

## Project Update: October 2021

### High profile interviews

In January, June and October 2021, we had the fantastic opportunity to give radio and television interviews of high profile to the Portuguese Radio and Television network, which is broadcasted to all Portuguese speaking countries, including Guinea-Bissau.

In January 2021 we were invited to the Portuguese TV talk show “Muito Barulho Para Nada”, from RTP2 channel, which hosts people from science, arts and culture, and invites them for long interviews about their work. In this context we were hosted to talk about the conservation of vultures in Guinea-Bissau, a great opportunity to convene important messages and raise awareness about the importance of vulture populations in the country and to talk about the mass poisoning event that happened in early 2020, which wiped out more than 2000 vultures in eastern Guinea-Bissau. In the talk show we discussed the Rufford project as an example of one of the important things that can be done to respond to such events and to halt vulture declines in West Africa. Here is the link to the interview (from 1H06M time stamp): <https://www.rtp.pt/play/p7411/e516067/muito-barulho-para-nada>.

In June 2021, the radio station RDP – África, an internationally broadcasted station with very high profile in Portuguese speaking countries, and very popular in Guinea-Bissau, also invited us to talk about vulture conservation and biodiversity in Guinea-Bissau, and we had again the opportunity to reach many stakeholders with awareness raising messages about the importance of vultures and the motivations behind the Rufford Small Grant project we are conducting in the country. The interview was broadcasted again in October 2021. Here is the link for the interview: <https://www.rtp.pt/play/p4068/e549346/geracao-digital>.

Figures below are screenshots of the TV interview in January 2021.





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