



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Project LIFE+PINZÓN LIFE.14 NAT/ES/000077



## CONSERVATION OF THREATENED ISLAND BIRDS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW POPULATIONS AND HABITAT RESTORATION

13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

SALÓN DE ACTOS  
EDIFICIO DE USOS MÚLTIPLES I  
GOBIERNO DE CANARIAS  
LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA



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**09:00h. Opening International Conference**

Joaquín Méndez de Vigo Hernanz - Manager of Territorial Unit of Tragsa  
 Miguel Ángel Rodríguez Sosa - Environmental Councillor of Gran Canaria Cabildo  
 Blanca Pérez Delgado - Environmental Vicecouncillor of Canary Government

**09:30h. LIFE+Pinzón: Activities and general results of the project for the conservation of Gran Canaria blue chaffinch (*Fringilla polatzeki*)**

Dr. Ruth de Oñate Calvin - Technical Director Project LIFE+Pinzón (TRAGSA)

**10:20h. Evolution of the population of Gran Canaria blue chaffinch. LIFE+Pinzón**

Dr. Luis M<sup>o</sup> Carrascal Puente - CSIC Madrid (Scientific Advisor LIFE+Pinzón)

**10:45h. Action A1 LIFE+Pinzón: Translocation plan and viability plan and risks of Gran Canaria blue chaffinch**

Dr. Alejandro Suárez Pérez - Veterinarian. Technical expert LIFE+Pinzón

**10:55h. Action C1 LIFE+Pinzón: Release in the pine forests of the Gran Canaria Summit of the specimens born in captivity**

María Dolores Díaz Jiménez - Veterinarian of the Captive Breeding Center for Gran Canaria blue chaffinch. Ministry of Environment and Emergencies. Cabildo of Gran Canaria

**11:10h. Monitoring of the Gran Canaria blue chaffinch population: Evidence for colonization of new pineforests.**

Alejandro Delgado Gento - Technical LIFE+Pinzón

**11:35h. Public information activities LIFE+Pinzón**

José M. Caballero Fernández - Technical LIFE+Pinzón (Foresta Foundation)

**11:50h. Questions****12:00h. Coffee Break****12:30h. Feral cat impact in the Canaries and control campaigns**

Dr. Félix Manuel Medina Hijazo - Servicio de Medio Ambiente. Cabildo Insular de La Palma (Island Council)

**12:50h. Conservation of Egyptian vulture in the Canary Islands: Project LIFE Egyptian vulture**

Miguel A. Cabrera Pérez - Biodiversity Service technical expert. General Directorate for the Protection of Nature. Government of the Canary Islands

**13:05h. LIFE+ Rabiche: a successful reintroduction history beyond an endemic bird recovery**

Javier Romero Rodríguez - Biologist PhD student in Biodiversity and Conservation (ULL / IPNA-CSIC). Scientific adviser to the post-LIFE+ Rabiche

**13:30h. Debate Table****14:00h. Lunch****16:00h. Challenges and successes of conservation breeding critically endangered Hawaiian bird species**

Jennifer Pribble - Research Coordinator for the Hawaii Endangered Bird Conservation Program - San Diego Zoo

**16:40h. Questions****16:50h. Recovery of two critically endangered endemic birds in Mauritius**

Christelle Ferrière - Passerine coordinator of Mauritian Wildlife Foundation

**17:30h. Questions****17:40h. Coffee Break****18:00h. Decision support and management protocols in the New Zealand Hiihi Reintroduction Programme**

Dr. John Ewen - Senior Research Fellow

**18:40h. Questions****18:50h. Decision science for conservation translocations**

Dr. Stefano Canessa - Ghent University / IUCN Conservation Translocations Specialist Group

**19:20h. Questions****19:30h. Debate Table****19:50h. End of the day****09:00h. What are we learning on avian biogeography and speciation in the Canary Islands?**

Dr. Juan Carlos Illera - Tenured researcher at University of Oviedo. Unidad Mixta de Investigación en Biodiversidad (UMIB, CSIC-UO-PA)

**09:40h. Questions****09:50h. Translocation of the Razo Lark *Alauda razae* (Cape Verde)**

Pedro Geraldés - SPEA

**10:30h. Questions****10:40h. Conservation of threatened birds in Seychelles: invasive species management, habitat restoration and species translocations**

Dr. Gerard Rocamora - Science Director, Island Biodiversity & Conservation centre, University of Seychelles

**11:20h. Questions****11:30h. Coffe Break****12:00h. Conservation of passerines in Galápagos islands focused on the Mangrove finch*****Camarhynchus heliobates***

Dr. Birgit Fessl - Coordinator of land bird conservation project. Charles Darwin Foundation, Galápagos

**12:40h. Questions****12:50h. Conservation of the Dupont's lark (*Chersophilus duponti*) and its habitat: the project LIFE Ricotí**

Dr. Juan Traba - Coordinator LIFE - Ricotí Autonomous University of Madrid.

**13:10h. Life The Green Link: the use of a new environmental restoration technique in a context of climate change.**

Francisco González Ariles - Technical expert, Cabildo de Gran Canaria

**13:25h. LIFE+ Guguy: Recovery of endemic woodland in the West of Gran Canaria island, from utopia to reality.**

Gustavo Viera Ruiz - Technical Director Project LIFE+ Guguy (GESPLAN)

**13:40h. Debate table****14:00h. Lunch****16:00h. Habitat restoration in the Central Summit of Gran Canaria**

Marta Moreno García - Technical Expert, Cabildo de Gran Canaria (LIFE+Pinzón)

**16:30h. Forest restoration for bird diversity conservation**

Dr. José M<sup>o</sup> Rey Benayas - Full Professor at the University of Alcalá. Chairman of International Foundation for Ecosystem Restoration

**17:00h. Ecological restoration of laurel forests in Garajonay National Park (La Gomera) LIFE+Garajonay Vive project**

Ángel B. Fernández López - Director-Conservator, Garajonay National Park, La Gomera.

**17:30h. Questions****17:45h. Coffee break****18:10h. LIFE Terras do Priolo: 15 years of integrated management for the conservation of the Priolo (Azorean Bullfinch)**

Azucena de la Cruz - LIFE Terras do Priolo's Coordinator. SPEA

**18:50h. Ceremony thanking private landowners****19:50h. End of the day****08:00h. Departure from Fuente Luminosa****09:00h. Walking visit to the Central Summit: bird sighting and ecological corridor****14:00h. Return to Las Palmas. Estimated arrival time to Fuente Luminosa 15:00 h.**

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