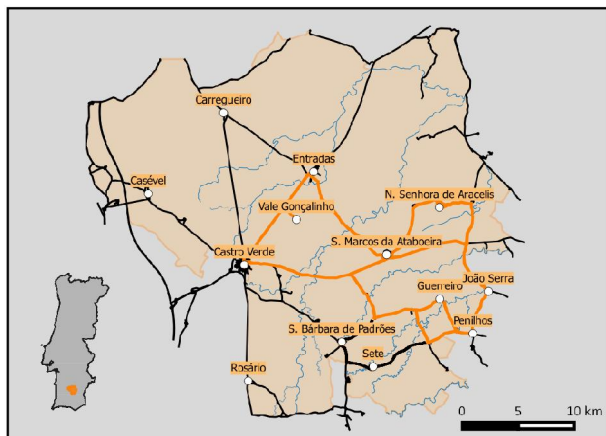


Visiting map

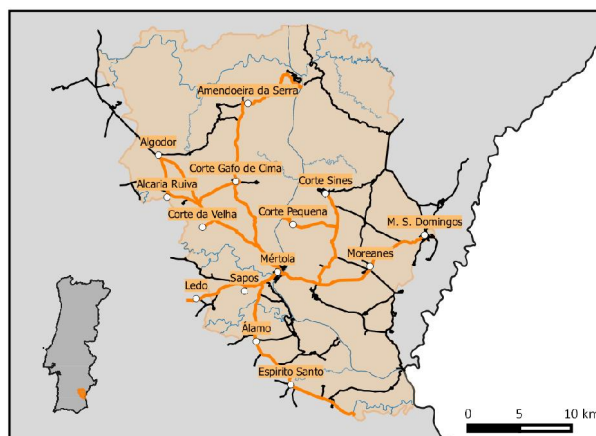
Iberian Imperial Eagle distribution areas are environmental sensitive regions that harbour species and habitats with high conservation importance. Thus, the adoption of behaviours that minimize visiting impacts is essential.

This map shows the places where your visiting activities are less harmful for Iberian Imperial Eagle and where complying the good practices detailed on this Code of Conduct is key. All the recommended tracks are of public access and are within the limits of Special Protection Areas (SPA) of Natura 2000 Network.

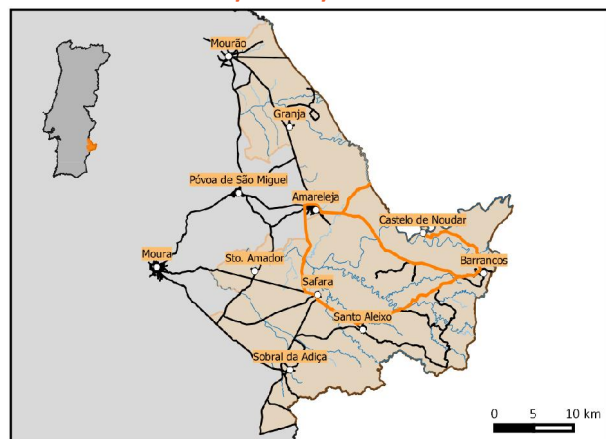
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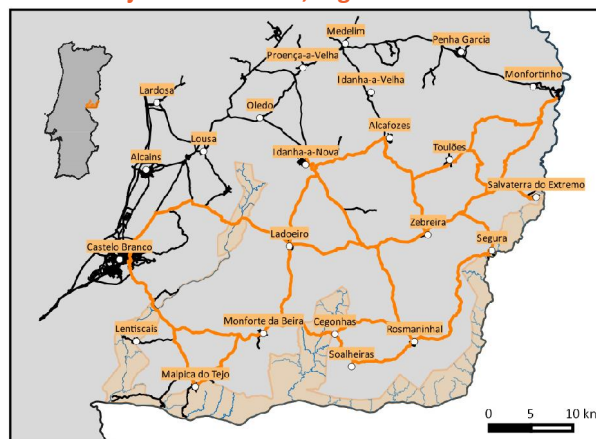
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○ Localities — Hydrography — Roads — Recommended routes

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Coordination



Associated Beneficiaries



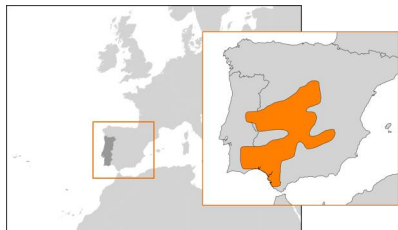
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The Iberian Imperial Eagle

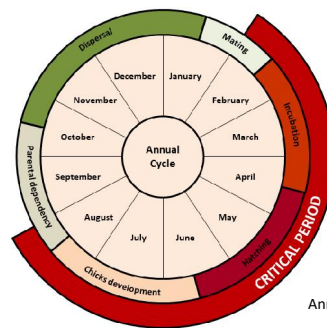
Exclusive of the Iberian Peninsula, the **Iberian Imperial Eagle** (*Aquila adalberti*) is one of the most threatened birds of prey in Europe and one of the rarest in the world. The reduced population size exacerbates the negative impact of any threats to this species.



Geographic range



Iberian Imperial Eagle (adult)



Annual cycle

Threat by disturbance

Human disturbance, namely birdwatching and nature photography activities, is one of the major threats to this species. These activities, when conducted in breeding areas, particularly during the breeding period, may:



Undermine breeding pairs' installation



Cause nest abandonment



Cause premature fledge of young juveniles

Project LIFE Imperial

The Project aims to set conditions for the maintenance and the increase of the Iberian Imperial Eagle population in Portugal, through the implementation of a set conservation actions which are directed to the reduction of this species threats.

This leaflet aims to be a support tool for visitors in Iberian Imperial Eagle occurrence areas in Portugal, promoting responsible visitation practices compatible with the natural and sociocultural values of these areas and with the conservation of this species.

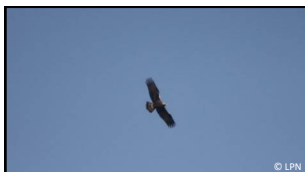
During birdwatching/nature photography activities expectations are often biased, which can lead to irresponsible behaviours that compromise animal welfare.

To avoid such imprudence, act wisely and take into account the balance between "expectations vs reality".

Expectation vs. Reality



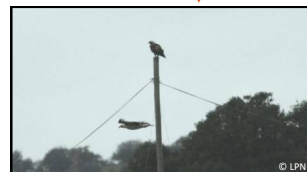
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Expectation vs. Reality

Code of Conduct

In order to avoid any negative impact of your activities on the conservation of the Iberian Imperial Eagle, the definition of **responsible conduct practices** is fundamental:

- 1 - Do not disturb wildlife** and have in mind the species welfare. Ensure that your observation and photography are made in a responsible way.
- 2 - Be informed about the species and try to use the recommended places and tracks**, in order to observe and photograph in safety and without doing any harm.
- 3 - Avoid making observations/taking pictures close to the species nesting places**, particularly during the critical period (February to August), to ensure that you don't affect its breeding success.
- 4 - Make observations/take pictures as quickly as possible and do not resort to any kind of lure or bait**, to avoid modification of individual's normal behaviour.
- 5 - Be discreet and minimise the noise and behaviours that cause disturbance**, especially near nesting places, always respecting the rules for fauna protection defined by Law (Decreto-lei 140/99 and 49/2005).
- 6 - Do not share nests and other sensitive locations**, particularly on social media, since it might be used in a harmful way (but please share that information with competent authorities and certified researchers that contribute to the species protection).
- 7 - Request to the competent authorities all the necessary permits** to conduct ecotourism and/or photography activities and inform landowners or responsible entities of your intention to enter in private property.
- 8 - Warn the competent authorities** every time you find or suspect of any irregularity and also if you find injured or dead wild animals (SOS Ambiente GNR/SEPNA - 800 200 520).
- 9 - Respect the environment, all the local activities and visitors**, bearing in mind that everyone has the right to enjoy nature and biodiversity.
- 10 - Take part in the conservation of this species and promote the sustainable development of observation and/or nature photography**, getting to know, disseminating and following this Code of Conduct.