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1. Introduction

In October of 2010 the already traditional 5th “Alpine Observation Days” took part. They have become an important part of the international monitoring not only for the valuable information about the population status and bird territories they provide but also, which might be even more important for the future of the project, for the positive impact they have for public awareness. Thanks to the coordination of local administrators the synchronous counts throughout the Alps was planned in detail on the local/regional level.

The period for the observation days, 9th-17th of October (focal time on the 16th), was selected by mutual agreement of the partners considering former years’ results and that this and the next months are the best period of the year to observe the courtship of birds e.g. behaviours like nest building, copulations, synchronous flights etc. 2008 (10th- 18th of October) was the most suitable year in terms of weather conditions during the Observation Days, so the date was selected accordingly. Unluckily once more this year the adverse weather conditions in most of the Alpine range impeded the optimum work of collaborators and volunteers. Despite the fog, rain and snow, the number of participants on the whole period was higher than 580 this year, out of which almost 2/3 (over 350 participants) collaborated in the focus day (16th). The total number of bird observations this year was quite high in the period between 9th and 17th, with more than 300 observations reported, although in this case the number of observations in the focus day (16th) was relatively low when compared to the whole amount, with an estimation of “only” 94 observations. Due to the bad weather conditions, some of the partners decided to change the date to more suitable days. In order to avoid double counting, only the sightings done in the 16th of October have been considered for the general results, although there is an appendix summarizing results of the other days. Although not part of the Alpine Observation Day as such, some observations have been made independently in the selected period. They have been added to this report.

As it has been pointed out in previous years, there are some observation gaps (e.g. central Switzerland, north-eastern Italy and some parts of Austria) to be closed in order to cover the whole Alpine range, but once again it proved unfeasible to do so. It is remarkable that this year most of the data received was given in accordance with the format suggested, but nonetheless there are still some partners sending data in alternative formats, which should be avoided in the future. For this reason, there is a short explanatory note in the *Materials and Methods* section giving some advice on how to send the coordinates.

2. Methods and Data

The “Alpine Bearded Vulture Observation Days” was first conceived as a tool to achieve an overall count of birds throughout the Alps. However, it seems unfeasible to mobilise enough people to cover the whole Alpine range (~188.000 Km²) simultaneously, so the main aim has shifted from the total census of animals to the relative census (density index). This means that instead of assessing the total number of Bearded vultures in the whole range, the aim is to check how the population changes on the regional level; for scientific reasons it would be necessary to use more or less the same observation points, as well as sampling effort, year after year, in order to see the development of the population. Likewise, it is necessary to provide information of the observation sites (coordinates) even if the counting result was 0 birds observed, so that it is possible to establish the area covered by the observers and therefore an index for abundance of vultures e.g. per km². Finally, it is important to point out once again the importance of sending data in a standardized format, both to facilitate the work of coordinating all data and also to avoid mistakes which in the vast majority of the cases are caused by a mere misunderstanding.

In the IBM Webpage, www.gyp-monitoring.com, it is possible, and strongly recommended, to download the provided file (downloads→ Registration forms→ Alpine Observation Days) in excel format with an example of how to fill in the data obtained.

Team	Person	date	local position		observation period		bird presence				
			latitude (decimal)	longitute (decimal)	from	to	Bird/s	Age	ID/Hypothesis	from	to
IBM	R.Zink	11/10/2008	46,3242164	8,1254532	8:00	18:30	1	juv.	mysterybird1	12:30	12:35

Figure 1: Example of how to fill in the table with the data obtained in the Observation Days

On the same section of the Home page it is also possible to download an identification booklet (produced by the Natural History Museum of Crete / University of Crete and the Hellenic Ornithological Society) to harmonise age determination. This booklet can be found in German, French and Italian. Likewise, it is also available the .pdf file of the updated marking pattern used for juvenile vultures in the Alps.

→ NOTE: How to send coordinates to the IBM Administration:

When working with coordinates, the IBM has been using the **World Geodesic System, 1984 (WGS84)**, see <http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/WGS84> for information). Although most of the partners provide the geographic references in this suggested format, we are still receiving data in different unknown systems. The conversion from these various formats (for instance ED50, UTM or French Geodesic System NTF, among others) into WGS84 is always problematic and often insurmountable, leading to an important loss of time for both the partner and the administration in crossed mailing, and eventually loss of information when the harmonising is not possible. But another problem that has been found occasionally is that there have been mistakes done by the partners when converting the coordinates into WGS84, which have not been detected beforehand by them and neither by the administration when received, but later on, so it was necessary to redo all figures and calculations, with the resulting extra investment of time and effort. In order to avoid these situations in the future, it would be strongly recommended that the partners check the coordinates they are about to send **in advance**, by verifying that they actually mark the point they are supposed to by testing in Google Earth®.

For those who have never used this program, it is a *freeware* that can be directly downloaded from the website of Google® <http://www.google.com/intl/es/earth/download/ge/>. Once Google Earth® has been installed in the computer, it is possible to visualize some points in the map simply by uploading an excel file (.xls) with their coordinates in the page <http://www.earthpoint.us/ExcelToKml.aspx>. The excel file must follow a certain format (see <http://www.earthpoint.us/Downloads/ExcelToKmlDemo.zip>). The minimum file consist of a sheet with 2 columns with the titles **Latitude** and **Longitude**, but it is possible to add other columns for more specific treatment, such as **name** (it will be seen directly in the map), **description** (it appears in a short note that spreads when placing the cursor on the selected point) and **icon** (there is a list with all the different icons that can be used in the map that can be found at the lower part of the Excel-to-KML site). The coordinates must be provided in WGS84. When the excel file is finished, it can be directly imported by clicking in the “browse” button and select the file from its directory in your computer, and then saving the file in .kml format (Google Earth® file). Further information can be looked up in the Excel-to-KML website. The website allows the import of up to 200 rows for free; in case the file to be uploaded contains more than that, it is recommended to simply divide the file in consecutive files no longer than 200 rows each.

On the basis of the experience of the organising committee and results obtained in previous years, the selected date for the focus day of the “Alpine Observation Days” was the 16th of October, but unfortunately the weather was not as good as expected. At this period of the year, it is possible to observe the birds in a confined area and therefore locate new territories and pairs, since it’s in this time when birds are more active in nest building, copulation, synchronous flights, etc. Bearded vultures, especially immatures and juveniles, are able to cover long distances in a short period of time, and thus it is necessary to select a short time window in order to avoid double counting. In former years the Observation Days took place within a period of about a week, differentiating between the focal time of 1-2 days, and the buffer time, that lasted for some days before and after the focal time. However, this year the time-span of the focal time was restricted to just a single day, and the buffer time was not concerted, ranging from the 9th of October to the 30th of October both in the Central-Alps. Nevertheless, for this report it has been considered as buffer time from the 9th till the 17th of October. In any case, the only data that has been used to evaluate the number of birds is that collected on the 16th, although the rest can be used in terms of people involved and efforts. Besides, this data can be used to complete the picture of bird distribution. During the focal time a total of 94 birds could be observed, while in the whole week, the number increases up to 248 (318 if we count also the observations made on the 23rd and 30th of October respectively in PN Alpi Marittime and PN Stelvio)

As pointed out before, the weather conditions made the task of the observers very difficult, even impossible in some areas. Despite the fog, rain and snow, the number of observation posts on the 16th of October was higher than 350, and there was an astonishing amount of more than 480 posts if we count all the work carried out in the whole week (more than 580 if we count also the observations made on the 23rd and 30th of October). Nevertheless, the result of the counting strongly correlates with the weather conditions, so the low number of observations we obtained this year in the focus day (94 observations) is not surprising. Some partners also counted other birds of prey such as Golden Eagles (*Aquila Chrysaetos*), what is recommended to use as a reference in the identification of suitable places for Bearded vultures, as well as differentiate between areas without Bearded vultures and those with monitoring deficiency.

On average 480 observers (in reality there were more, but not every partner sent the information about the number of participants) covered during the observation period (9th to 17th October) an area of ~188.000km² (considering the whole Alpine area). This means approximately one observation site per 392 km² which is equivalent to the approximate home range size of Bearded Vulture couples in the Alps.

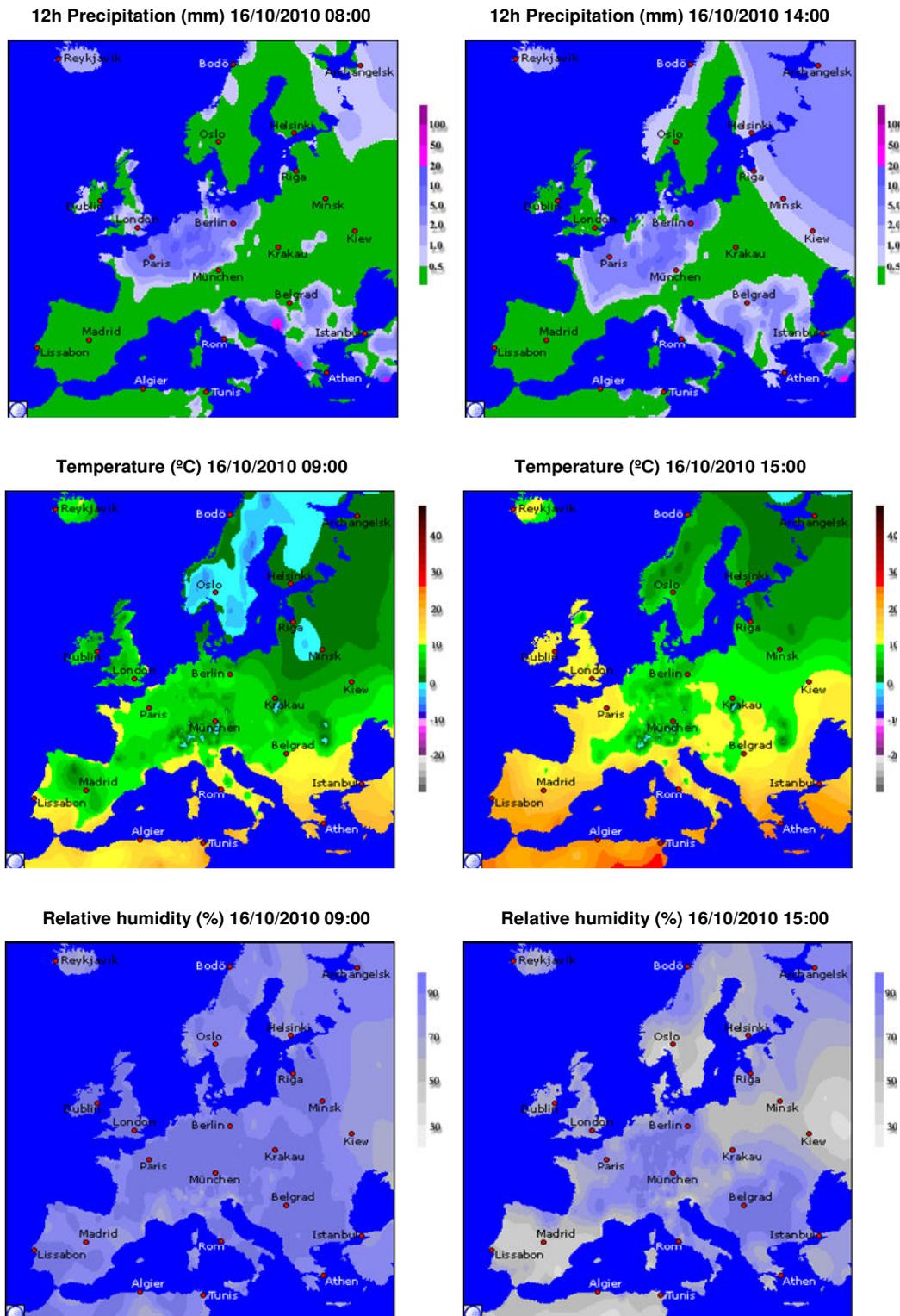


Figure 2: Changes in weather conditions (Precipitation, Temperature and Humidity) in the Alpine range from the morning to the afternoon of the 16th October 2010.

2.1 Outlook for 2011

During the Annual IBM Steering Committee held in Vercors (France) in November 2010, it was discussed whether the date for the Alpines Observation Days should be changed considering the difficulties found during 2010's event. There were 3 main alternatives to the actual date suggested: End of May, end of September and November. For weather reasons, the end of May would be suitable, but the proximity of the release events in some of the parks makes it less valuable when considering public awareness, since it would be better to separate such events to achieve a higher impact. The beginning of September was also dismissed for being a period of the year when birds (including territorial adults) tend to fly huge distances, which would hinder the accomplishment of the census. Finally it was fairly agreed to change the current date to the end of September/beginning of October. Nevertheless, it was also suggested to do the Observation Days twice, being the dates separated by a week; the second date would take place depending on the weather conditions, according to the decision of the IBM Administration.

→ **NOTE:** For the current year 2011 the Alpine Observation Day will be hold on the 25th of September 2011. The focal time for the count starts at 11 AM (11:00) and lasts at least 4 hours until 3 PM (15:00). Only if weather conditions are extremely bad the IBM community might decide to repeat the count on the alternative date 2nd of October 2011 (which is the same date of the EuroBirdWatch Day).

3. Results

All the observations collected by the local administrators during the focal time on the local and regional level were sent by email to the IBM office to be fuse on the entire Alpine scale. This information, plus additional data stored in the IBM data base collected in the same period, has been the basis for this report.

3.1 Monitoring effort

The figure 4 shows the distribution of observation sites in the whole Alpine range during the 16th of October of 2010. This year, a total of 351 observation posts have been used in this day, whereas the total number of sites when considering the whole week suggested for the event (9th-17th October) on the local level exceeded 480, which is, by far, the highest number of observation sites (!) registered for the event this far. When focusing on the focal time and speaking about regions, the area more thoroughly surveyed was, one more year, the Western part of the Alps (N-Western and S-Western regions). This is a consequence of a great coordination effort between several partners and the involvement of a significant number of trained observers, which has created a very effective and active monitoring network in this area. Besides, the South-western part of the Alps was the only area where there have been good weather (see figure 3) on the focus day, at least for some hours in the morning. The presence of observers in the Central Alps has decreased in relation to former years, although this is unfaithful to reality since these numbers refer only to the focus day and the buffer period, whereas there were several observers in following days, with a significant effort in the regions of Lombardia and Trentino, that postponed the event until the 30th of October, and gathered more than 100 observers to collaborate in the counting; nevertheless, despite the significant increase in monitoring effort in these regions, the Western side of the Central-Alps has traditionally had a very low density of observation sites, which has been pointed out in previous years, but it seems that it is rather difficult to close this gap. Finally, it is highly remarkable that the Eastern region has sensibly increased the number of observers in relation to former years' events, which shows a positive trend for future actions.



Figure 3: Fast change in weather conditions in South-Western France (10:00 – 14:00) © French monitoring report

Since the “Observation Days” have become one of the main tools at our disposal to raise public awareness, a big part of the work has been focused on the monitoring event to motivate participation. There have also been other areas involved in the event on a more local level which have participated but haven't sent coordinates of the observation sites; in any case in none of these cases there have been observations of birds due to the bad weather conditions. This year most of the partners have followed the advice to send coordinates of every observation site regardless of their success, which has contributed to get a more general impression of the area covered by observers.

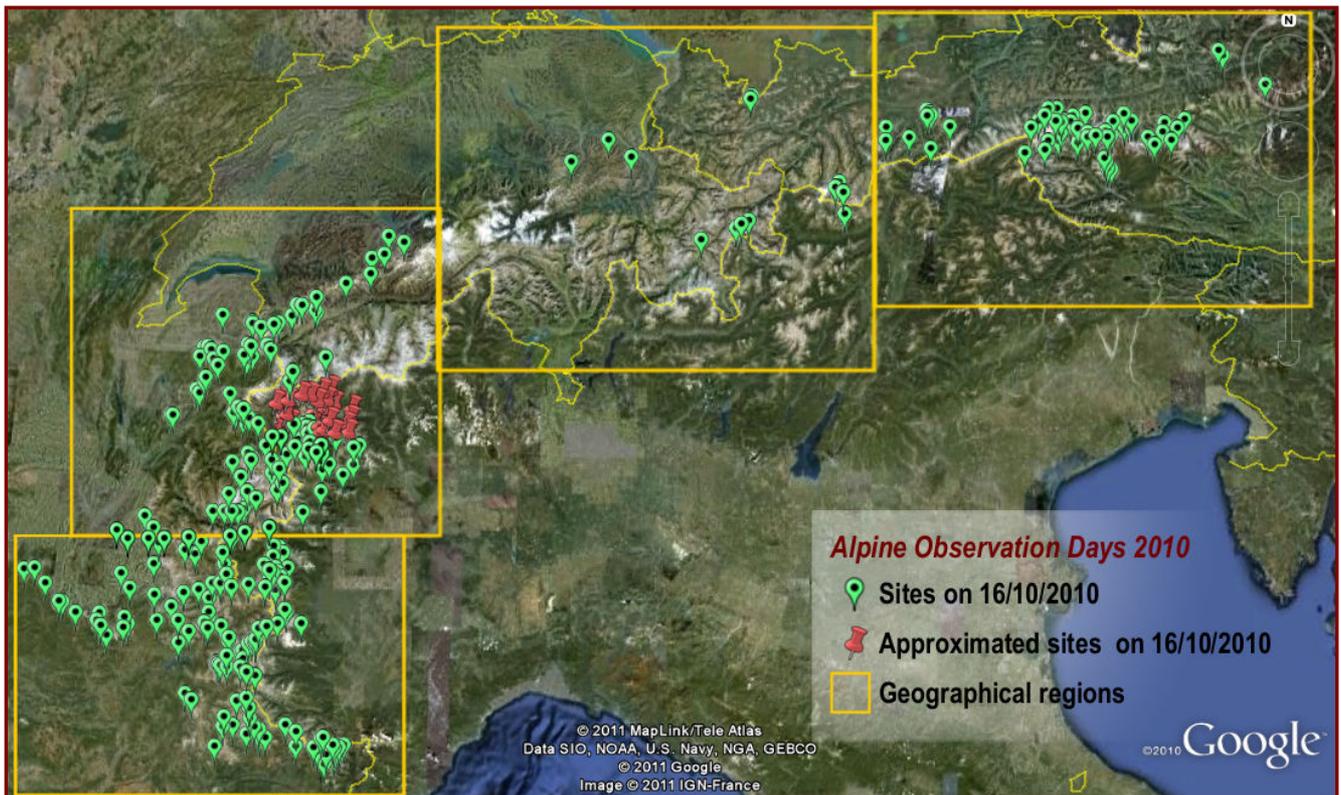


Figure 4: Observation sites on the focus day of the Alpine Observation Days (16th October 2010). The red pins indicate the approximate position of the observation points in Valle d’Aosta and PN Mont Avic

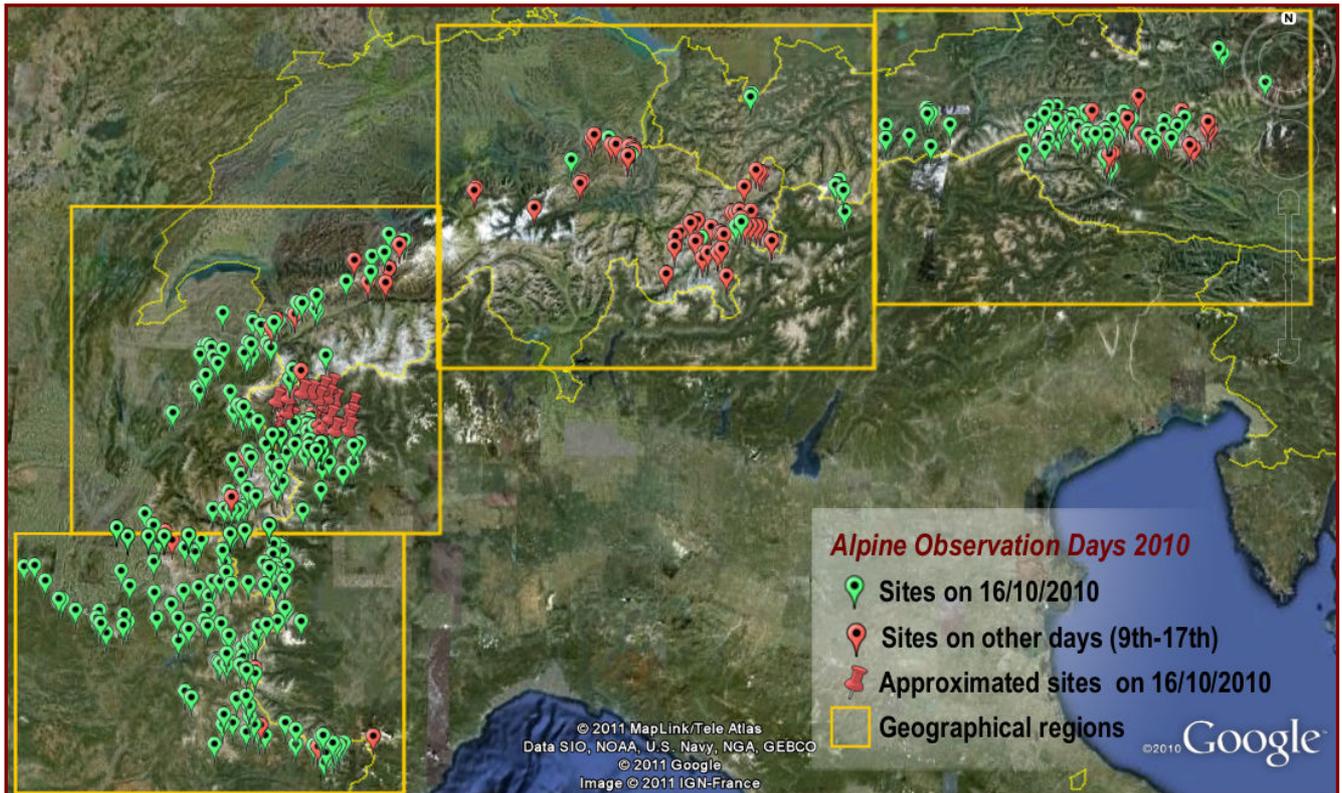


Figure 5: Observation sites in the whole period of the Alpine Observation Days (9th – 17th October 2010)

3.2 Distribution of birds

This year there were 94 bird observations in the focal time (16th of October), which is not a specially high number, whereas the total amount goes up to 248, including double counts, when considering the whole period (9th to 17th October). These total results exceed in more than 32% those obtained in the previous year (2009) for the same period of time. The relatively low number of observations obtained the 16th can be easily understood when considering that the weather conditions this year have been one of the most unsuitable ones in the 5 years of history of the event. The flying conditions for the birds were far from optimal. However, the elevated number in the whole period is owed to the increase in effort and people involved in the monitoring of the species in the Alps.

The results obtained are shown in the figures 6 and 7 displaying the sites where birds were observed just in the focus day and in the whole period respectively, differentiating the birds accordingly to their potential capacity to establish a breeding unit; thus, the birds have been considered separately in 3 groups: adults and subadults (older than 5 years) in one group, birds younger than 5 years in a second and finally undetermined birds in the third.

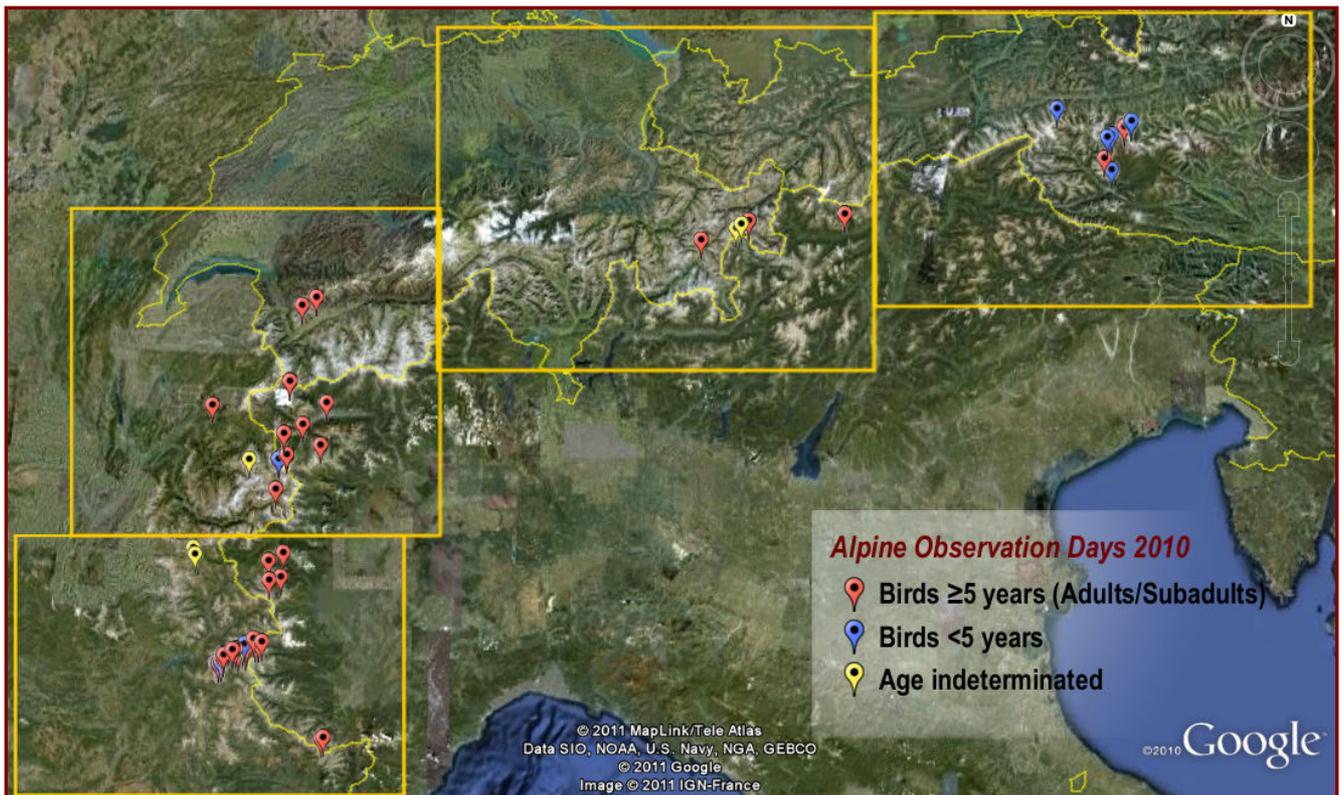


Figure 6: Bird Observations on the focus day of the Alpine Observation Days (16th October 2010) separated by their potential capacity to establish a breeding unit

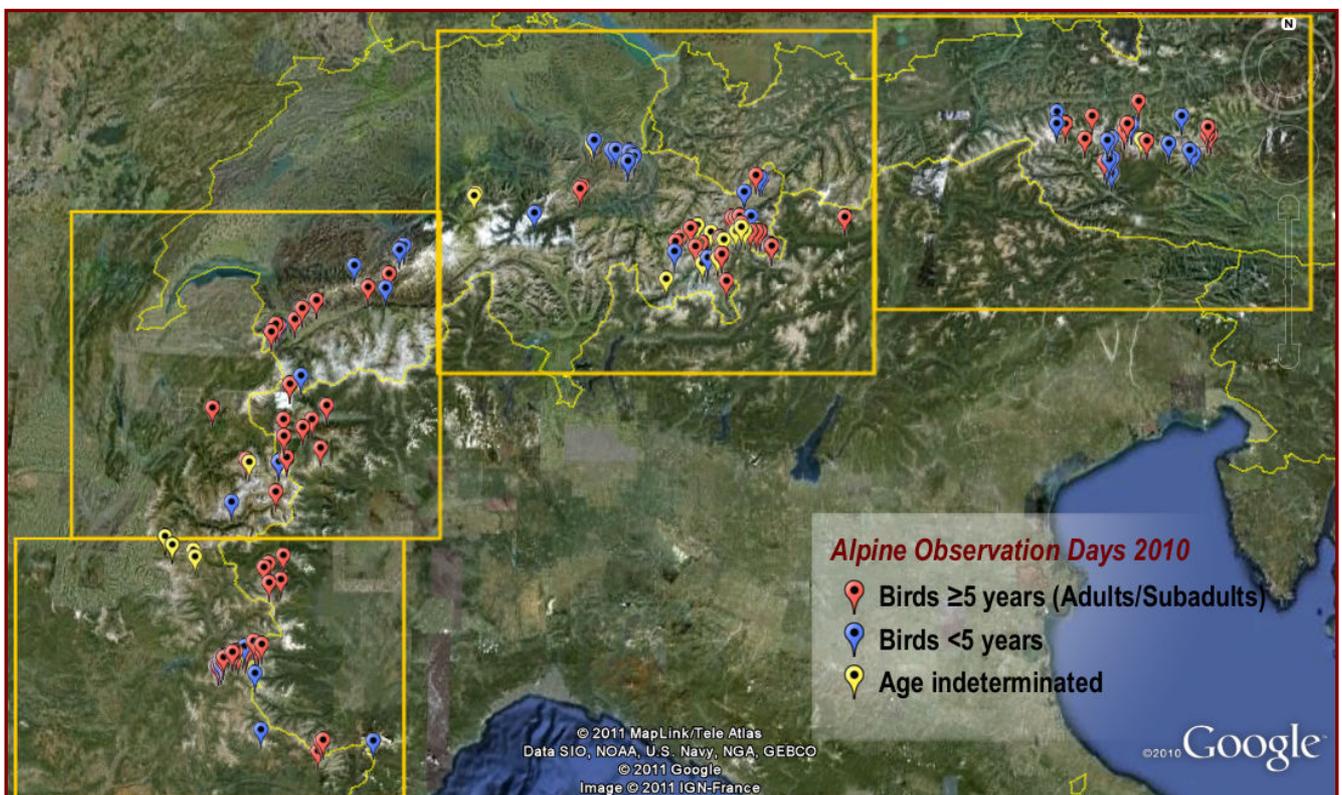


Figure 7: Bird Observations in the whole period of the Alpine Observation Days (9th – 17th October 2010) separated by their potential capacity to establish a breeding unit

3.3 Proportion of age classes

As observed in previous years, the proportion of observed birds older than 4 years (potentially in reproductive age) encompasses more than half (~60%) of the total observations. These data cover all observations made in the whole period of the Observation days (9th – 17th October, n= 248). The rest of age classes, ranging from juveniles to immature, encompass a proportion of approximately 28% of the total number of observed birds. The remaining 12% is the percentage of birds that could not be identified due to unfavourable observation conditions (bad visibility, long distance, back light, etc.).

This year a minimum of 25 individuals could be recognized, out of which at least 13 birds belong to known pairs. The average age of the mature individuals (adults and subadults) was of 11.21 years (4093 days) with the oldest bird, Colleen (if GT015 is Colleen?), being 22 years old. The average age of non mature birds (< 5 years old) reaches 1.16 years (424 days).

Table 1: Age classes of the birds observed on the focus day of the Alpine Observation Days (16th October 2010)

Age	Observations	%
≥ 5 years	67	71,28
< 5 years	19	20,21
Indetermined	8	8,51
	94	100,00

Table 2: Age classes of the birds observed in whole period of the Alpine Observation Days (9th – 17th October 2010)

Age	Observations	%
≥ 5 years	148	59,68
< 5 years	69	27,82
Indetermined	31	12,50
	248	100,00

3.4 Counted birds

In order to avoid double counting, only data collected in the 16th of October has been used to determine the number of birds observed in this period, setting aside known territorial birds and couples that have not been observed in the focus day, in contrast to what was done in former years. Due to the lack of information in some areas, shift of the Observation Day in some other and the erroneous coordinates in one case, it became unfeasible to establish a sound population size only with the data collected in the focus day. Figure 8 shows the results obtained per geographical region, and the approximate situation of known couples to get a better idea of the real distribution of birds regardless of the information gathered on the 16th.

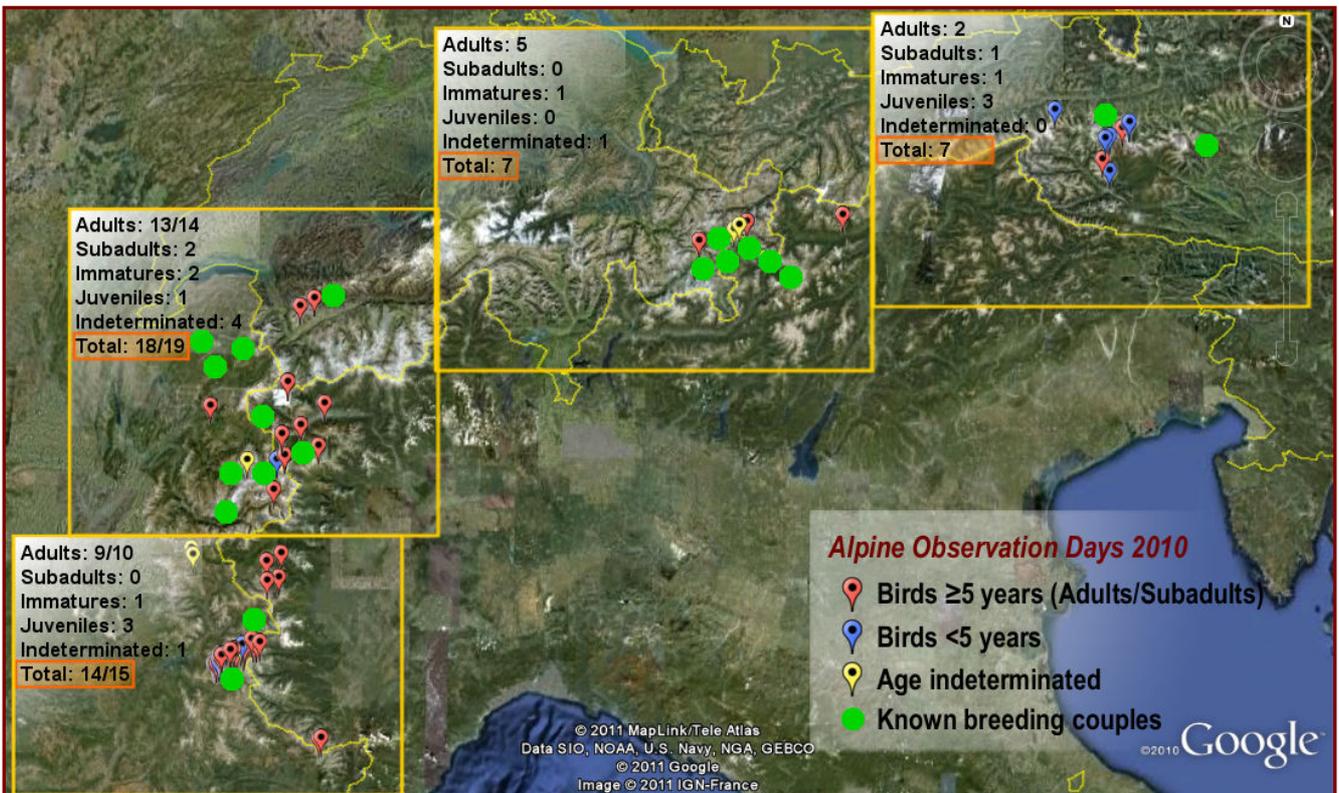


Figure 8: Bird Observations on the focus day of the Alpine Observation Days (16th October 2010) giving the number of observed birds (separated by age classes) per geographical region as well as the position of known breeding couples (not counted if not observed on the 16th).

The results are also summarized in the next tables, displaying the results per geographical region (table 3) and per country (table 4)

Table 3: Results of the number of birds (separated by age classes) estimated per geographical region

	> 5 years	subadult	immature	juvenile	unknown	total
SW Alps	9 to 10		1	3	1	14 to 15
NW Alps	13 to 14	2	2	1	1	18 to 19
C Alps	5		1		1	7
E Alps	2	1	1	3	0	7
	33-35	2	6 to 7	7	4	47 to 49

Table 4: Results of the number of birds (separated by age classes) estimated per country

	> 5 years	subadult	immature	juvenile	unknown	total
Austria	2	1	1	3	0	7
France	9	0	1	4	2	16
Italy	13 to 15	2	1	0	0	16 to 18
Switzerland	5		2	0	1	8
	33-35	2	6 to 7	7	4	47 to 49

When focusing on the results per region, it can be appreciated that the higher numbers correspond to the more intensively surveyed areas (North- and South-Western regions), which gives an idea of the need to improve the surveying in areas with lower success.

It is obvious, then, that the total number of birds in the whole Alpine range is not well represented by these results, so an estimation of the population based on the figures would prove unreliable and of little precision. This assumption is supported by all the data collected in the database and personal observations, and also by the numbers calculated according to the model of Schaub et al. (2009) which predicts a total of more than 140 birds by the end of the year 2010.

3.5 Identified birds

As pointed out before, this year at least 25 different birds (~51-53% of the total of differentiated individuals) could be identified during the Alpine Observation Days (9th-17th October), 13 birds when focusing on the 16th of October. Although this number is slightly bigger than the results of 2009 (23 identified birds), the relative percentage respect the total number of observed birds shows that it is actually much lower than 2009's results, since the amount of observations in that year was significantly smaller.

Table 5: Non Mature birds identified within the whole period of the Alpine Observation Days 2010 (9th -17th October)

	n1	n2	Name	ID	Birth date	Age(days)	Age (years)
Birds < 5 years	1	1	Tschadin	629	19.03.2010	211	0,58
	2	2	Kira	626	11.03.2010	213	0,58
	3	3	Figol	628	16.03.2010	214	0,59
	4	4	Kruml	W77	15.03.2010	215	0,59
	5	5	Sardona	624	01.03.2010	228	0,62
	6	6	Spelugue	615	24.02.2010	232	0,64
	7	7	Elena	613	17.02.2010	241	0,66
	8	8	Maseta	585	28.02.2009	594	1,63
	9	9	Condamine	586	28.02.2009	595	1,63
	10	10	Pinzgarus	558	05.03.2008	953	2,61
	11	11	Girasole	549	16.02.2008	971	2,66
	11			Average		424	1,16

Table 6: Mature birds (adults/subadults) identified within the whole period of the Alpine Observation Days 2010 (9th -17th October)

	n1	n2	Name	ID	Birth date	Age(days)	Age (years)
Birds ≥ 5 years	12	1	Doraja	465	13.03.2005	2041	5,59
	13	2	Hubertus 2	446	02.07.2004	2296	6,29
	14	3	Ambo	392	27.02.2002	3152	8,64
	15	4	Roure	370	16.02.2001	3529	9,67
	16	5	Louis	364	09.04.2000	3842	10,53
	17	6	Diana Stelvio	W07	16.03.2000	3867	10,59
	18	7	Pablo	359	04.03.2000	3878	10,62
	19	8	Paolo Peila	388	21.02.2000	3888	10,65
	20	9	Sereno	348	03.02.2000	3908	10,71
	21	10	Gildo	299	23.02.1998	4618	12,65
	22	11	Phenix Alp action	W01	11.04.1997	4937	13,53
	23	12	Andreas Hofer	260	26.02.1996	5346	14,65
	24	13	GT015 (Colleen?)	112	19.02.1989	7908	21,67
	25	14	GT027 (Peisey-Nancroix?)	-	?	?	?
	14			Average	4093	11,21	

When comparing these results with those obtained in the previous year, 1 bird <5 years (Girasole) and 8 mature birds (adults/subadults) (Andreas Hofer, Sereno, Roure, Paolo Peila, Ambo, Hubertus 2, Doraja, Phenix Alp Action) were not present then and have though been re-identified in the year 2010.

Table 7: Comparison of identified birds during the Alpine Observation Days 2009 and 2010. Birds marked with an "x" have not been identified in 2009 even though they must have been alive (identification 2010!).

Name	ID	2009	2010
Balthazar	99	1	
Assignat	111	1	
Andreas Hofer	260	x	1
Republic 11	288	1	
Gilde	299	1	1
Veronika	321	1	
Sereno	348	x	1
Pablo	359	1	1
Haute Savoie Mont Blanc	361	1	
Louis	364	1	1
Roure	370	x	1
Paolo Peila	388	x	1
Ambo	392	x	1
Martell	395	1	
Hubertus 2	446	x	1
Doraja	465	x	1
Blick	524	1	
Romaris	528	1	
Nonno Bob	548	1	
Girasole	549	x	1
Ikarus	557	1	

Pinzgarus	558	1	1
Masetta	585	1	1
Condamine	586	1	1
Eustachius	587	1	
Elena	613		1
Spelugue	615		1
Sardona	624		1
Kira	626		1
Figol	628		1
Tschadin	629		1
GT015 (Colleen?)	GT015		1
GT027 (female Peisey-Nancroix?)	GT027		1
GT028 (male Aravis?)	GT028	1	
Phenix Alp Action	W01	x	1
Diana Stelvio	W07	1	1
Zebra	W12	1	
Zebusius	W65	1	
Sixt	W67	1	
Darwin	W69	1	
Kruml	W77		1
		23	25

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Bertelli, Marco	Cardinali	Defrennes, Benoît
Berthillot, Emile	Caroline	Delacour, Gilles
Bertoli	Carriat, Jacques	Dematteis, M.C.
Bettini	Carriat, Nina	Demontoux, Daniel
Bevacqua	Castellano, Giacomo	Dengg, Helmut
Bianchi, Franco	Castelli, Mauro	Denis, S.
Biedermann, Renate	Cauquet, Martine	Denoth, Guolf
Bignotto, M.	Cavagnino, Gabriella	Derivaz, Serge
Biollaz, F.	Cellerino	Derungs, Gieri
Blanchin, Hervé	Cevasco, Jean-Marie	Diana
Blanchin, Hervé	Champ, Axelle	Dogliotti, Marco
Bloino, David	Charrière, Pascal	Dominique, Jacquemin
Boczman, Monique	Chastin, Alain	Dubranna, Anne-Sophie
Bompard	Chesaux, M.	Dumaine, Olivier
Bonafè, Diego	Chevalier, Françoise	Dumas, Pierre
Bongiolatti	Chevalier, Robert	Dussans, Sylvain
Bonnevie, Danièle	Chiereghin, Maurizio	Ebner, Günter
Bonsaquet, Lionel	Chiola, Margherita	Egger, Emanuel
Bonvoisin, Bastien	Chioso, Christian	Eisank, Klaus
Borney, Valter	Chochon, Lalie	Emmery, Brigitte
Bortolameolli	Chomel, Bénédicte	Empereur, Osvaldo
Boschi, M.	Christian, Balais	Fabre, Rémi
Bouchard, Michel	Claudon, Sylvie	Facoetti
Bouche, Michel	Cloutier, J.	Faifer
Boukris, Marc	Colato	Fantini, Paolo
Boulanger, Isabelle	Colin, Eric	Fappani, Alessandro
Bouquet, Matthieu	Combrisson, Damien	Fasce, Laura
Bourdat, Fred	Combrisson, Lucas	Fasce, Paolo
Bourlot, Marcello	Conca	Fasoli
Bouvier, Martial	Conseil, Alfred	Faure, Aline
Bragalanti	Corcatelli	Faure-Gignoux, Germaine
Brennwald, Annemarie	Corno, Alberto	Favaro, Sébastien
Bresemi	Corti	Favaron
Bresson, Philippe	Cortot, Hervé	Felizia, Bruno
Breton, Arthur	Costa, Livio	Fellin
Breton, François	Cotting, S.	Ferchal, Alain
Bridet, Vincent	Couillard, Yann	Ferloni
Bridet, Yann	Coulon, Mireille	Ferrero, Giuseppe
Brimmer, Didier	Couloumy, Christian	Ferrier, Massimo
Brondex, Francine	Coursier, Cyril	Ferry, Pierre
Broquet, Claire	Coursier, Cyril	Fine, Vanessa
Brosi, Georg	Craddock, Stefany	Fioletti
Brosius, Hervé	Crippa	Fischbacher, Mathias
Brueren, Erika	Dacko, Thierry	Fissore, Mauro
Bryner, Sonja	Daeye, Ollivier	Floreani

Florineth, Curdin	Haslacher, Erwin	Lombard, Jean-François
Foglini	Hegglin, Daniel	Lombard, Jo
Folatti	Hembert, Hélène	Lörcher, Franziska
Forlani	Henry, Brigitte	Lörcher, Marianne
Fornero, Cinzia	Henzelin, R.	Lucas, Stéphane
Foulon, Hélène	Hölzl, Alex	Luccioni, Jérôme
Fournier, Jérôme and father	Hörl, Sepp	Lussiana, Mauro
Frache, Bruno	Houot, Suzanne	Maag, Regina
Frachon, Julie	Huppmann, Uli	Maffei, Jacques
Fragiacomo, Nicolas	Huppmann, Ulrike	Maffei, Mme
Framba	Imstepf, R.	Magnolo, Séverine
Franchini	Inaudi, Simona	Mahaut, Aurélien
Franck, Guigo	Issambert, Jérôme	Malavasi
Frangi	Janavel, R.	Malleways, Jacqueline
Fredl, Reinhardt	Jardin, Jean-Luc	Malrat, Didier
Frei, P.	Jestin, Fabrice	Manini
Freychet, Didier	Jordan, N.	Manzon, Louis
Freychet, Julien	Joss, Richard	Manzoni
Friedli, Daniel	Joubert, Amandine	Marchesi
Frin, Bernard	Julien-François, Robert	Marchionini, Laurence
Fritsc, Jeremy	Kaufmann, Toni	Marcolli
Gabbud, B.	Kendlbacher, Robert	Maricau, Christine
Gähwiler, Urs	Kirchner, Maria	Maricau, Dominique
Garcel, Geoffrey	Klaunzer, Heinrich	Marie, Blandine
Garçon, Noa	Knollseisen, Michael	Marietta, C.
Gareau, Chantal	Knüsel, Dominique	Marlé, Etienne
Garnier, Alexandre	Koch, Franz	Marsan, Greg
Gatt, Armin	Köll, Franz	Martinaglia, Frau
Gatti	Kronawetter, Hans	Martin-Dhermont, Laurent
Gavagnin, Patrizia	Küng, Christian	Martinelli
Gay, Maxime	Kurskinski	Martinolli
Geneve, Sylvie	Laas, Jens	Massa, Serena
Gerber, M.	Lackner, Markus	Massal, Bruno
Gerecke, Steffi	Lacosse, Pierre	Massara
Gfeller, Hans	Ladstätter, Peter	Maure, Sophie
Giandomenico	Lainer, Feri	Mauro
Gionta	Lambrucchi	Mauthner, Hermann
Giordano, Remo	Lancini	Mélanie
Giradon, Christophe	Lanteri-Minet, Alain	Mélé, Stéphane
Girardi	Lapia, Sergio	Melot, Denise
Giraud, Luca	Laurençot, Cecile	Melot, Roger
Giuliano, Elio	Laurent, Delomez	Menusan, Gianni
Giumelli	Laurent, Elisabeth,	Mermier, Martin
Godli, Daniel	Laurent, Olivier	Michel, Samy
Gorini	Leccia, Marie-France	Michellod, B.
Gouron, Claude	Lelay, Mathieu	Michellod, D.
Gratz, Lois	Lenk, Marcel	Michelotto, S.
Grenier, Cécile	Lenogue, Serge	Miletto, Marino
Greßmann, Gunther	LeoGarzetti	Miramand, Frank
Griesser, Matthias	Letévé, Alain	Mitterdorfer, Alois
Gruber, Bruno	Lingua, Antonio	Mochen
Gruber, Peter	Lobascio	Moine, Rémi
Gualtieri, Sanmartino	Loberbauer, Franz	Moneta
Guigo, Franck	Loitfellner, Sepp	Monitzer, Mathias
	Loitfellner, Steff	Monn, Gabriel

Montagnier, Isabelle	Piques, Jean-Christian	Scargo, G.
Montagnier, Odile	Pisoni	Scarsi
Montigny, Olivier	Pizutto, Marie-France	Schaad, M.
Moreschini	Pizutto, Phillipe	Schär, Esther
Mosconi	Plozza, Arturo	Schmarada, Thomas
Mouchet, Alain	Poirier, Frederick	Schoop, J.
Moussiegt, Karine	Pomet, Jean	Sérié, George
Mozzetti	Pons, Enrico	Silvestri
Mühlburger, Mathias	Pons, Marco	Simmler, Monika
Muhr, Hannes	Ponsard, Céline	Soldano, Raffael
Muigg, Hermann	Ponsard, Laurent	Soncina
Naffzger, Laurence	Poulet, Laetitia	Sozzi
Naffzger, Laurence	Pozzi	Speranza
Naritelli, L.	Praolini	Speziari
Nauer, Willi	PreBlaber, Josef	Stefanelli
Nauer-Müller, Willi	Pucher, Walter	Steiner, Elisabeth
Nicoli	Puissant, Éric	Steiner, Rosa
Nobili, Vincent	Quellier, Hélène	Steiner, Thomas
Nofito, E.	Ramus	Suret, Henri
Oberholzer, Karl	Ranieri, Rose	Susy, Pascal
Oddou, Claire	Rastelli	Swab, Thierry
Odelli	Rastelli, Marco	Tabardel, Françoise
Oehl, A.	Ravicchio, O.	Tambone
Oldebrandini	Rebattu, Guy	Tanga, Olivier
Oppi, Gianni	Reinhardt, Manfred	Tapparel, A.
Orméa, Patrick	Remo, Giordano	Tasin
Otonello,	Renaud, Karine	Tenoux, Mme
Padredii, Tiziana	Renn, Fred	Tenoux, Nicolas
Palfrader	Reteuna, Daniele	Thevenot, Benoit
Panizza	Rezer, Antoine	Thiel, Dominik
Papet, Rodolphe	Rezer, Julie	Thomas
Pardi, Jean-Luc	Ribetto, Gianfranco	Thomas, Bernard
Parisi	Richard, José	Tinguely, S.
Parolini	Riepler, Christian	Toferer, Gerhard
Pascal, Susy	Rifflet, François	Tordella, Paolo
Pasini	Rizzo, Aldo	Tordjman, Patrice
Pasqua	Robert, Mathieu	Touret, Muriel
Pedrelli	Robin	Trojer, Carola
Pedri	Roche, Daniel	Trompette, Olivier
Pedroli	Roche, Joëlle	Trotti, G.
Peer, Katharina	Rofner, Andreas	Trotti, P.
Pegolett	Ropars, Cédric	Truc, Fabrizio
Pellet, Clarisse	Rossetti	Turlais, Yannis
Pellucchetti	Rossion, Olivier	Unterweger, Bernhard
Perfus, Monique	Roth-Kallis, Nina	Urbani
Perin	Roux Poignant, G.	Valentin, Daniel Gerfaud
Perlotti	Roverselli	Vallejo, Livia
Pettavino, Massimo	Sanetti	Vannard, Éric
Pham, Fabrice	Santinelli	Varreau, Hervé
Piazzani GF.	Sarasin, J.F.	Vavruch, S.
Piazzani, P.	Sartirana, Fabiano	Vincent, Alain
Piazzini, L.	Sarton, Dorothée	Vincent, Cathy
Piérini, Philippe	Sarton, Géraldine	Von Harsteln, Edith
Pinel, Jean-Louis	Sautarel, Lisa	Vuillermoz, Eraldo
Pinet, Valérie	Scarafoni	Wehrli, Thomas

Wettstein, M.
Wittwer, G.
X, Mathieu
Zanoli

Wiedmaier, Andreas
Zoubof, Vadim
Zuberbühler, Jürg
Zubiani

Wiesenbauer, Peter
Zwanzleitner, Walter
Zwicky, Christoph

5. Appendix A: Other Observation Days

- Observations at PN dello Stelvio (30-10-2010)

Valley	Age	Time	E	N
Braulio	imm	11.53-11.55	10,4	46,5
Braulio	juv	11.58-11.58	10,4	46,5
Braulio	ad+juv	13.03-13.07	10,4	46,5
Braulio	imm	9.10-9.12	10,4	46,5
Braulio	imm	9.13-9.13	10,4	46,5
Braulio	imm	11.27-11.29	10,4	46,5
Braulio	imm	11.58-12.04	10,4	46,5
Braulio	juv	10.54-11.00	10,4	46,5
Braulio	juv+imm	11.44-11.45	10,4	46,5
Braulio	ad+juv	12.41-12.45	10,4	46,5
Braulio	ad+imm	12.46-12.50	10,4	46,5
Braulio	ad	13.10-13.13	10,4	46,5
Braulio	2ad	13.15-13.29	10,4	46,5
Grosina	ad	10.37-10.38	10,3	46,4
Grosina	ad	10.50-10.53	10,3	46,4
Livigno	2ad	12.48-12.50	10,2	46,5
Livigno	ad	12.00-12.05	10,2	46,6
Livigno	ad	11.20-11.25	10,2	46,6
Livigno	ad	11.42-11.47	10,2	46,6
Livigno	2 unidentified	12.25-12.38	10,2	46,6
Livigno	ad	13.25-13.26	10,2	46,6
Livigno	2ad	8.45-9.15	10,2	46,6
Viola	2ad	12.48-13.01	10,3	46,5
Viola	ad	12.42-12.46	10,3	46,5
Viola	1 unidentified	11.10-11.14	10,3	46,5
Plator	ad	10.35-10.45	10,3	46,5
Plator	2 unidentified	12.48-13.01	10,3	46,5
Plator	2 unidentified	13.03 - 13.04	10,3	46,5
Plator	2 unidentified	12.23-12.25	10,3	46,5
Plator	2ad	13.07-13.07	10,3	46,5
Plator	2 unidentified	11.45-11.57	10,3	46,5
Plator	2ad	10.05-10.13	10,3	46,5
Plator	ad	9.22-9.35	10,3	46,5
Plator	ad	12.03-12.05	10,3	46,5
Plator	ad	10.51-10.51	10,3	46,5
Plator	juv	10.00-10.08	10,3	46,5
Plator	ad	10.47-10.48	10,3	46,5
Zebrù	ad	11.16-11.29	10,4	46,5
Zebrù	imm	12.09-12.14	10,4	46,5

Zebrù	unidentified	12.25-12.25	10,4	46,5
Zebrù	ad	10.01-10.01	10,5	46,5
Zebrù	juv	11.41-13.15	10,5	46,5
Zebrù	juv	13.32-13.59	10,5	46,5
Zebrù	ad	14.20-14.30	10,5	46,5
Zebrù	imm	11.35-11.38	10,4	46,5
Zebrù	ad+juv	11.37-11.47	10,4	46,5
Sondalo	unidentified	13.00-13.00	10,3	46,3
Sondalo	unidentified	13.38-13.39	10,3	46,3
Sondalo	ad	13.10-13.11	10,3	46,4
Sondalo	ad	13.08-13.09	10,3	46,4
Sondalo	imm	15.08-15.10	10,3	46,4

Observations by the Western Italian Observer Network (23-10-2010)

Valley	Age	Time	E	N
Stura	imm	-	7,0	44,3
Maira	imm	-	6,9	44,4
Varaita	ad	-	6,9	44,5