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**Subject:** RE: Sourcing Harrier Chicks or Eggs  
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Hello, and sorry for late reply (I am currently on holidays in France and not well connected to internet!). Happy to talk via skype, but that would be easier in September.

In the meantime, a few quick answers:

What I told [REDACTED] (and later Jemima Parry Jones in an email) is that it may be difficult to get the harriers from Spain, on the one hand because the best monitored populations (those nesting in natural vegetation and scrub) are suffering decline, and the largest populations (those in farmland) are largely unmonitored (so no one knows whether the decline observed in the monitored populations is representative of a national trend or only local). I also mentioned that there is a plan to carry out another national census in 2017, and that it would be easier to start conversations with governments or SEO once results from that census are at hand.

In terms of contacts in France, I also suggested both [REDACTED] but I also mentioned that there is a published paper indicating an apparent population decline in France in the last 10 years, which may go against decisions of taking eggs or nestlings there, but I have not heard anything specifically about whether they would or not support such a scheme. I also passed [REDACTED] a list with all the recovery centres in France (and corresponding emails), which may be worthwhile contacting directly to see if they would have nestlings rescued from harvesting operations that could be released elsewhere.

Further east, it may be worthwhile talking to [REDACTED]. He works mainly with Montagu's harriers in the Netherlands, but is also the one with most international contacts, including in eastern countries.

In Poland you could also contact [REDACTED].

Best wishes

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I hope you are well.

We are still moving forward with our proposals for southern reintroduction of Hen Harriers in England. We have a potential time line now (informed to a large extent by the proposed funding route) and we have had some positive conversations with some of the hunting, landowning and farming interests in at least one of the proposed areas.

One of the strands of the project we now need to start exploring a bit further is where we could source chicks from. Obviously we would like to source birds from populations that are breeding in similar habitats to those found in southern England. I've been informed that you are the best person to explore possible contacts around this. Looking through some old emails I found a note from Steve that suggested you thought Spain was an unlikely donor country, is this right ? Do you have any suggestions for other people I might contact either in France or the Netherland to at least start a conversation ? Also is it worth thinking a bit further a field that "near Europe". Do you know anything about populations or people in places further east in Europe.

Quite a bit here so may be easier to have a call – happy to set up if you think easier.

Kind regards

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