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LINEAR INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORKS WITH ECOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS



Enhancing the cooperation between NRA's. An opportunity to promote the EUROPEAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE. The LIFE LINES experience

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Goals



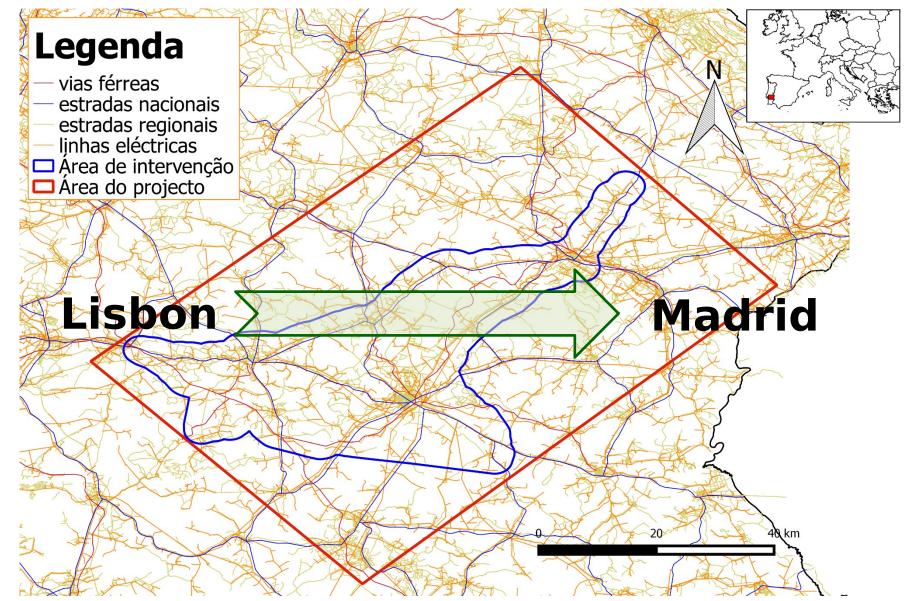
- 1. Essay, evaluate and disseminate measures to mitigate negative effects of the linear infrastructure:
- 2. Contribute to a Green Infrastructure to support improvement and conservation of biodiversity;
- 3. Minimize problems:
 - reduction of connectivity;
 - mortality and barrier effect due to the infrastructure;
 - mortality by electrocution;
 - absence of refuges and corridors;
 - lack of information to manage;
 - detection and control of invasive flora.
- 4. Raise public awareness for the impacts of linear infrastructure on biodiversity and involve citizens in data acquisition and conservation actions.





Intervention Area





LIFELINES O projeto Move

Previous Cientific "Outputs"



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Ecol Res (2011) 26: 277-287

Helena Sabino-Marques · António Mira

Living on the verge: are roads a more suitable refuge for small mammals than streams in Mediterranean pastureland?

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Relative Effects of Road Risk, Habitat Suitability, and Connectivity on Wildlife Roadkills: The Case of Tawny Owls (*Strix aluco*)

Sara M. Santos¹*, Rui Lourenço², António Mira¹, Pedro Beja³



RESEARCHARTICLE

A distribution-oriented approach to support landscape connectivity for ecologically distinct bird species

José M. Herrera^{1,2,e,*}, Diogo Alagador^{1,e}, Pedro Salgueiro¹, António Mira¹





How Long Do the Dead Survive on the Road? Carcass Persistence Probability and Implications for Road-Kill Monitoring Surveys

Sara M. Santos^{1,2}**, Filipe Carvalho^{1,2}**, António Mira^{1,2}**

Research article

Sampling effects on the identification of roadkill hotspots: Implications for survey design



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Denis Medinas · J. Tiago Marques · António Mira

Assessing road effects on bats: the role of landscape, road features, and bat activity on road-kills

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Avian trait-mediated vulnerability to road traffic collisions



Sara M. Santos ^{a,b,*}, António Mira ^{a,b}, Pedro A. Salgueiro ^{a,b}, Pedro Costa ^{a,b}, Denis Medinas ^{a,b}, Pedro Beja ^{c,d}

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Assessing landscape functional connectivity in a forest carnivore using path selection functions

Filipe Carvalho · Rafael Carvalho · António Mira · Pedro Beja



Natura 2000





Action C2

Microreserve on EN4 Road

Action C7

- Erradication of exotic vegetation (control areas)
- Microreserves in CME Eco-Trail
- Microreserves in CME Eco-Trail (control areas)
- Canna (Arundo donax) erradication along CME Eco-Trails
- Amphibian barriers for M529 road
- Amphibian culverts along M529 road

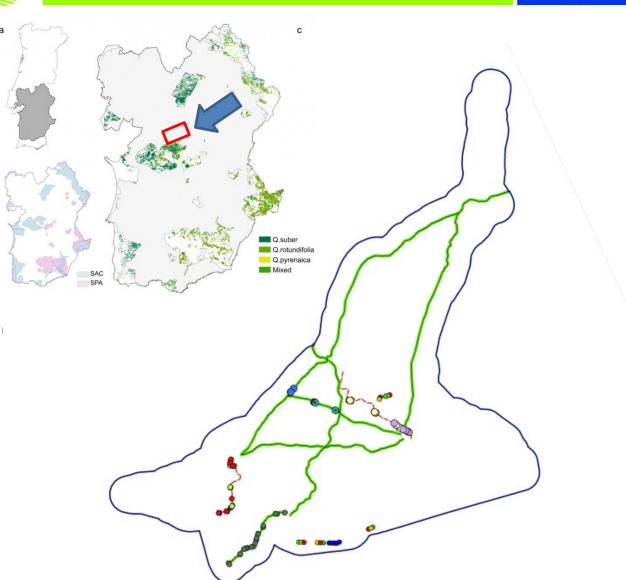
Action C8

••• Intervention proposal for M535 road

- Erradication of exotic vegetation in CMMN Eco-Trail
- Microreserves in CMMN Eco-Trail (control areas)
- Possible places for microreserves along CMMN Eco-Trail
- Microreserves in CMMN Eco-Trail

Action C10 - Biodiversity islands in powerline base poles

- Planted and seeded (intervention)
- Control (no intervention)
- Only fenced
- Planted and seeded (stepping stone)
- Roads
- Harvesting and management of road verges
- --- Eco-Trails
- Intervention Area



Green Infrastructure

"...an interconnected network of green space that conserves natural ecosystem values and functions and provides associated benefits to human papulations."

- Context matters.
- Grounded in sound science and land use planning theory and practice.
- Function as framework for conservational development
- Should be planned and protected bef development.
- Affords benefits to people and nature Benedict and McMahon, 200

Questions

1. What knowledge gaps or other challenges do you experience when harmonizing "green" and "grey" infrastructure?

2. What opportunities do you see to involve the network of CEDR, IENE, DG EU and NRA's in your daily practice?

Question 1. GAPS/DIFFICULTIES

- Stiil poor scientific knowledge
 - Habitats related to Transport Infrastructures (e.g. road verges): traps or ecological refuges?
 - Relative importance of road kills and barrier effects on population viability.
 - Species-specific behaviour and requirements
 - Multispecies connectivity corridors
- Poor public awareness of benefits
- Most roads are already built which may compromise integration and planning of GI
- Willing to invest on GI may be different in different regions/entities Netherlands ≠ Portugal)
- Different contexts Different problems (e.g. fire risk in the Mediterranean)



Road verges as LIFELINES biodiversity refuges







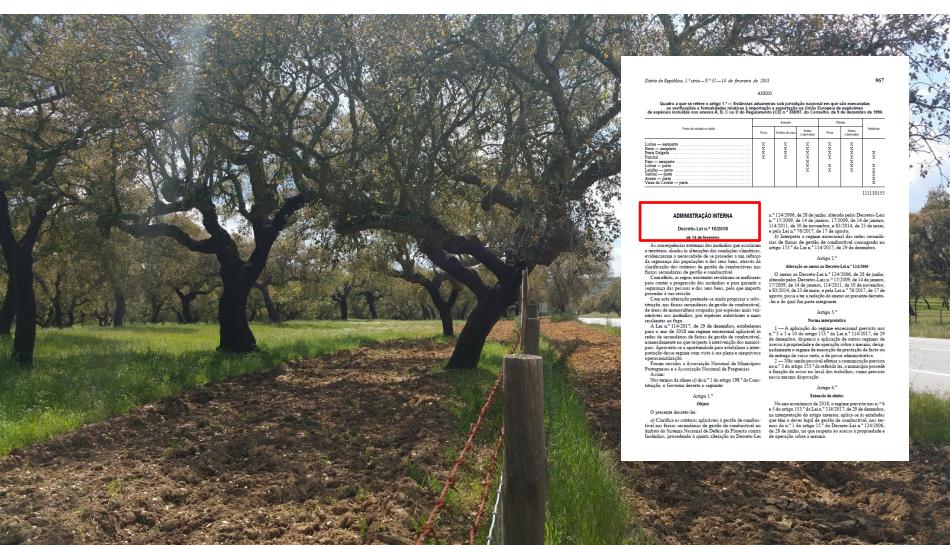




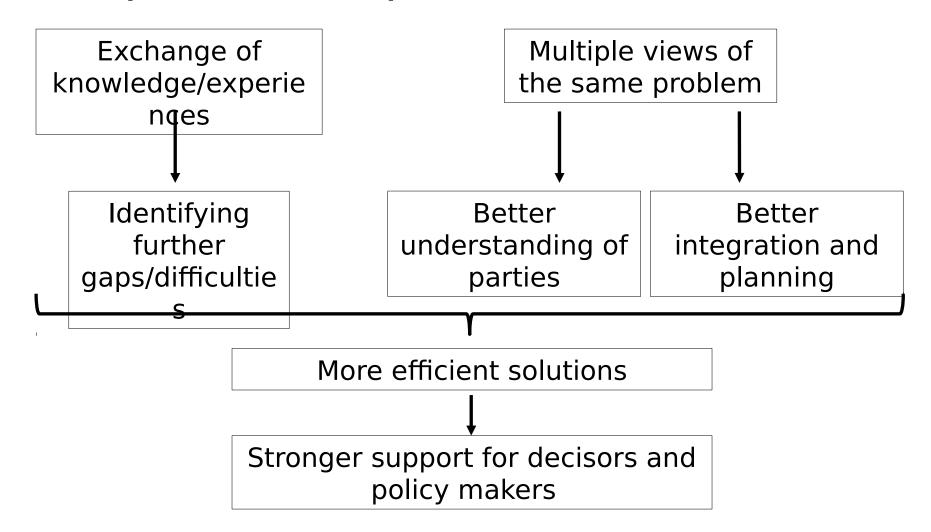


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Question 2. Opportunities of involving multiple entities and improve European collaboration







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