

# BIRD MONITORING, DECISION MAKING AND PUBLIC POLICIES workshop

EBCC conference Bird Numbers

“Counting birds counts”

Évora, April 2019

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**Date and time:** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 16.00 – 18.00

**Venue:** Grand Auditorium (Room 102)

## Aims of the workshop

Monitoring birds can provide powerful and suitable outputs to be used by decision makers in landscape planning, environmental issues and public policies. This workshop aims to discuss the prominence of bird monitoring in society and what drivers should be considered in order to improve the influence of bird monitoring in public policies.

## Attendance

This workshop works as a warmup event for the Conference. It is open to all that recognize (or intend to know) the value of wild birds as environmental indicators.

## Workshop Agenda

**Setting the scene:** *João E. Rabaça*

### 1. Waterbird monitoring programmes in Portugal: an outlook over results

*Vitor Encarnação* (ICNF), 20' + 5' discussion

ICNF is the Portuguese Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, the governmental body responsible for nature conservation and forest policies, including management of Protected Areas and State forests.

### 2. Bird Census: relevant indicators for public policies

*Domingos Leitão* (SPEA), 20' + 5' discussion

SPEA is the Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds (BirdLife partner) and an Environmental not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to support research and conservation of wild birds and their habitats.

### 3. Forum

Open discussion, 30'

Some topics to consider: how to boost volunteer work, take-home messages on the role of birds for human wellness, natural world and cultural legacies, the extinction of experience.