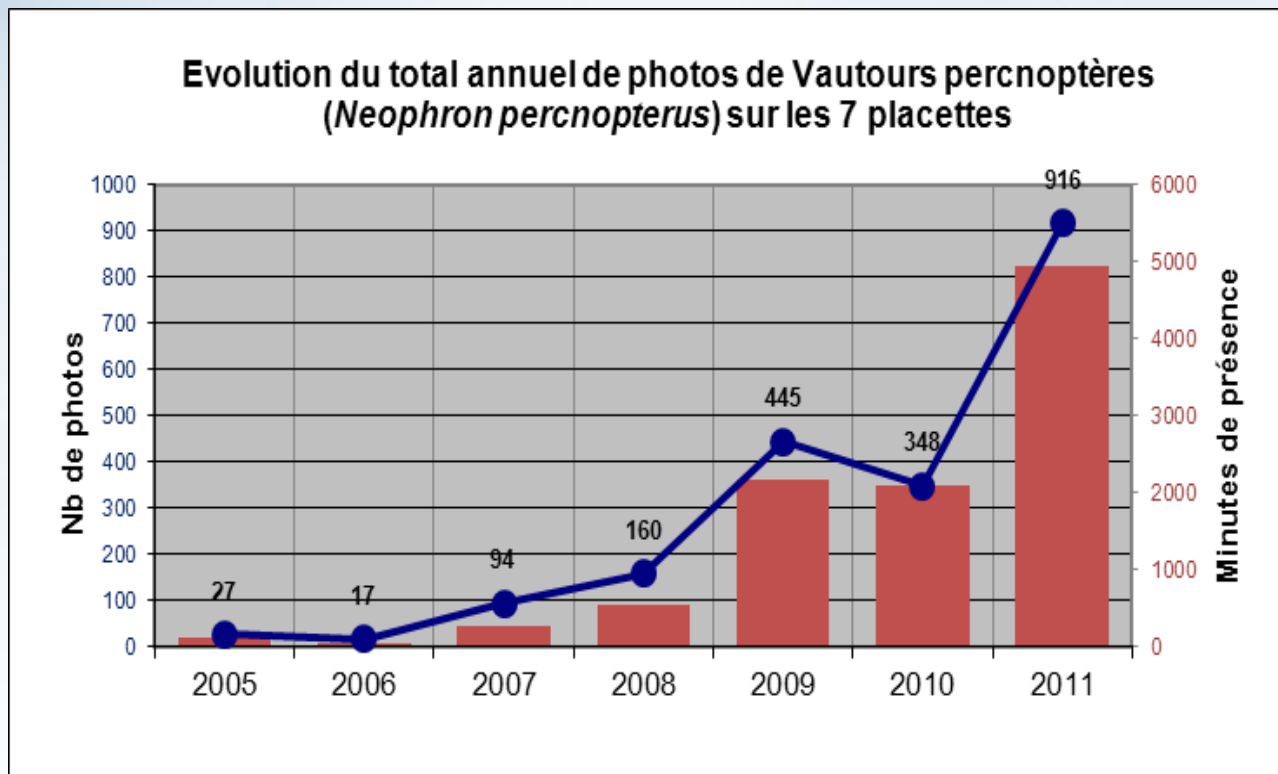




Carte 2: Building efforts of the feeding stations within the timeframe of the LIFE Nature N° LIFE03NAT/F/000103 program



Example for the site : « Crau et Marais »  
7 feeding stations



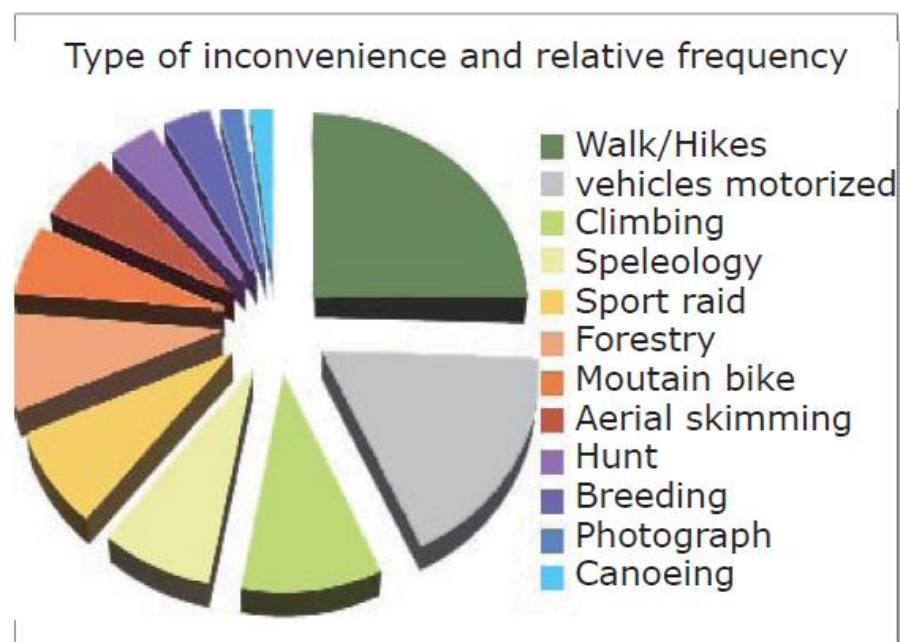
Number of pictures and time of presence of Egyptian  
Vultures on the 7 feeding stations





## Others Actions

- Threats Inventory on each breeding sites
- Previous sites Inventory
- Identification of dangerous electrical pylons
- Electricity company Action Plan to insulated pylons
- Follow up and monitoring
- Veterinary analysis
- Vigilance Poison





# Communication tools



An exhibition with 12 panels



A poster

DVD, Slideshow with photo gallery...





# Education tools

**Le vautour percnoptère**  
Dossier pédagogique

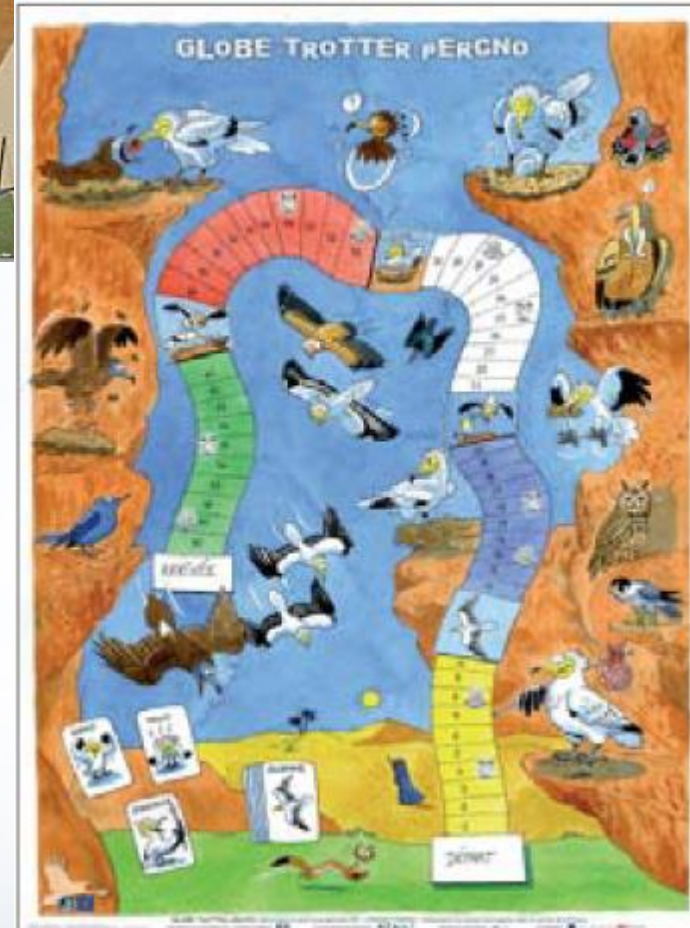
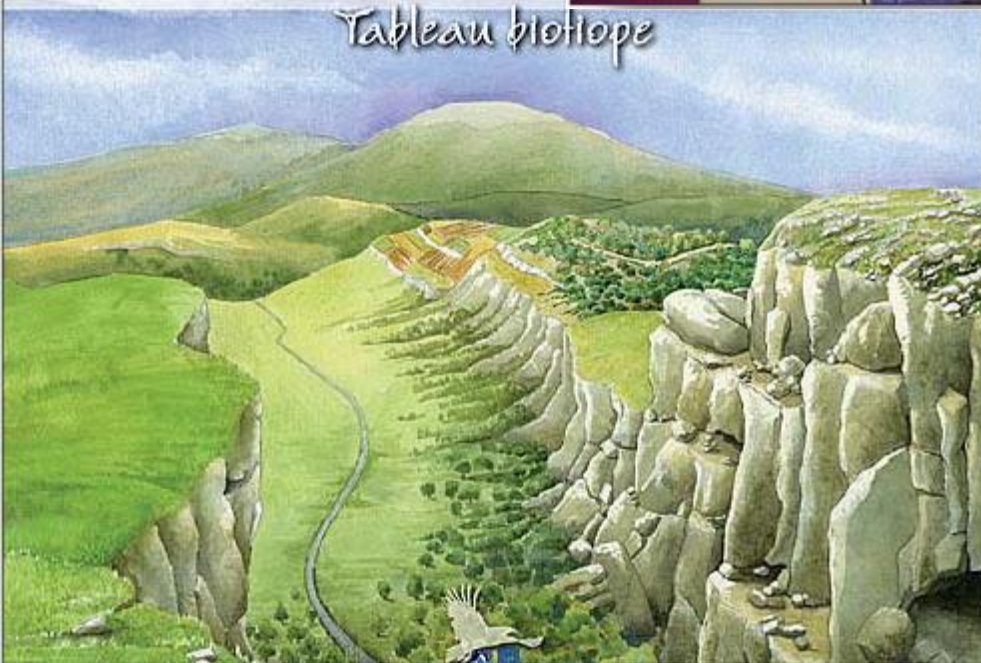


A l'usage des animateurs, des enseignants et des parents désireux découvrir avec les enfants le vautour percnoptère

Travail pédagogique réalisé dans le cadre de la programmation 2007-2008 de l'Association de la Ligue Française de Percnoptère

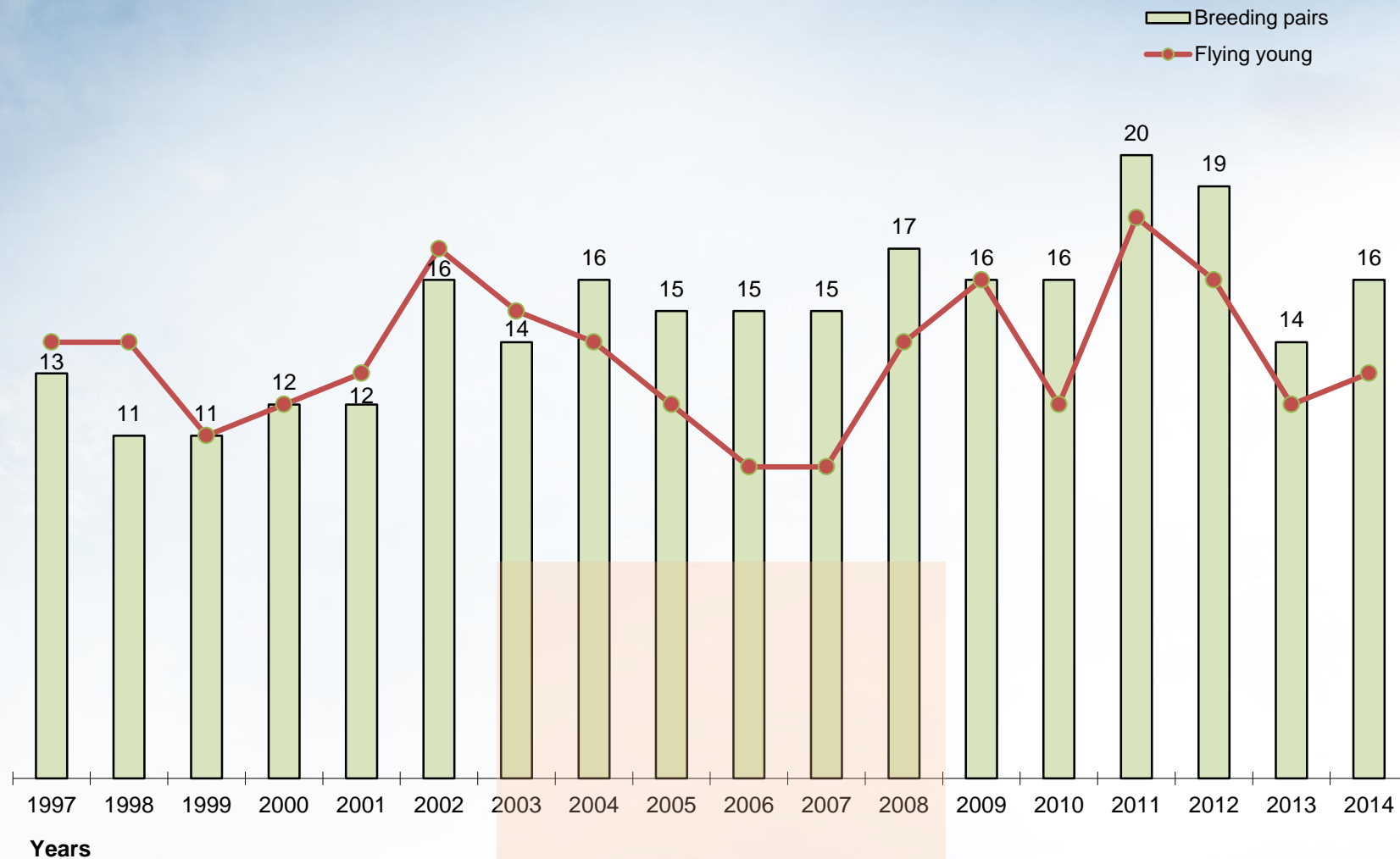



Tableau biotope



# Evolution of the SE population

Evolution de la population française de Vautours percnoptères



LIFE Project n° LIFE03  
NAT/F/00103

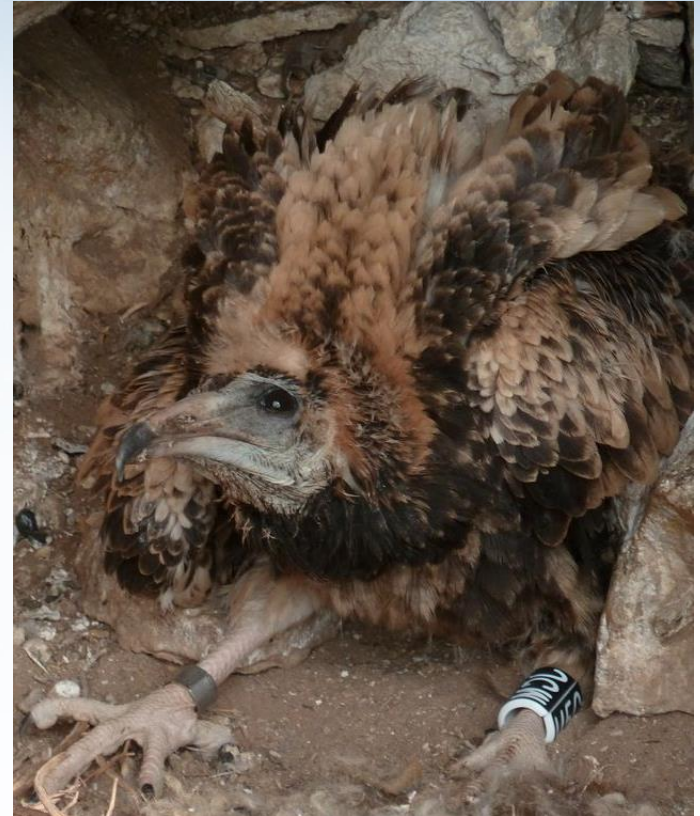


# Ringling Programs



Max Gallardo's Program:  
coloured rings from 1997 to 2009

140 chicks ringed



Max Gallardo's Program: 2010 white  
code on black ring  
24 chicks ringed



# Ringling Programs



Erick Kobierzycki's Program: since 2006 in the Pyrénées and 2014 in the SE

Black code on white ring

Pyrénées: 98 chicks ringed

SE: 200 chicks ringed



Thank you for your attention and to all our  
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