

Project Update: February 2014

I am back in the UK, starting the molecular analysis of the Cape Verde warbler samples we collected. The field season was amazing! We got lots of good data, collaborated with many local stakeholders and hopefully unveiled some previously unknown aspects of the biology and ecology of this bird. I'm looking forward to further study this endangered species in the future. But probably the best part of the work was that we got to bring lots of Cape Verdean biologists to the field. They are very interested in learning about their birds and about avian study methods. For many of them it was the first time they saw bird ringing. We also taught them how to correctly hold the birds, and they loved it! I'm looking forward to going back and continue this amazing project. Once again, thank you very much for giving us all this wonderful opportunity!



Floriano Duarte, technical staff of Natural Park of Monte Gordo, S. Nicolau, holding a ringed Cape Verde warbler (photo by Helena Batalha).

The son of Maria Nascimento, a biologist at the Natural Park of Monte Gordo, S. Nicolau, was lucky enough to have seen a Cape Verde warbler from really close by!



Gilson Semedo (biologist at INIDA) and Jaelsa Moreira (our field assistant) holding a ringed Cape Verde warbler in S. Jorge, Santiago (photo by Helena Batalha).

The team ringing and sampling a Cape Verde warbler in Fogo, with Natural Park ecologist Herculano Dinis and director Alexandre Nevsky (photo by Josh Jenkins Shaw).

