

## Supplementary material nr. 1

**Table S1.** Sections (and sub-sections) of the implemented questionnaire and the respective number as well as type of questions included in each one. Besides, for each sub-section, details on the data analysis executed are shown. It is worth mentioning that the spearman's correlation was performed using a combined measure of the literacy about Natura 2000 (for each participant, it was calculated the sum of the correct answers given to the sub-sections 5-c and 5-d) and each variable marked below. The specific ecological behaviours assessed are discriminated on table 3 (found within the article).

Section	Questionnaire			Data analysis		
	Sub-sections	Nr. of questions	Types of questions	%	Average + Standard deviation	Spearman's correlation
(1) Demographic data	(a) Age	1	Open-ended, short answer	X		
	(b) Gender	1	Close-ended	X		
	(c) Place of residency	1	Close-ended	X		
	(d) Education level	1	Close-ended	X		
	(e) Job / Studies field	1	Close-ended	X		
(2) Awareness about Natura 2000	-	1	Close-ended	X		
(3) Ecological behaviours	-	5	Close-ended (5-point Likert scale)		X	X
(4) Knowledge about threatened species	-	1	Open-ended, long answer	X	X	X
(5) Knowledge about Natura 2000	(a) Natura 2000 sites in Portugal	1	Open-ended, long answer		X	
	(b) Favourite Natura 2000 site	1	Open-ended, short answer	X		
	(c) Species inhabiting Natura 2000 sites	1	Open-ended, long answer	X	X	
	(d) Threats to Natura 2000 sites	1	Close-ended	X	X	
	(e) Visits to Natura 2000	1	Close-ended			X