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1. What is your name? Domingos Leitão
2. If you have a job title, what is it? Rural Program Coordinator
3. What is the name of your organization and country? SPEA – Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds, BirdLife International Partner in Portugal.
4. Based on numbers, what would you say are the top 5 raptors in your area? Top 5? Rarest? Commonest?
5. Are there any endangered raptors in your area? If so, which ones are they and why are they endangered? Yes, 15 species in Portugal:  
Honey Buzzard (*Pernis apivorus*) - Vulnerable,  
Red Kite (*Milvus milvus*) - Critical Endangered,  
Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*) - Endangered,  
Black Vulture (*Aegypius monachus*) – Critical Endangered,  
Marsh Harrier (*Circus aeruginosus*) - Vulnerable,  
Hen Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) - Critical Endangered,  
Montagu's Harrier (*Circus pygargus*) - Endangered,  
Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) - Vulnerable,  
Spanish Imperial Eagle (*Aquila adalberti*) - Critical Endangered,  
Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetus*) - Endangered,  
Bonelli's Eagle (*Hieraetus fasciatus*) -Endangered,  
Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) - Critical Endangered,  
Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumanni*) - Vulnerable,  
Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) - Vulnerable, and  
Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*) - Vulnerable.  
Most of these species are threatened by one or more of following threats:  
habitat destruction due to farming and forestry intensification, direct persecution and the use of illegal poisoning, prey depletion due to intensive hunting and game management and accidental killing in power line structures.

6. Are there any programs in your area that help to protect raptors? If yes, briefly tell us what they are. Yes, examples are:

- \* Habitat management programs under agri-environmental measures for dry-grassland species, like Montagu's Harrier and Lesser Kestrel.
- \* Power line monitoring and correction of problematic lines.
- \* Artificial food supplying for vultures and big eagles in areas important for these species.

7. Is your organization funded by the government or private donations? If neither, from what source is funding received? SPEA is not funded by the government. SPEA's unrestricted funds come from members and private donors, but most of the budget comes from grants awarded for project submitted.

8. Does your government recognize the importance of maintaining/improving the status of birds of prey? If so, in what way do they support it? Yes, in the Law are birds of prey are protected, but there is no public budget from bird of prey conservation and management.

9. Do you have programs to educate the public? If yes, what kinds or please give examples. Yes, but not many and only local campaigns. A programme or counting buzzards in the Azores and Madeira archipelagos and campaign for Monitoring the Autumn Migration of Soaring Birds Autumn in Sagres peninsula.

10. Is there anything else that you would like to share or comment on about raptors in your area? We have many threatened raptors species in Portugal, including 5 critically Endangered. We urgent need financing for conservation projects of these species and for a national awareness campaign about the importance of these species.

11. May we have permission to print this email interview on our website? Yes.