



LIFE EUROKITE CRIME REPORT

ILLEGAL PERSECUTION OF TAGGED RED KITES AND OTHER RAPTOR SPECIES IN EUROPE

PART 5 - COUNTRY SPECIFIC RESULTS - CZECH REPUBLIC

First interim report on the results of the LIFE EUROKITE (LIFE18 NAT/AT/000048) project 2020-2024 with additional results from 2013 onwards

"Cross-border protection of the red kite in Europe by reducing human-caused mortality"



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1 Overall summary

The LIFE EUROKITE project (LIFE18 NAT/AT/000048) is a cross-border protection project for the red kite and other raptor species in Europe. Within the LIFE EUROKITE project the core idea is to use telemetry technology to identify the spatial habitat use of the target raptor species, quantify the key reasons of mortality of bird of prey species in the EU and reduce human-caused mortality, particularly illegal activities such as poisoning.

Between 2013 and 2024, 3,554 individuals of 7 raptor species (3,161 red kites, 97 black kites, 43 booted eagles, 52 honey buzzards, 79 imperial eagles, 22 ospreys and 100 white-tailed eagles) were tagged with solar-powered GPS satellite tags in 19 countries across Europe with the help of many project partners and cooperation partners. From this a total of 1,795 individuals (1,680 red kites, 37 black kites, 18 honey buzzards, 29 imperial eagles and 31 white-tailed eagles) were tagged within the LIFE EUROKITE project.

From the 3,554 tagged birds a total of 1,623 died so far. Of these, a total of 1,594 individuals (1,480 red kites, 13 black kites, 14 booted eagles, 17 honey buzzards, 32 imperial eagles, 8 ospreys, 30 white-tailed eagles) died in the respective country where we also detected bird persecution within our sample. The first results of the LIFE EUROKITE project show, that 320 (20.08 %) of the tagged birds (293; 19.80 % red kites, 3; 23.08 % black kites, 1; 7.14 % booted eagles, 2; 11.76 % honey buzzards, 12; 37.50 % imperial eagles, 1; 12.50 % ospreys, 8; 26.67 % white-tailed eagles) were victims of illegal activities in 24 countries (10/01/2025). Poisoning (n= 238; 74.38 % of illegal activities) was by far the most common illegal act that caused the death of these tagged birds. The most used poison was Carbofuran which is banned in the EU since 2008. The second most common illegal act that caused the death of these tagged birds was shooting (66 individuals; 20.63 % of illegal activities). Of the 320 birds that were tagged and illegally killed, only 8 cases resulted in a conviction for bird persecution.

When extrapolating the data on illegal bird persecution over the past five years (2020–2024), it is estimated that approximately 46.180 red kites have died as a result of persecution. This estimate is derived by scaling up known persecution rates of tagged birds to the entire European red kite population, based on published population size estimates, average annual mortality rates, and the proportion of mortality attributed to illegal killing. It therefore reflects a population-level extrapolation, not a direct count of detected cases.

Due to varying numbers of tagged individuals and differing red kite population densities across countries, the results may vary considerably. Consequently, these findings do not allow for conclusions regarding the statistical frequency of illegal activities relative to red kite density in any given country.

Bird persecution in Europe persists all over Europe. Effective conservation requires stronger law enforcement, public education, international cooperation, and better tools like GPS tracking to detect and prosecute offenders. Political commitment across countries is crucial, along with harmonized laws, stricter penalties, and national action plans with clear goals. Raising awareness through initiatives like the “European Day Against Criminal Poisoning of Wildlife” and systematic data collection can help inform both the public and policymakers. Finally, stronger cross-border collaboration and support for monitoring and reporting systems are essential to address bird persecution at a European level.

2 Introduction

The LIFE EUROKITE project (LIFE18 NAT/AT/000048) is a cross-border protection project for the red kite and other raptor species in Europe. Within the LIFE EUROKITE project the core idea is to use telemetry technology to identify the spatial habitat use of the target raptor species, quantify the key reasons of mortality of bird of prey species in the EU and reduce human-caused mortality, particularly from illegal activities such as poisoning.

Specifically, the red kite (*Milvus milvus*) can act as an indicator of anthropogenic mortality across broad extents (Donázar et al. 2016; Natsukawa and Sergio, 2022) due to its high individual variability in migration strategies (García-Macía et al. 2022) and its condition of good sentinel species for main threats to raptors (Mattson et al. 2022). As migratory behaviour is associated with different exposure and risk levels, understanding the causes of cross-border mortality in red kites can provide important warning signs regarding wider impacts of human activities on wildlife populations in Europe (Donázar et al. 2016; Natsukawa and Sergio, 2022).

In response to ongoing illegal threats to migratory birds, international conservation bodies have taken major steps toward unified action. Under the leadership of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the Bern Convention, and with the involvement of numerous states, observers, and expert groups, a comprehensive framework was adopted: the *Rome Strategic Plan 2020–2030*. This plan outlines a joint commitment to halving illegal bird killings in Europe and the Mediterranean by 2030, using 2020 as a baseline (Council of Europe, 2019). By generating large-scale, cross-border evidence on mortality causes, the LIFE EUROKITE Crime Report plays a key role in tracking progress toward this ambitious objective.

The Article 12 of the Habitats Directive clearly defines that member states shall take requisite measures to establish a system of strict protection for the animal species listed in Annex IV(a) in their natural range, prohibiting, among others, all forms of deliberate capture or killing and shall establish a system to monitor the incidental capture and killing of specimens of these species in the wild (European Commission, 2021; Panter et al. under review)

Between 2013 and 2024, 3,554 individuals of 7 raptor species (3,161 red kites, 97 black kites, 43 booted eagles, 52 honey buzzards, 79 imperial eagles, 22 ospreys and 100 white-tailed eagles) were tagged with solar-powered GPS satellite tags in 19 countries across Europe with the help of many project partners and cooperation partners. From this a total of 1,795 individuals (1,680 red kites, 37 black kites, 18 honey buzzards, 29 imperial eagles and 31 white-tailed eagles) were tagged within the LIFE EUROKITE project (Figure 1 to Figure 7).

The first results of the LIFE EUROKITE project show that illegal persecution of tagged birds (shooting, poisoning, trapping) is one of the biggest threats for those species. To date (as of 10 January 2025), 320 tagged birds have been victims of bird crime (Figure 8).

This report will give an overview of tagged birds which died due to illegal activities in Czech Republic and will give a detailed inside of the status of investigations and legal procedure.

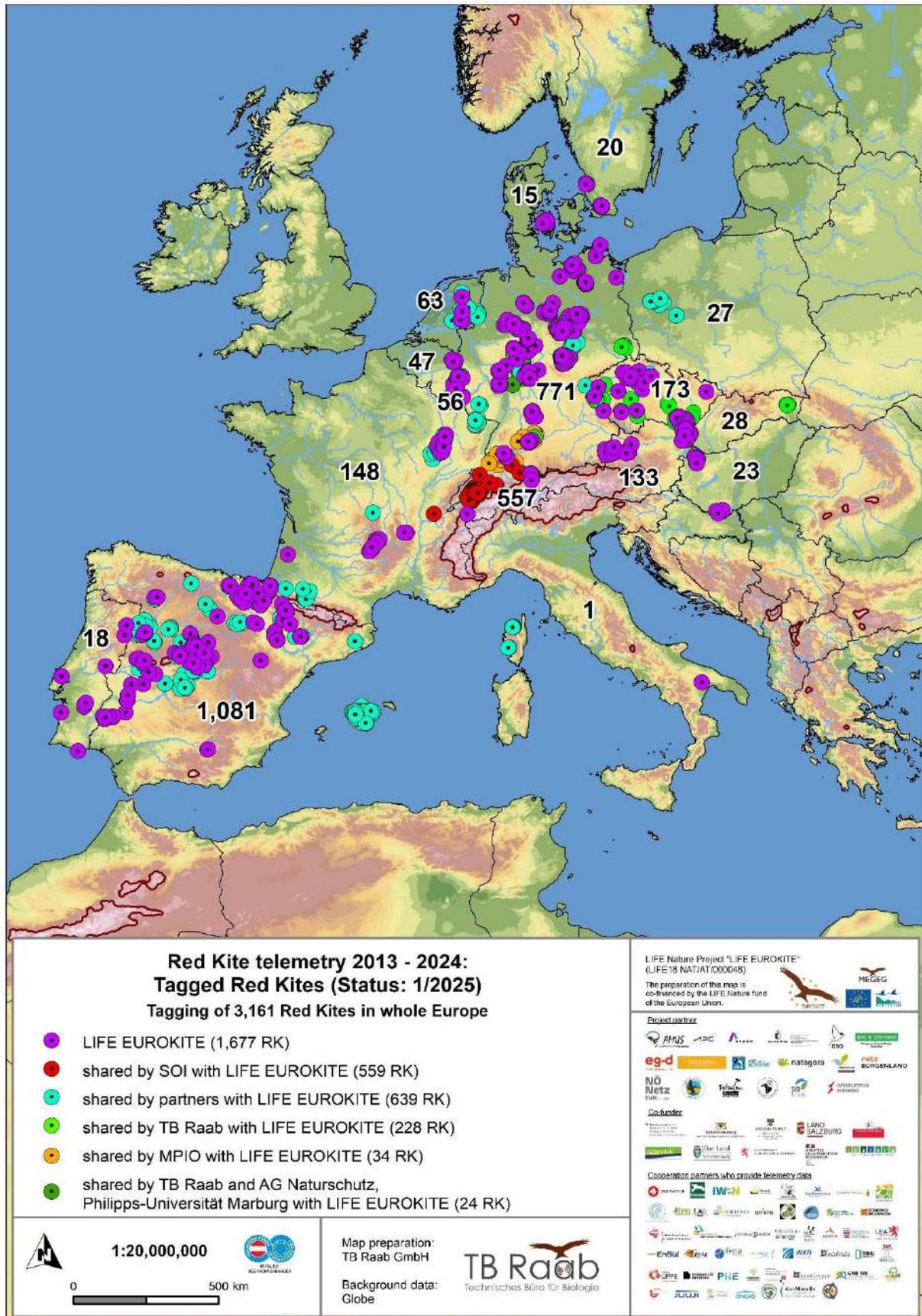


Figure 1: Tagging of 3,161 red kites by the LIFE EUROKITE project and numerous cooperation and project partners across Europe in the years 2013- 2024.

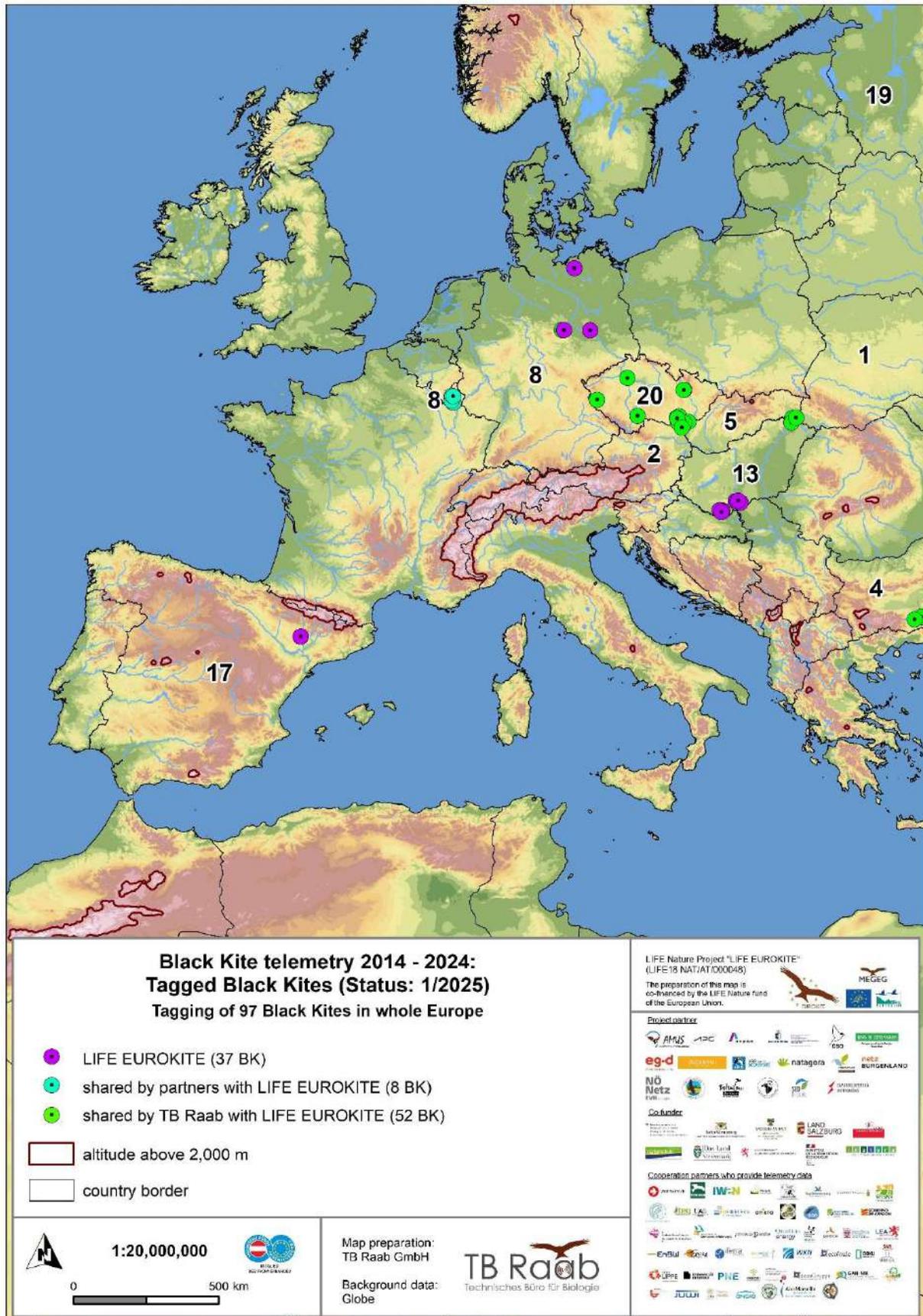


Figure 2: Tagging of 97 black kites by the LIFE EUROKITE project and numerous cooperation and project partners across Europe in the years 2014- 2024.

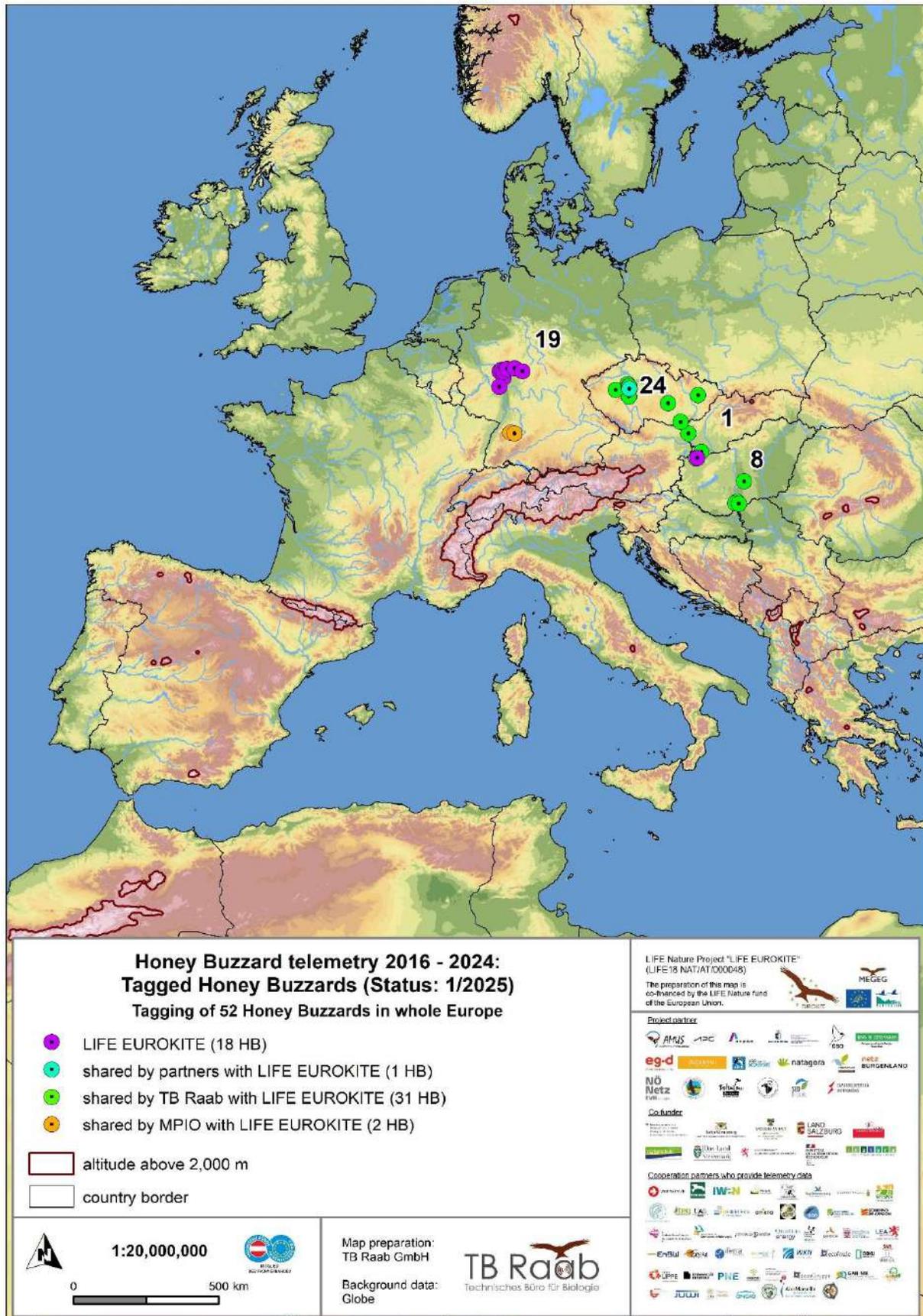


Figure 4: Tagging of 52 honey buzzards by the LIFE EUROKITE project and numerous cooperation and project partners across Europe in the years 2016-2024.

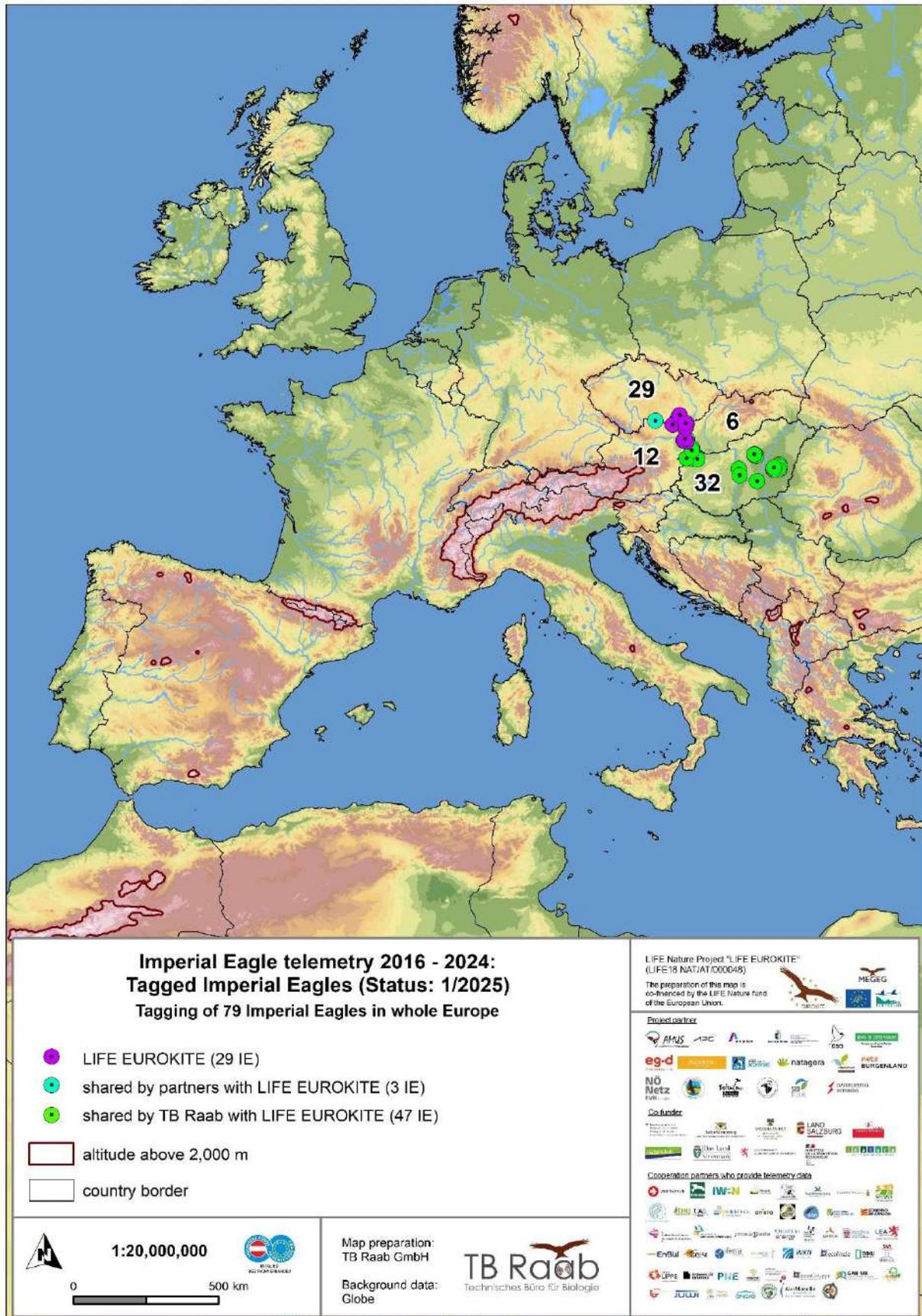


Figure 5: Tagging of 79 imperial eagles by the LIFE EUROKITE project and numerous cooperation and project partners across Europe the years 2016-2024.

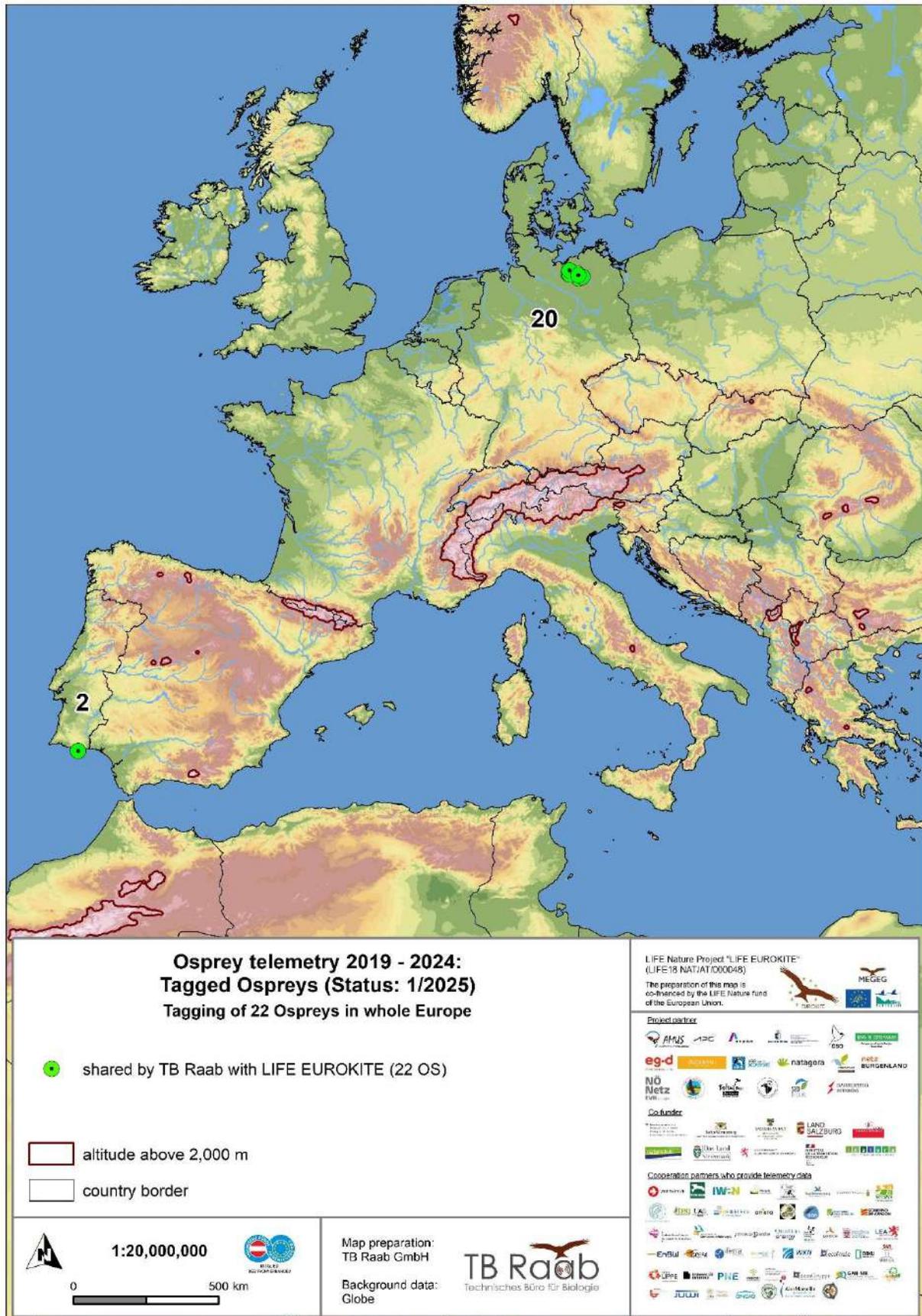


Figure 6: Tagging of 22 Ospreys by the LIFE EUROKITE project and numerous cooperation and project partners across Europe the years 2019-2024.

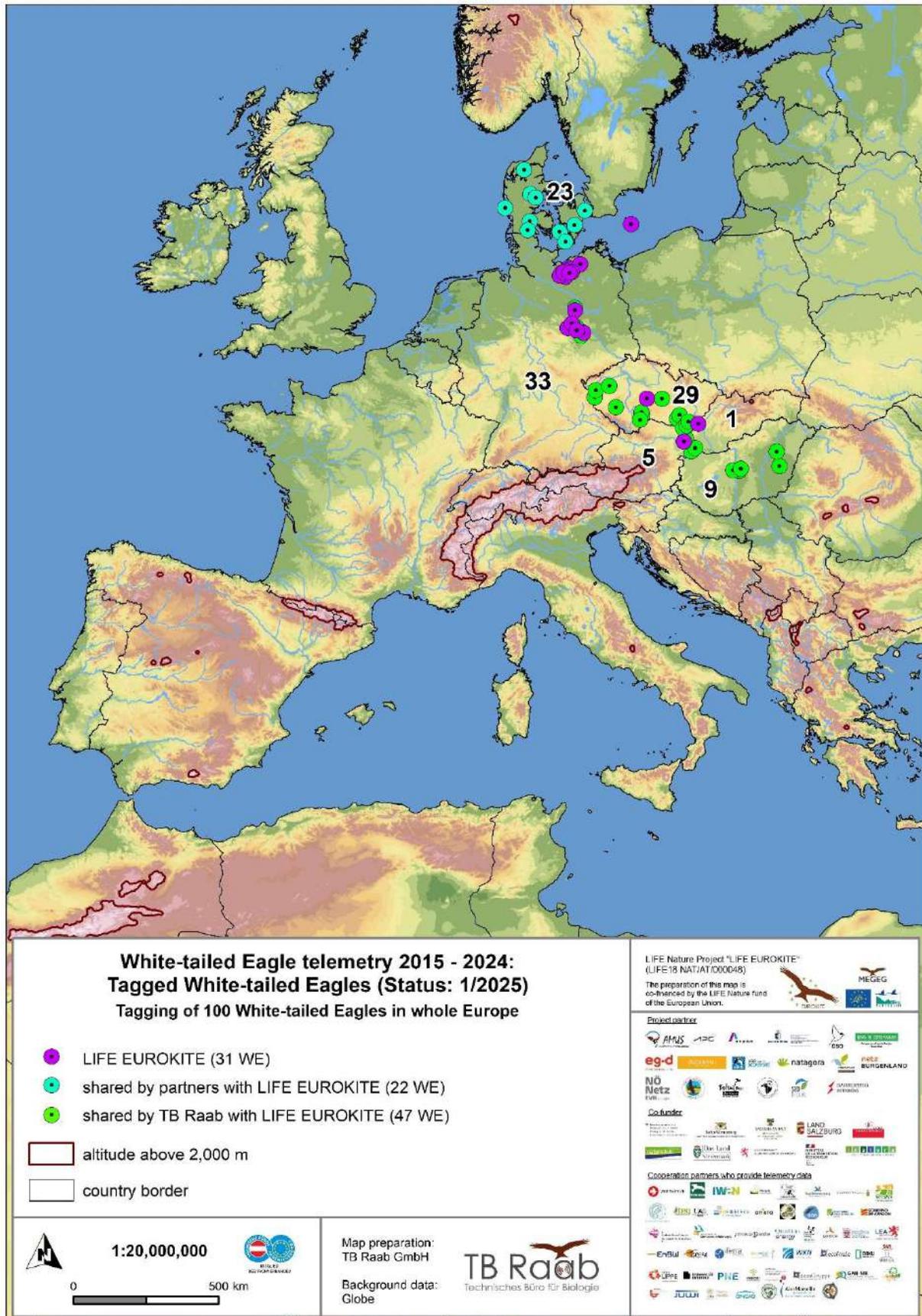


Figure 7: Tagging of 100 white-tailed eagles by the LIFE EUROKITE project and numerous cooperation and project partners across Europe the years 2015-2024.

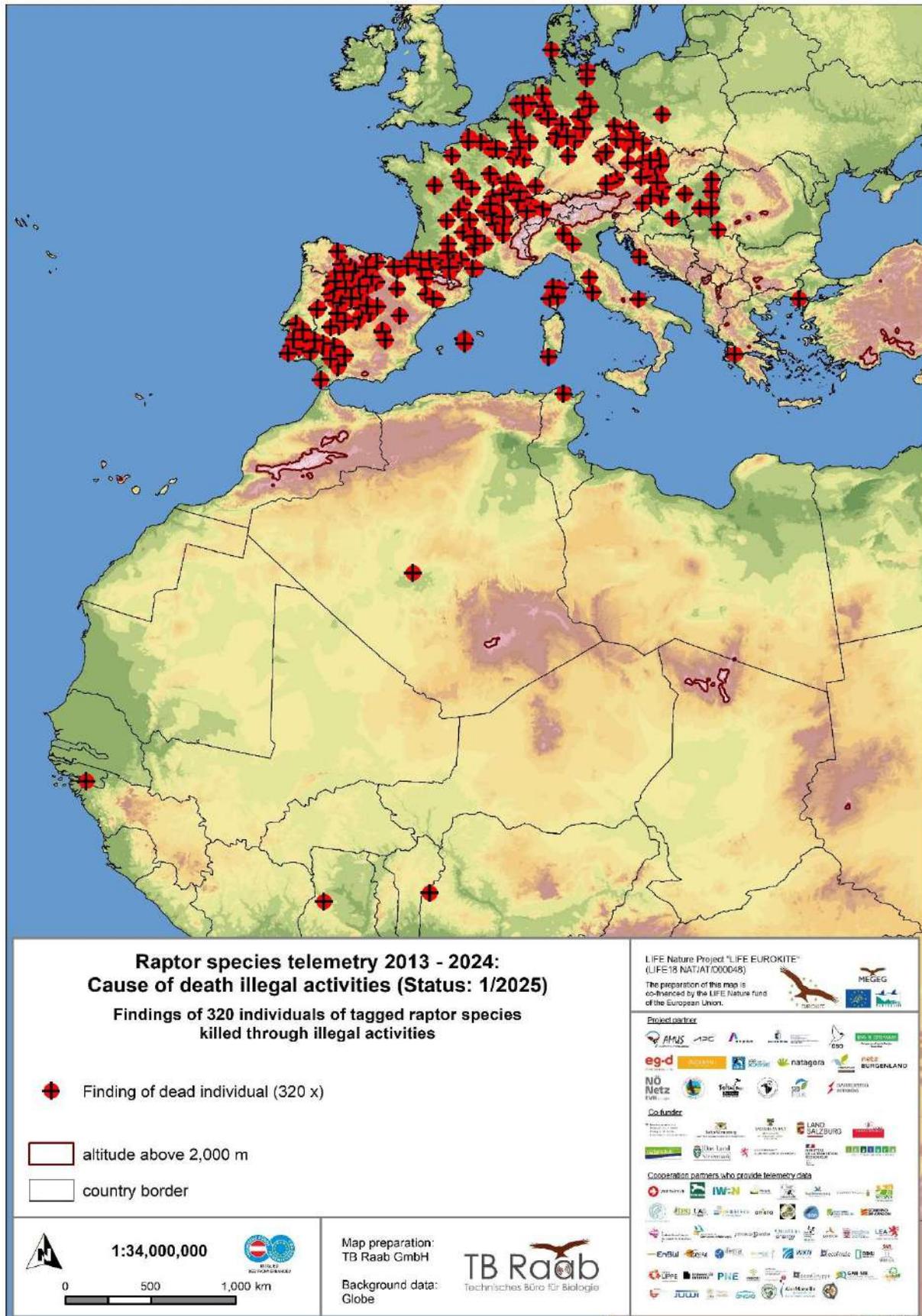


Figure 8: Interim results of 320 tagged birds which died due to illegal activities in the years 2013 to 2024.

3 Czech results

The subsequent section provides a detailed overview of the cases with illegal mortality reasons in Czech Republic. A total of 31 tagged birds have been confirmed as victims of illegal activities. Of these, 25 succumbed to poisoning, 5 were shot and one died because of trapping.

3.1 Tagged individuals that have been poisoned

The birds are listed in chronological order by Date of bird crime, commencing with the first recorded case.

RK_0005

General information about the bird

Name: Stillfried_03

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 26.04.2015

Place of tagging: Angern an der March, Lower Austria, Austria

Date of tagging: 31.05.2015

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 12 – MLR 15

Ring number: JC57510

Sex: No information

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Velké Pavlovice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,8763829, 16,841317

Date of bird crime: 23.05.2016, 8:03:00 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 393

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: TB Raab & VFÚ

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: The laboratory confirmed that the bird was poisoned with Carbofuran. The red kite was found together with several other poisoned animals. These included various birds and a cat. Several pieces of meat and bones were found in the neighbouring field.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Stopped

Police and/or authority investigation: Police was informed → Stopped

Legal proceeding: No

Conviction: No

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why? It was not possible to identify the perpetrator. If new evidence emerges, the case will be reopened.



Figure 9: Finding situation of the red kite RK_0005 that died on 23 May 2016 in Velké Pavlovice, Czech Republic.
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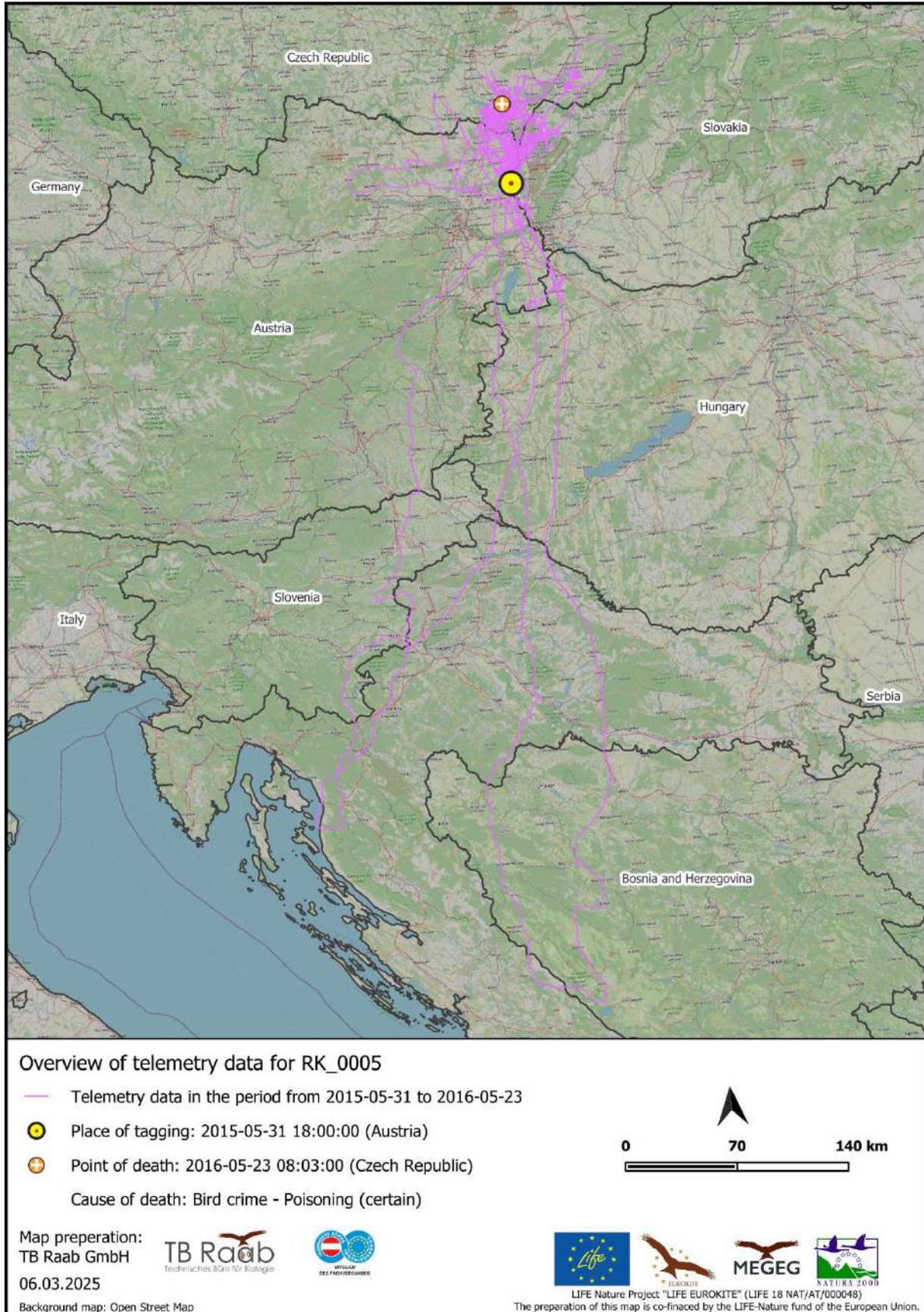


Figure 10: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0005.

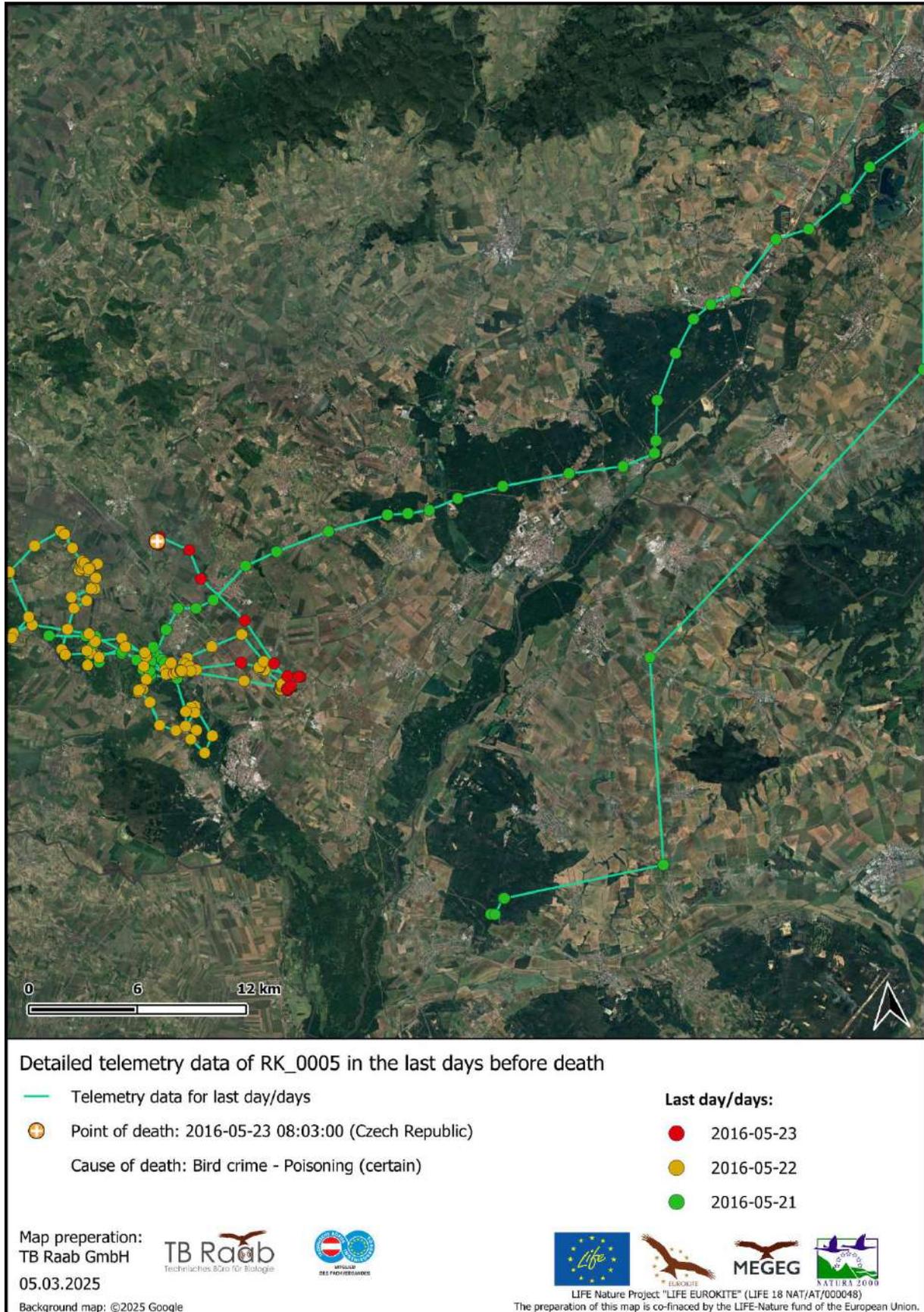


Figure 11: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0005 in the last days before death.

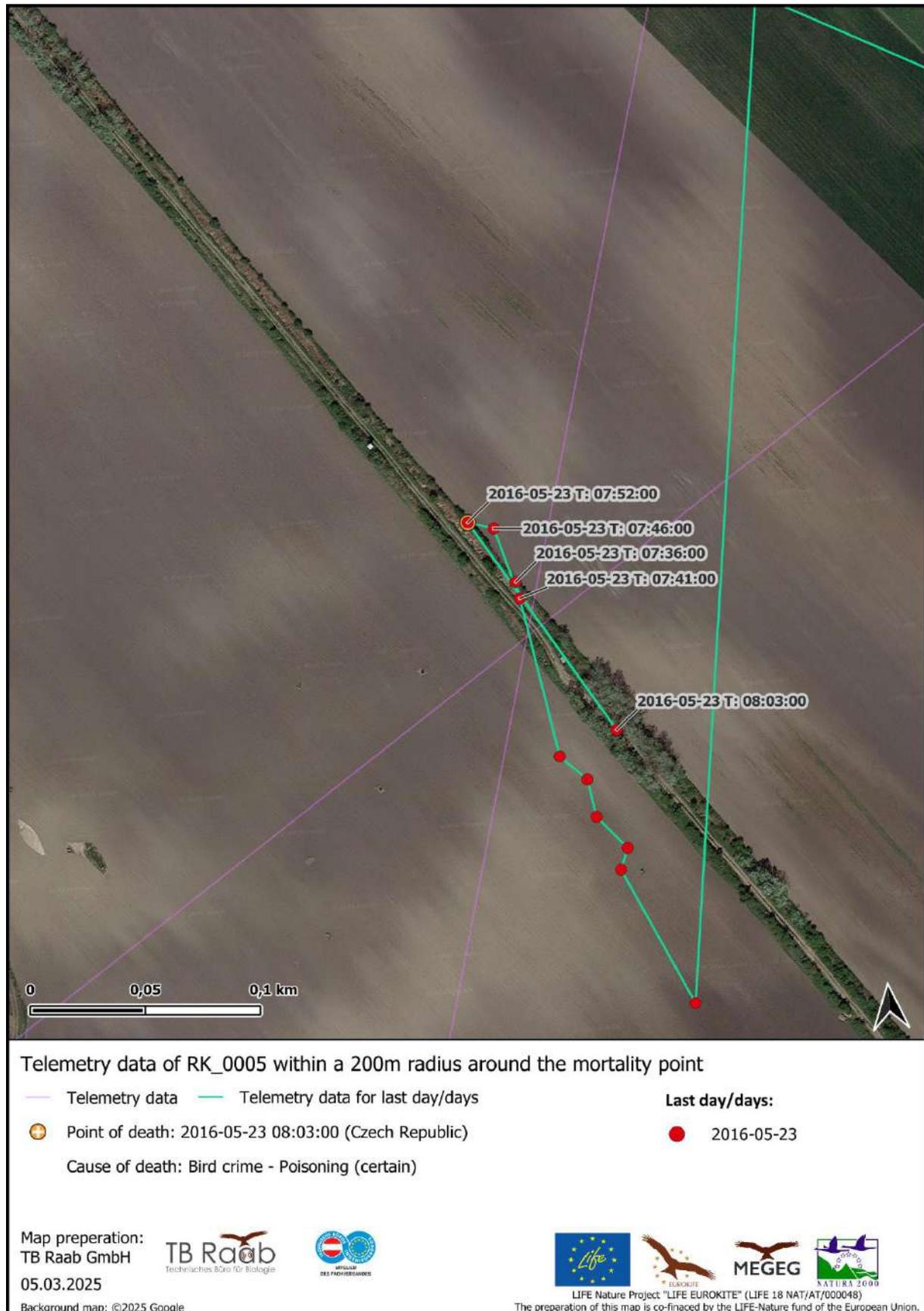


Figure 12: Telemetry data of RK_0005 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0056

General information about the bird

Name: Troskotovice_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 25.05.2016

Place of tagging: Troskotovice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 19.06.2016

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 02 – MLR 13 saker

Ring number: CT765

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Hosteradice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,972417, 16,2542669

Date of bird crime: 04.10.2016, 12:00:00 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 132

Age at bird crime: 1. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: TB Raab & VFÚ

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: No information received

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: The laboratory confirmed that the bird was poisoned with Carbofuran.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: Police and authority informed → No further information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

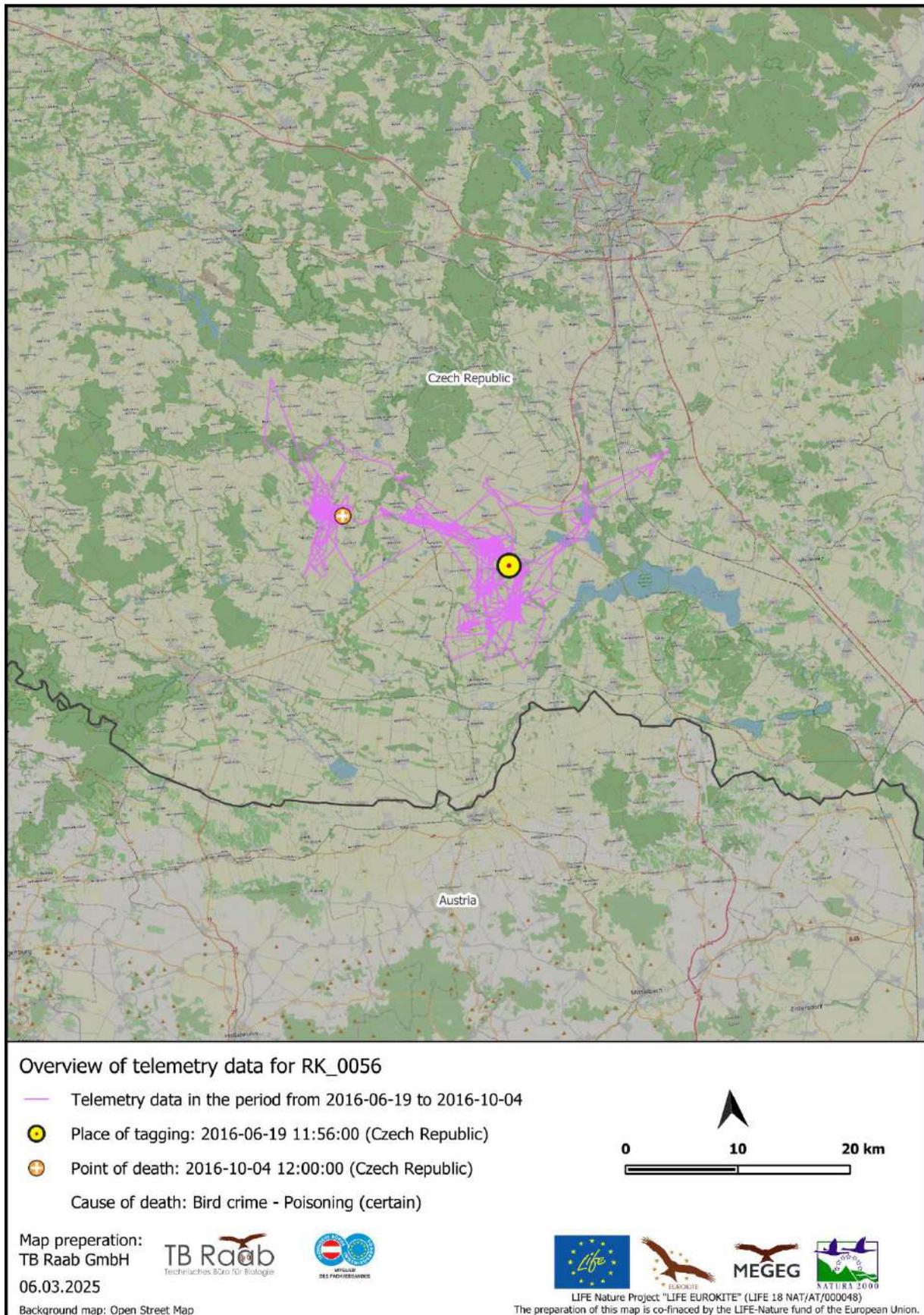


Figure 13: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0056.

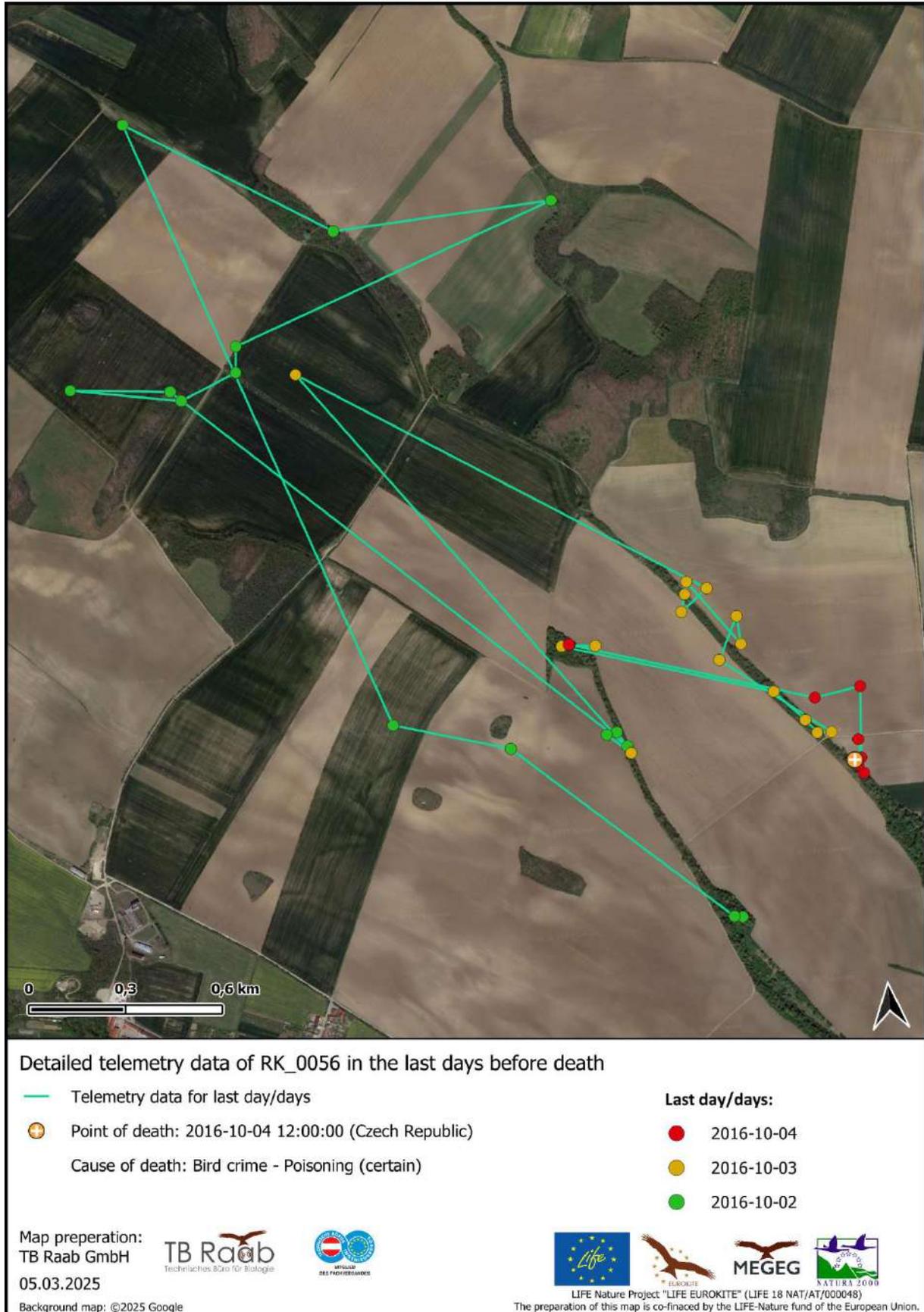


Figure 14: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0056 in the last days before death.



Figure 15: Telemetry data of RK_0056 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

IE_0007

General information about the bird

Name: Rajka_01

Species: Imperial eagle

Birth date: 16.05.2016

Place of tagging: Rajka, Mosonmagyaróvár, Nyugat-Dunántúl, Hungary

Date of tagging: 15.07.2016

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 60 – AAB 07 eagle

Ring number: AAA1311

Sex: No information

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Bořetice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,8978329, 16,879683

Date of bird crime: 05.03.2017, 4:00:00 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 293

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: No information

Logger and/or bird found: Logger found and no information about the bird

Carcass state: -

Bird crime: Bird crime - Poisoning

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: Expert assumption (TB Raab).

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

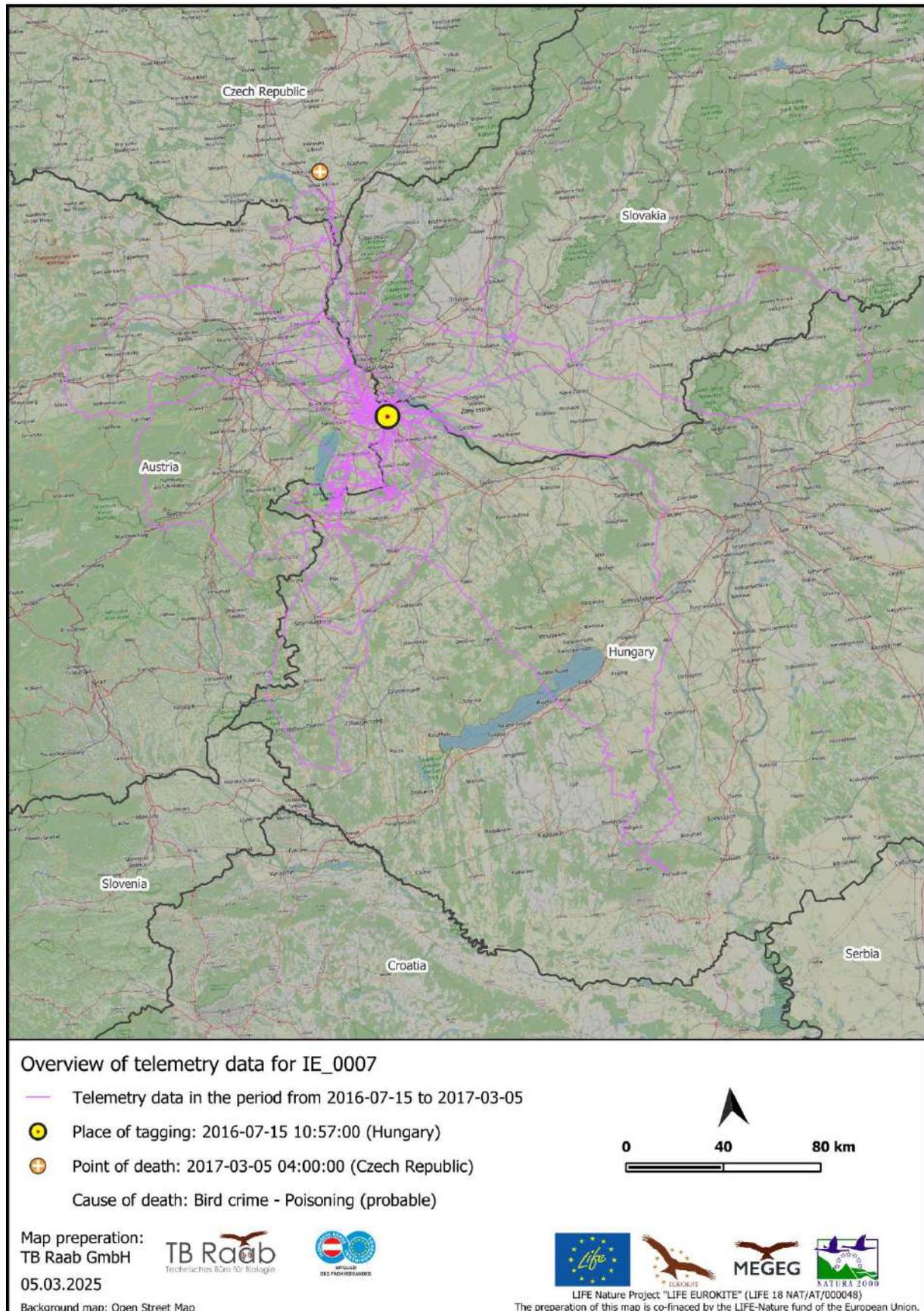


Figure 16: Overview of the telemetry data for IE_0007.

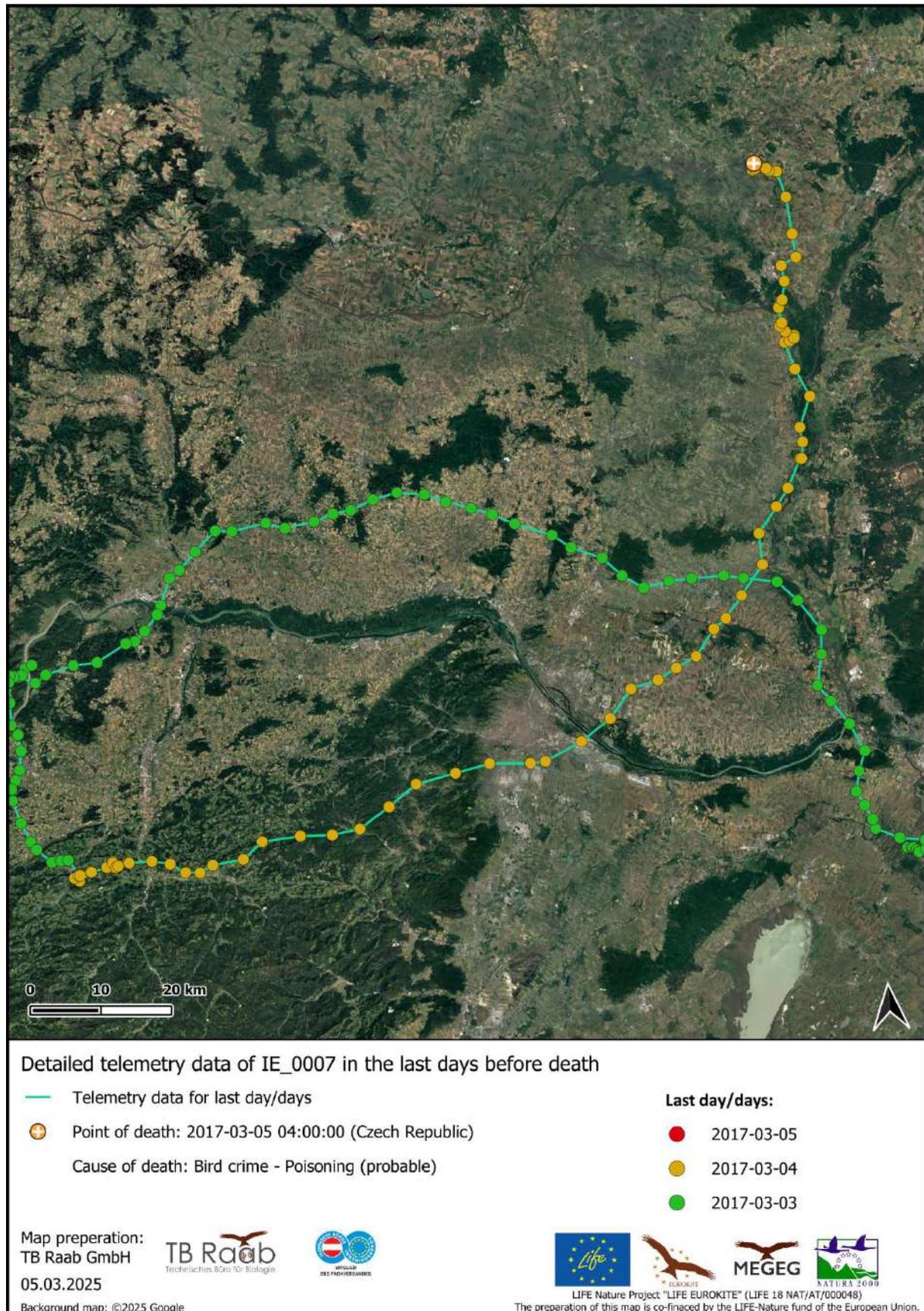


Figure 17: Detailed telemetry data of IE_0007 in the last days before death.



Figure 18: Telemetry data of IE_0007 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0044

General information about the bird

Name: Breclav_02

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 12.05.2016

Place of tagging: Breclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 13.06.2016

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 45 – AAA 27 kite

Ring number: CT1666

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Borovnice u Potštejna, Severovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,0559670, 16,2467669

Date of bird crime: 31.03.2017, 11:05:00 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 323

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: VFÚ

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: Expert assessment (TB Raab and VFÚ).

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



Figure 19: The red kite RK_0044 who died at the 31.03.2017 in Borovnice u Potštejna, Severovýchod, Czech Republic was found lying on its belly in the middle of a grain field. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (VFÚ)

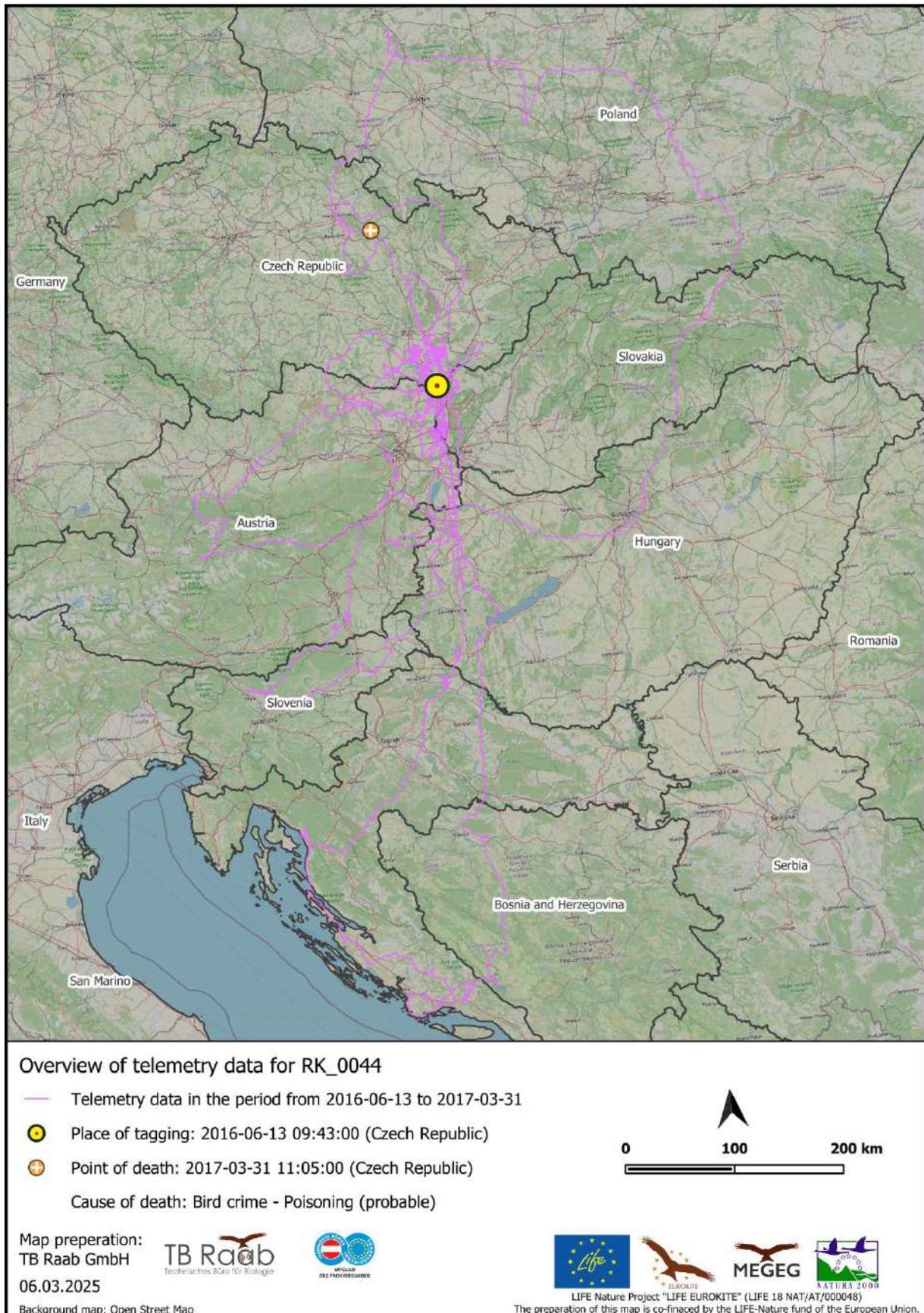


Figure 20: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0044.

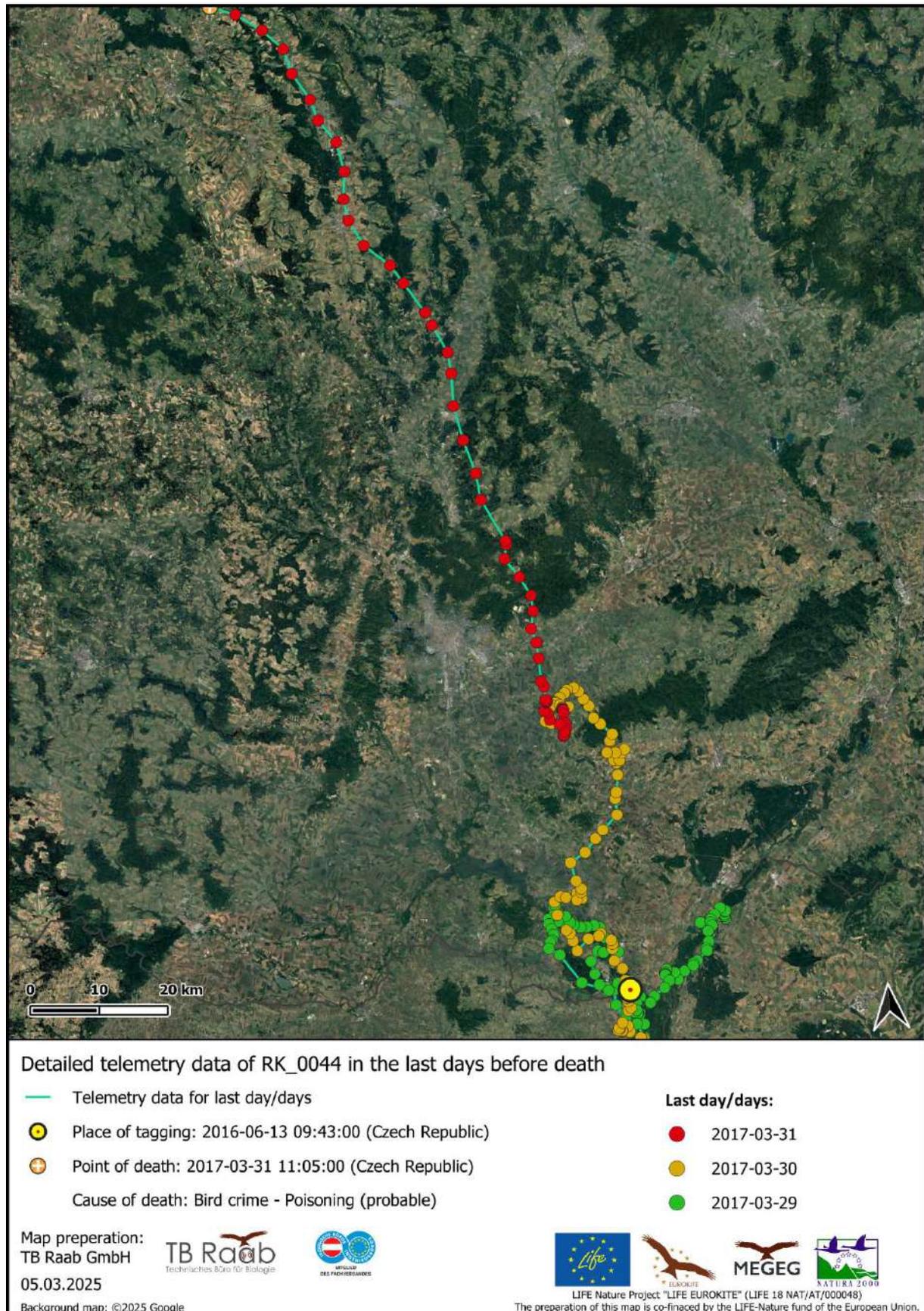


Figure 21: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0044 in the last days before death.

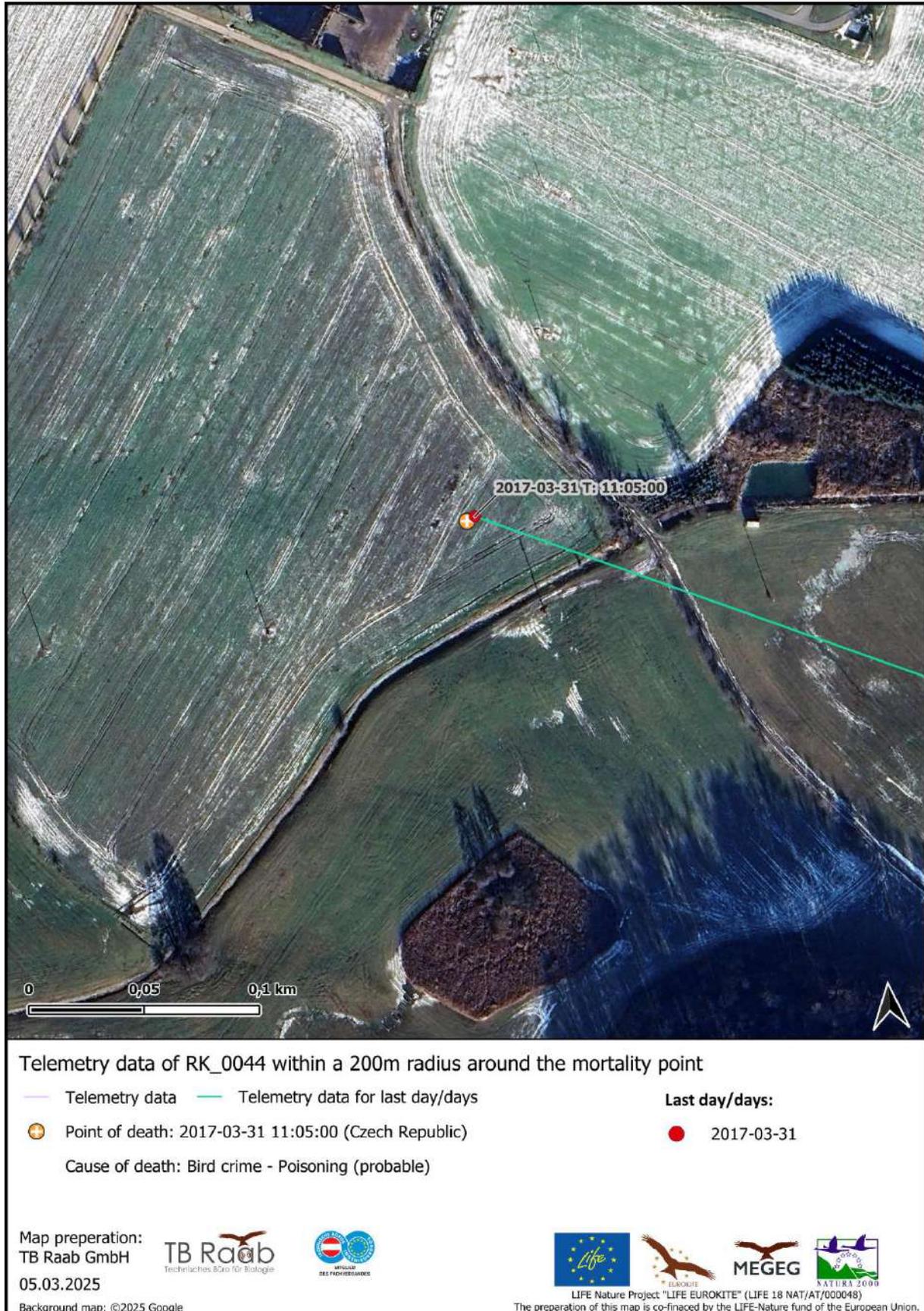


Figure 22: Telemetry data of RK_0044 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0055

General information about the bird

Name: Hrusovany_02

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 17.05.2016

Place of tagging: Hrusovany nad Jevisovkou, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 19.06.2016

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 23 – MLR 23 kite

Ring number: CT733

Sex: Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Drnholec, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,8571570, 16,464326

Date of bird crime: 01.09.2017, 6:00:00 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 472

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: VFÚ

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: No information received

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: Expert assessment (TB Raab and VFÚ).

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

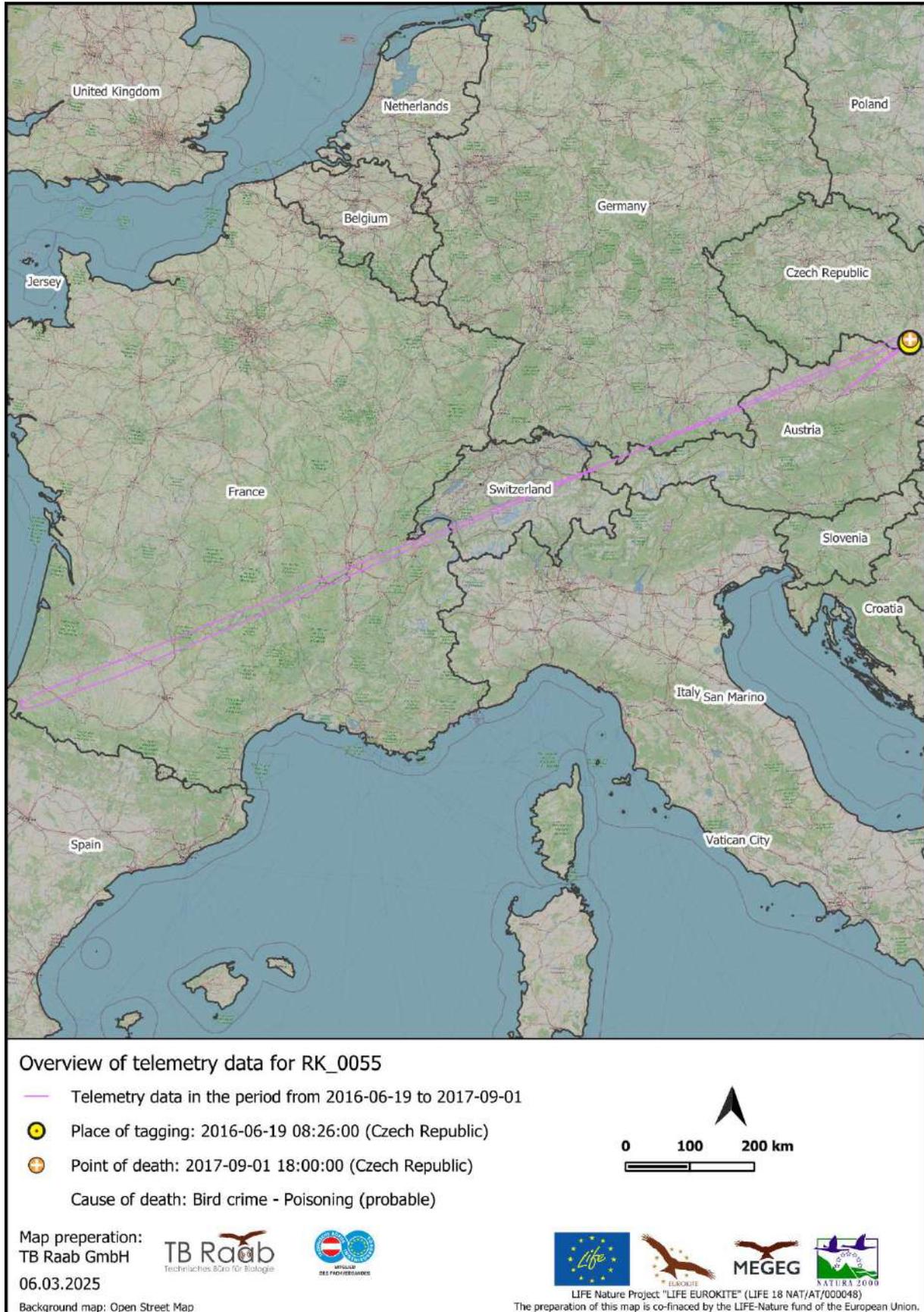


Figure 23: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0055.



Figure 24: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0055 in the last days before death.



Figure 25: Telemetry data of RK_0055 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0059

General information about the bird

Name: Moravska Nova Ves_02

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 18.05.2016

Place of tagging: Moravska Nova Ves, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 19.06.2016

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 16 – MLR 29 kite

Ring number: CT752

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Vnorovy, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,928649, 17,3300319

Date of bird crime: 17.04.2018, 12:00:32 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 699

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Private Person

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Bird crime No information received

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: Expert assumption (TB Raab)

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

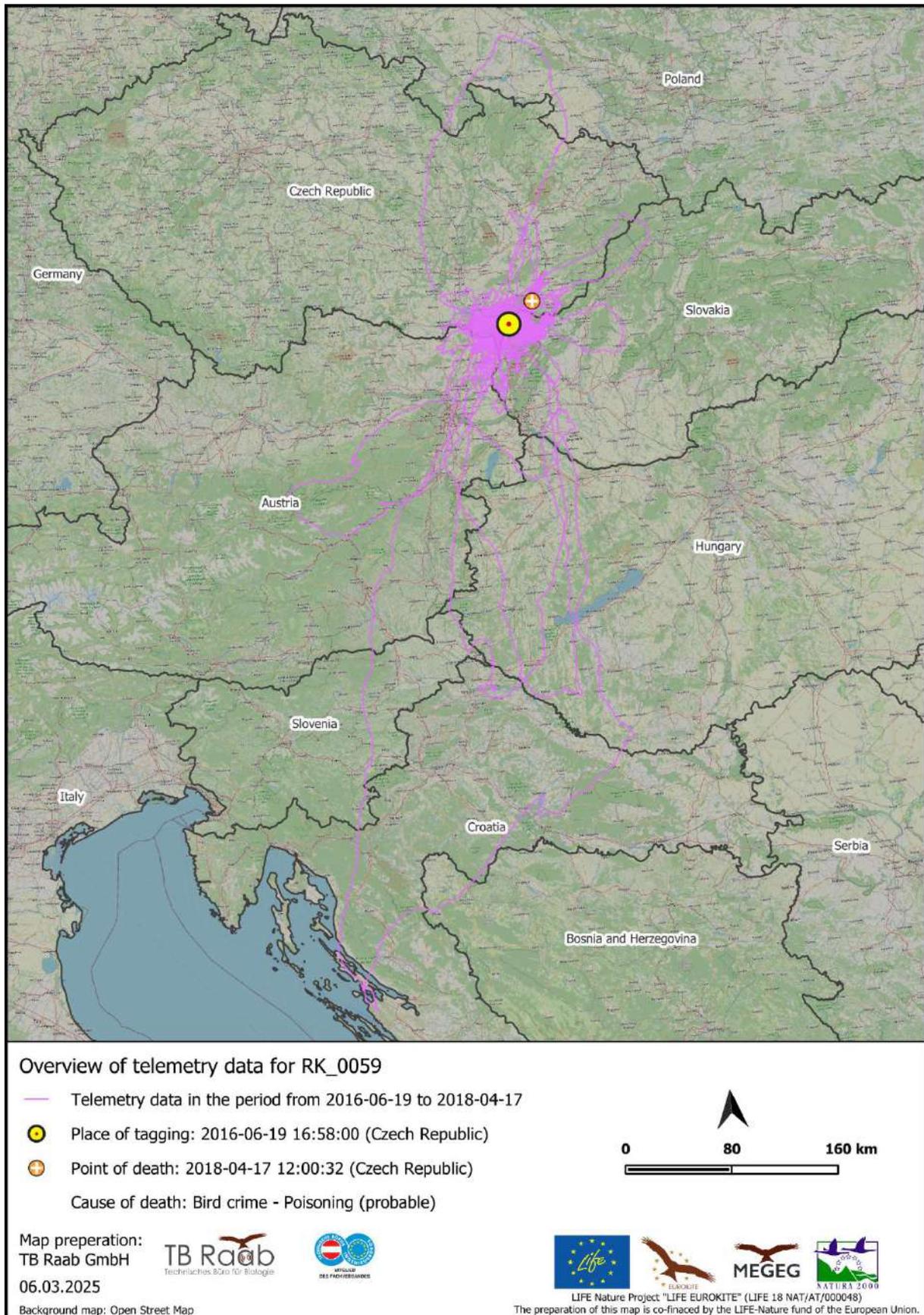


Figure 26: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0059.



Figure 27: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0059 in the last days before death.

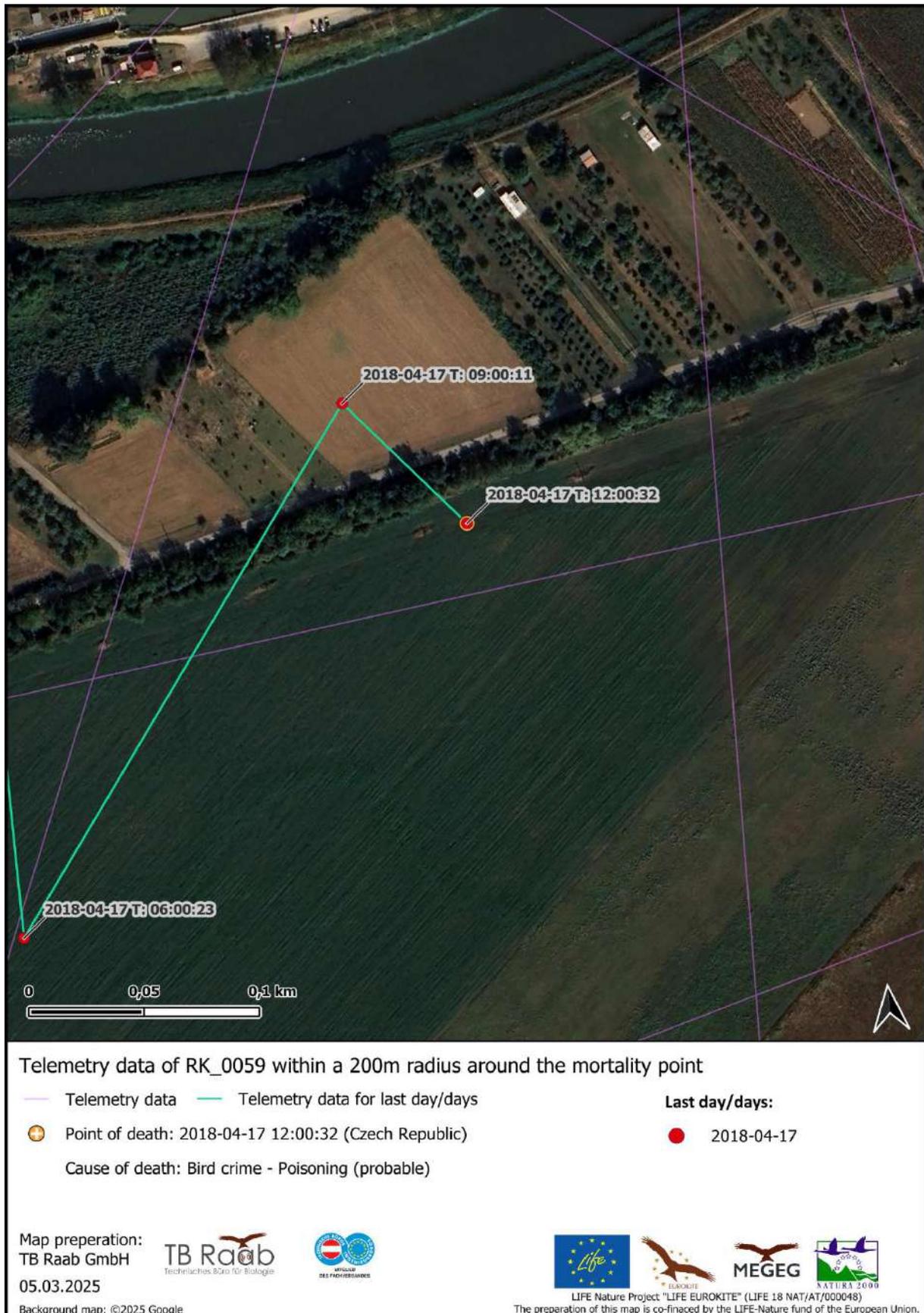


Figure 28: Telemetry data of RK_0059 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0201

General information about the bird

Name: Kyskovice_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 13.05.2018

Place of tagging: Kyškovice, Severozápad, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 16.06.2018

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: ANITRA 012 - 18018

Ring number: C155884

Sex: Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Zalesany, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,0213529, 15,0322790

Date of bird crime: 15.08.2018, 4:45:02 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 94

Age at bird crime: 1. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Private Person

Logger and/or bird found: No Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: certain

Additional information: In addition to the red kite, three other raptors were found. Laboratory confirmed poisoning by carbofuran in all cases.

Investigation information

Last modification: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → No further information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



Figure 29: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0201, deceased on 15.08.2018 in Zalešany, Central Bohemia, Czech Republic. The photo shows the red kite RK_0201 hanging in the tree (up) and lying on its back after recovery (down). © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (Anitra, Dusan Rak)

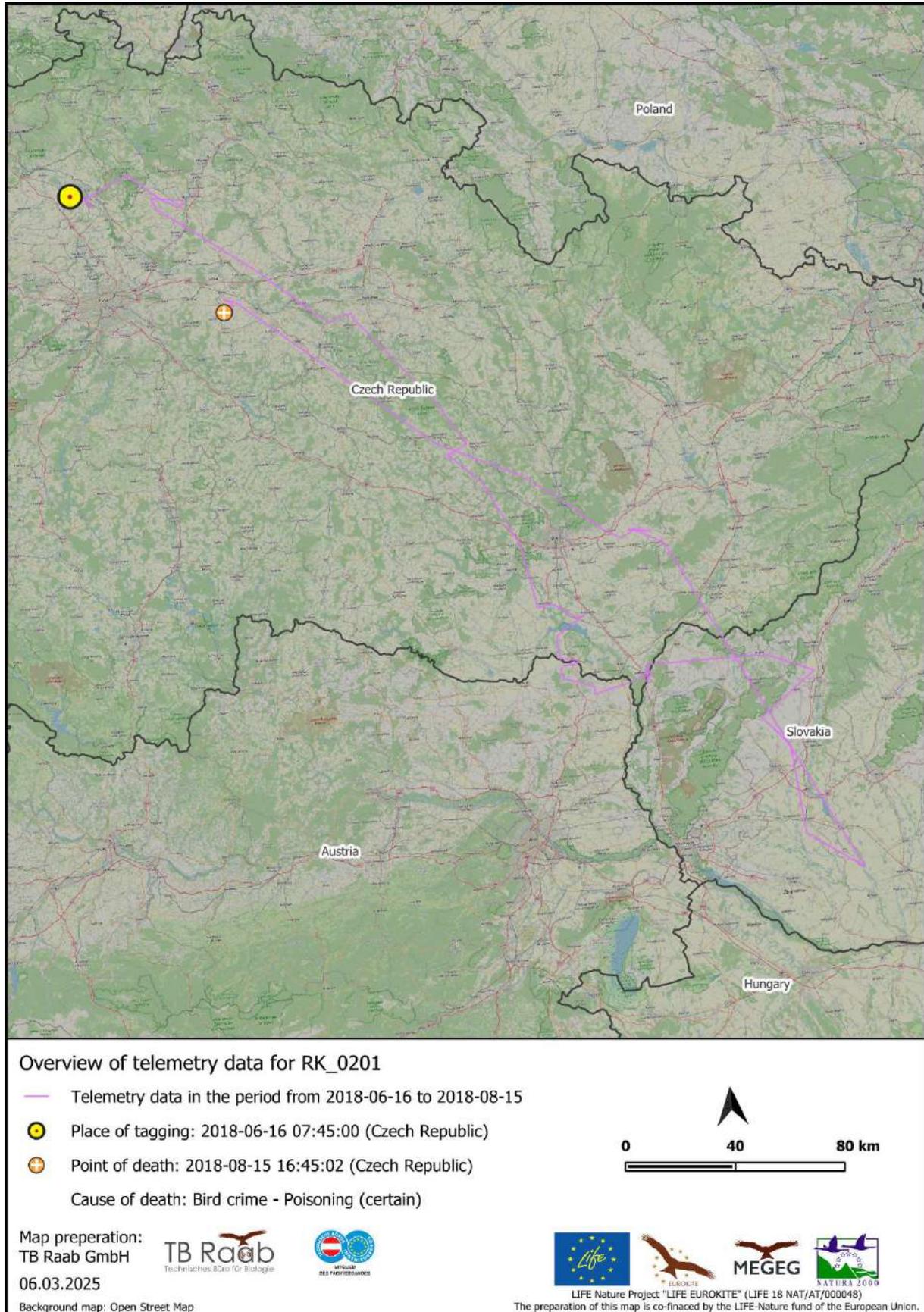


Figure 30: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0201.



Figure 31: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0201 in the last days before death.



Figure 32: Telemetry data of RK_0201 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0066

General information about the bird

Name: Mikulov_03

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 07.05.2017

Place of tagging: Mikulov, Breclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 08.06.2017

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 31 - AAA 29 kite

Ring number: CT794

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Vnorovy, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,9110170, 17,347783

Date of bird crime: 20.09.2018, 6:00:00 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 501

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: No information received

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: Expert assumption (TB Raab and CSO)

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Stopped

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → Complete

Legal proceeding: Yes → Stopped

Conviction: No

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

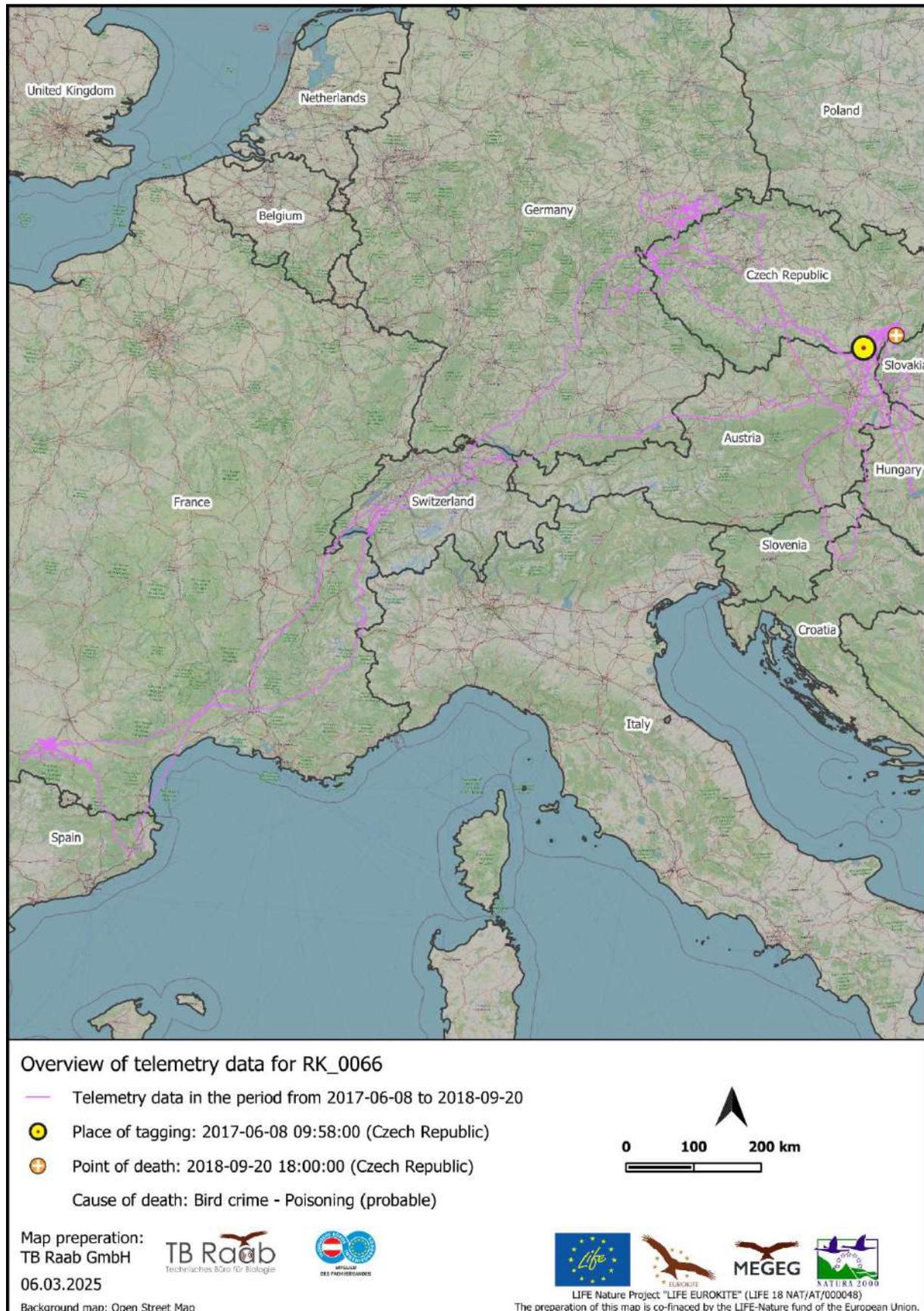


Figure 33: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0066.

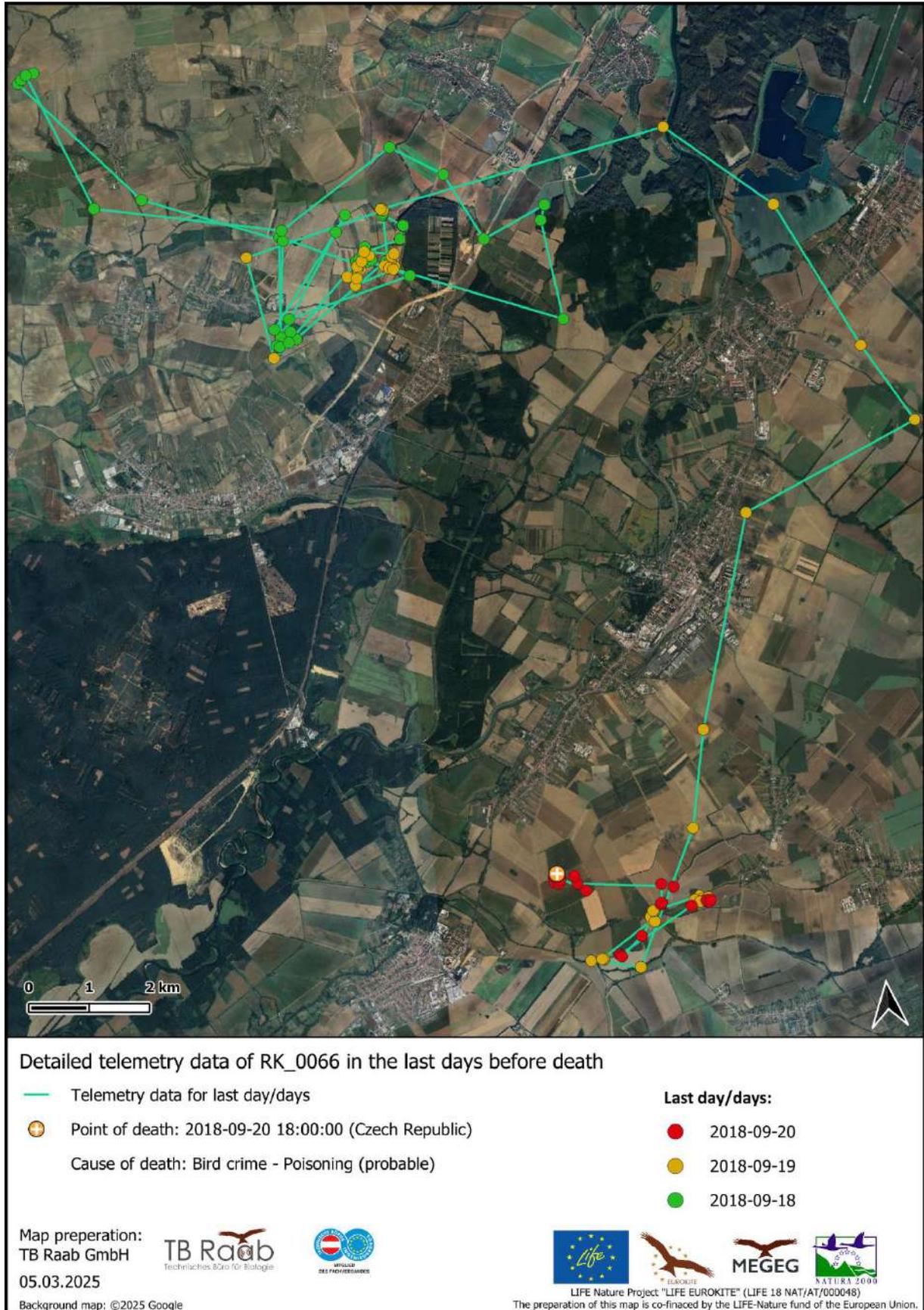


Figure 34: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0066 in the last days before death.

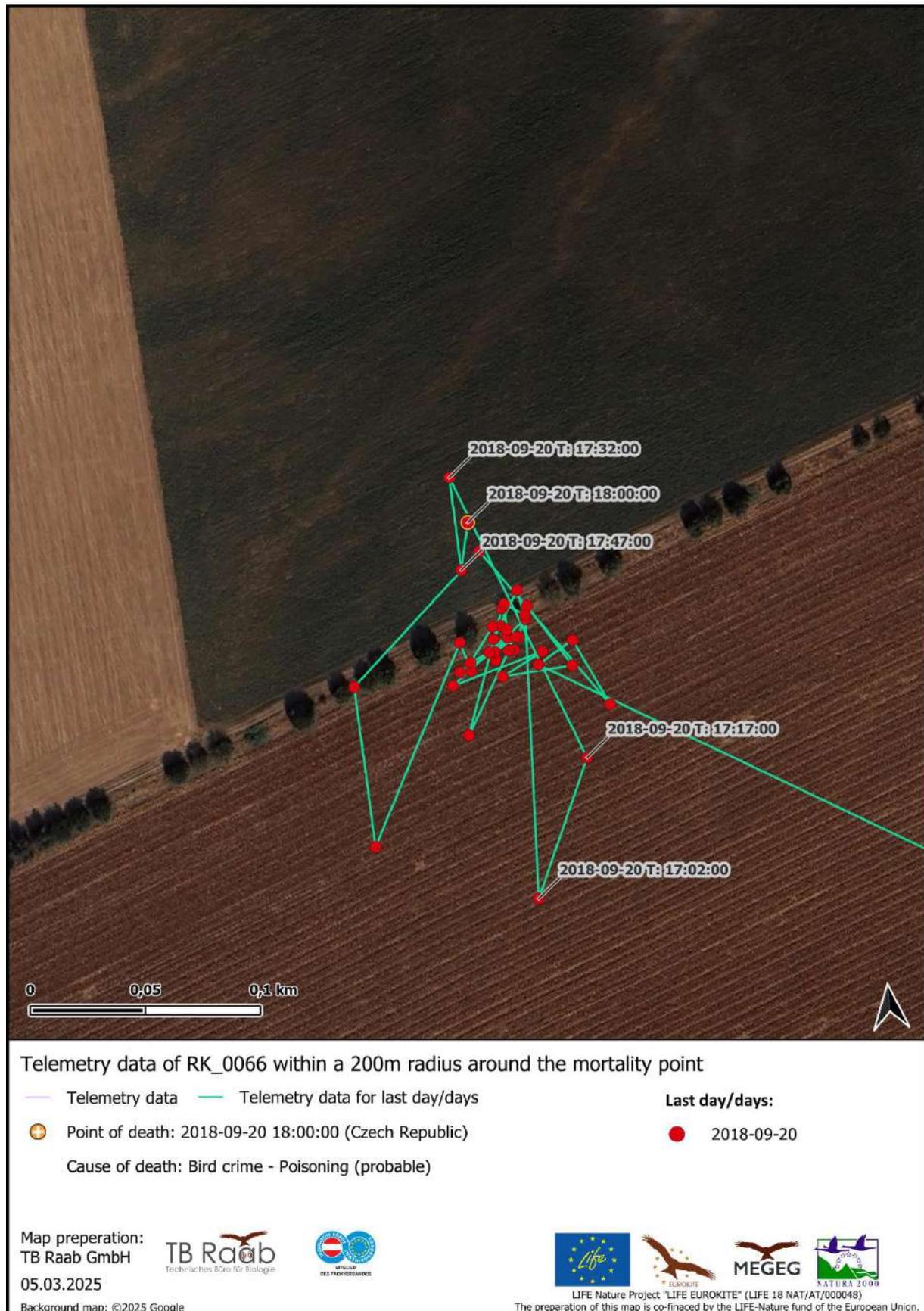


Figure 35: Telemetry data of RK_0066 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0125

General information about the bird

Name: Pribice_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 02.05.2018

Place of tagging: Pribice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 12.06.2018

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A2

Logger number: Ornitela 035 - 181037 kite

Ring number: CT1935

Sex: Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Pohořelice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49,003117, 16,562512

Date of bird crime: 04.02.2019, 12:09:40 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 278

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: The bird was found hanging in a tree. The laboratory confirmed poisoning.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



Figure 36: Left: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0125, deceased on 04.02.2019 in Pohořelice, Southeast, Czech Republic. Right: The photo shows the red kite RK_0125 lying on its back on the ground after recovery. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (CSO)

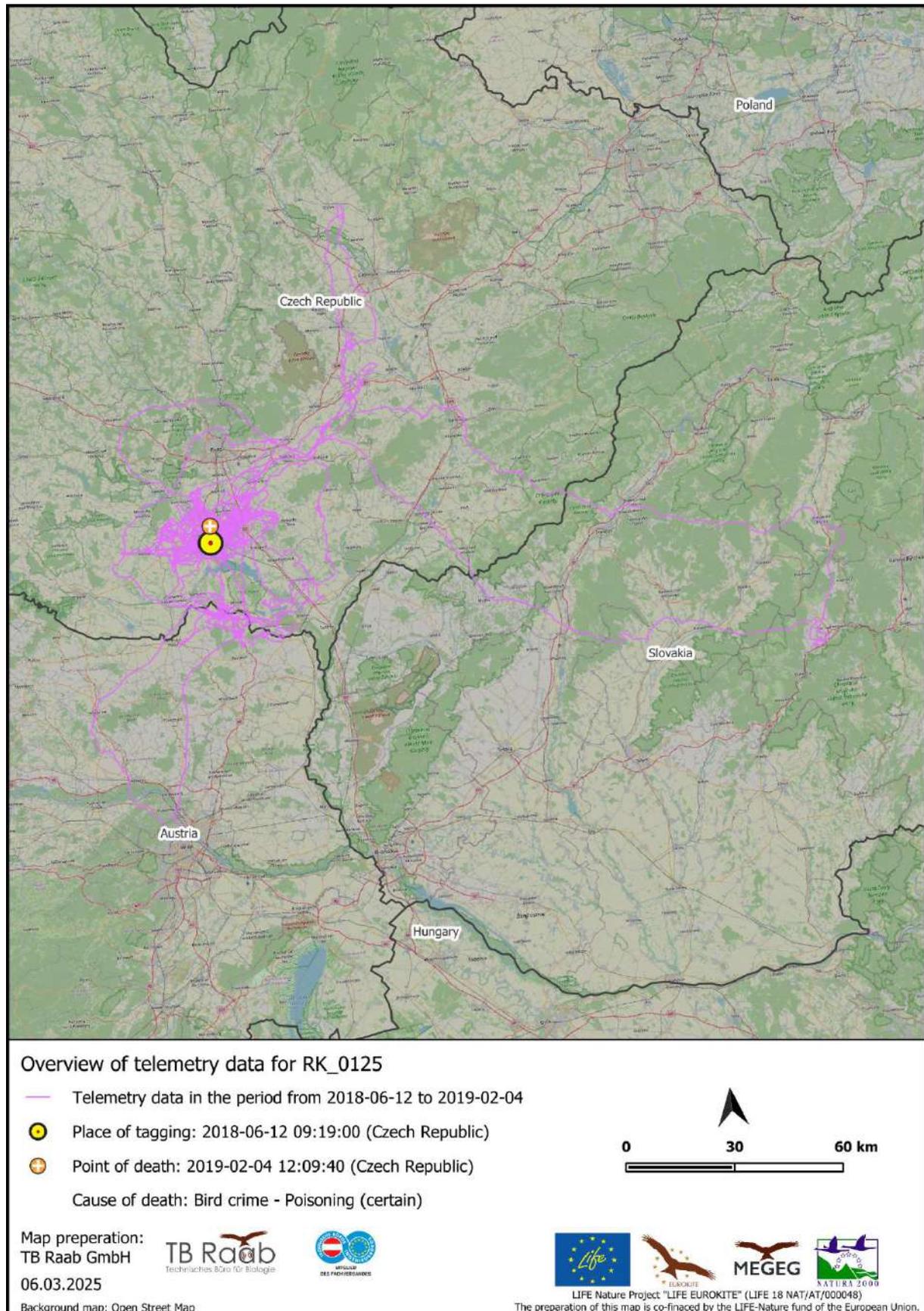


Figure 37: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0125.

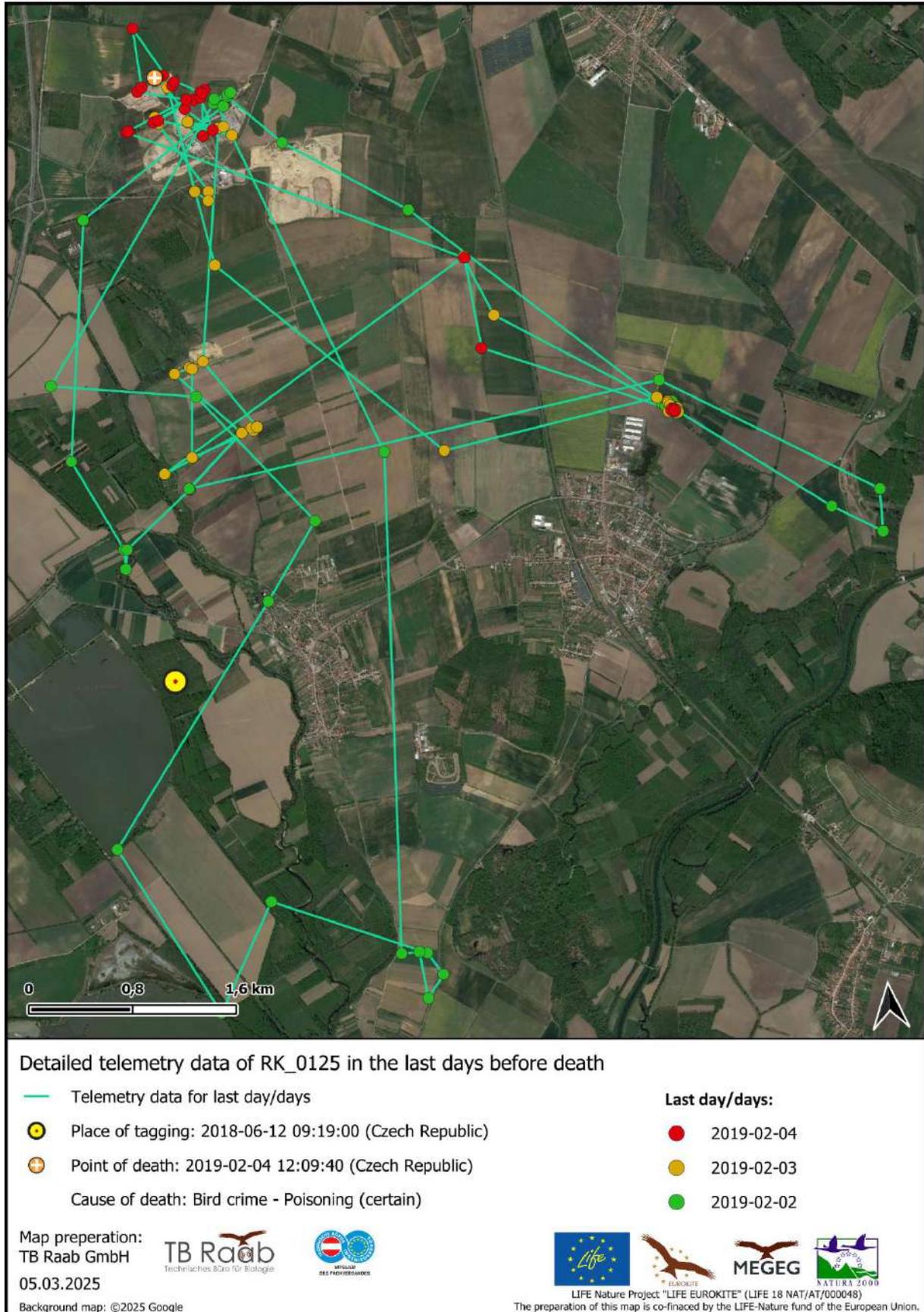


Figure 38: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0125 in the last days before death.

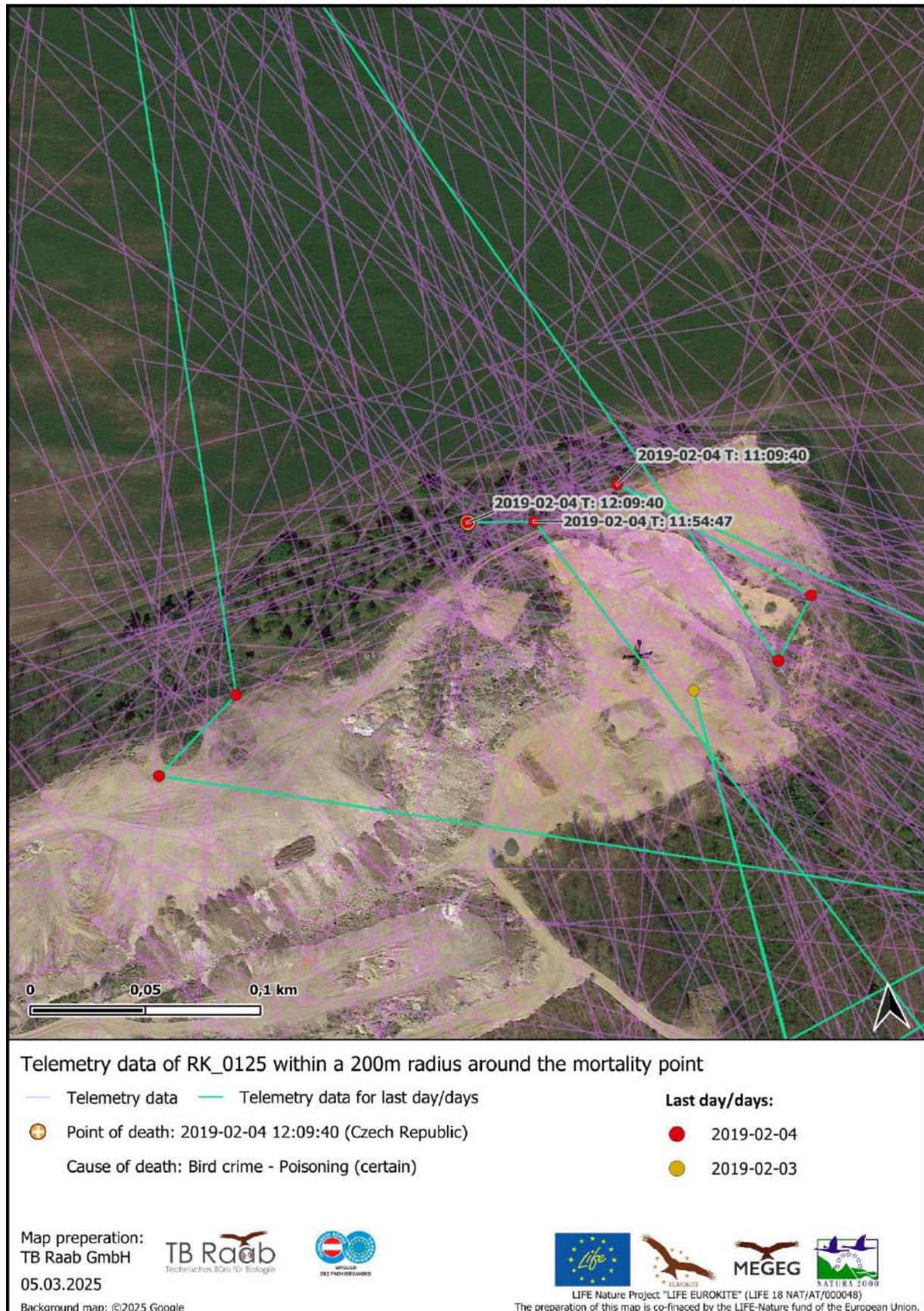


Figure 39: Telemetry data of RK_0125 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0218

General information about the bird

Name: Velke_Nemcice_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 25.05.2018

Place of tagging: Velke Nemice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 25.06.2018

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A2

Logger number: Ornitela 039 - 181041 kite

Ring number: CT1988

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Kunovice, Morava, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49,000000, 17,478079

Date of bird crime: 06.04.2019, 02:50:40 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 316

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: Expert assessment (CSO). The body of the red kite and two ravens more were found at the spot near Kunovice.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



*Figure 40: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0218, deceased on 06.04.2019 in Kunovice, Morava, Czech Republic
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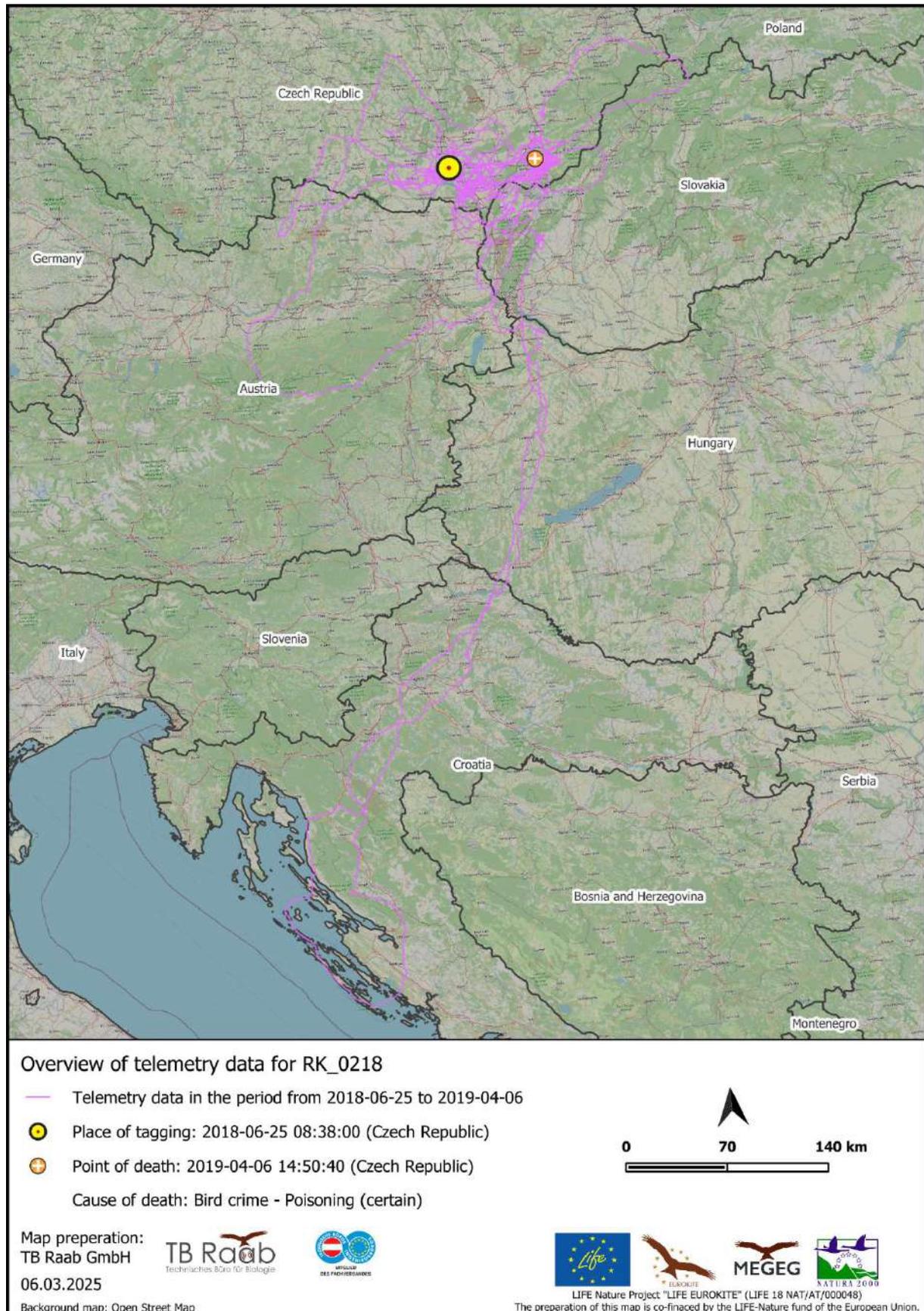


Figure 41: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0218.

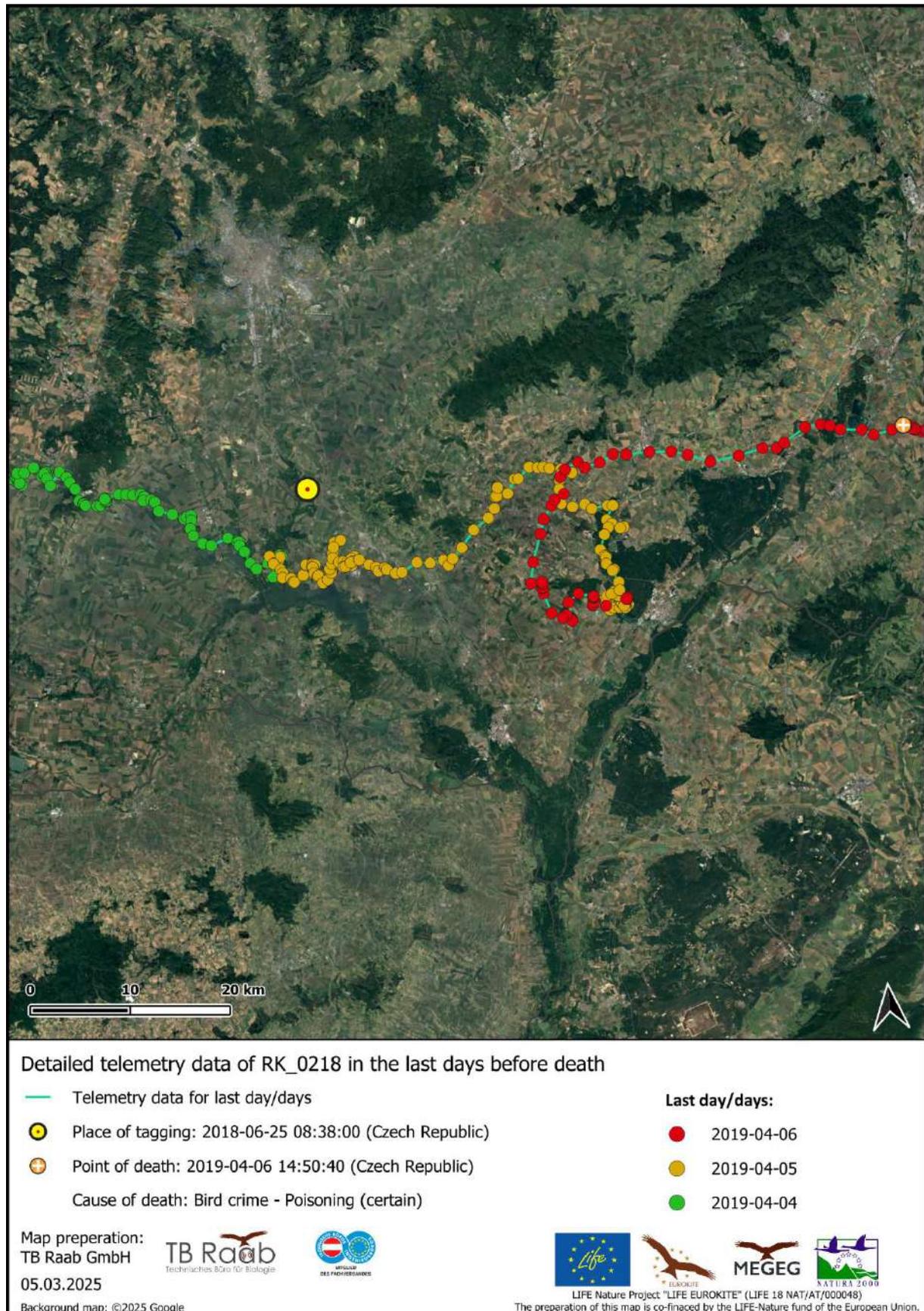


Figure 42: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0218 in the last days before death.

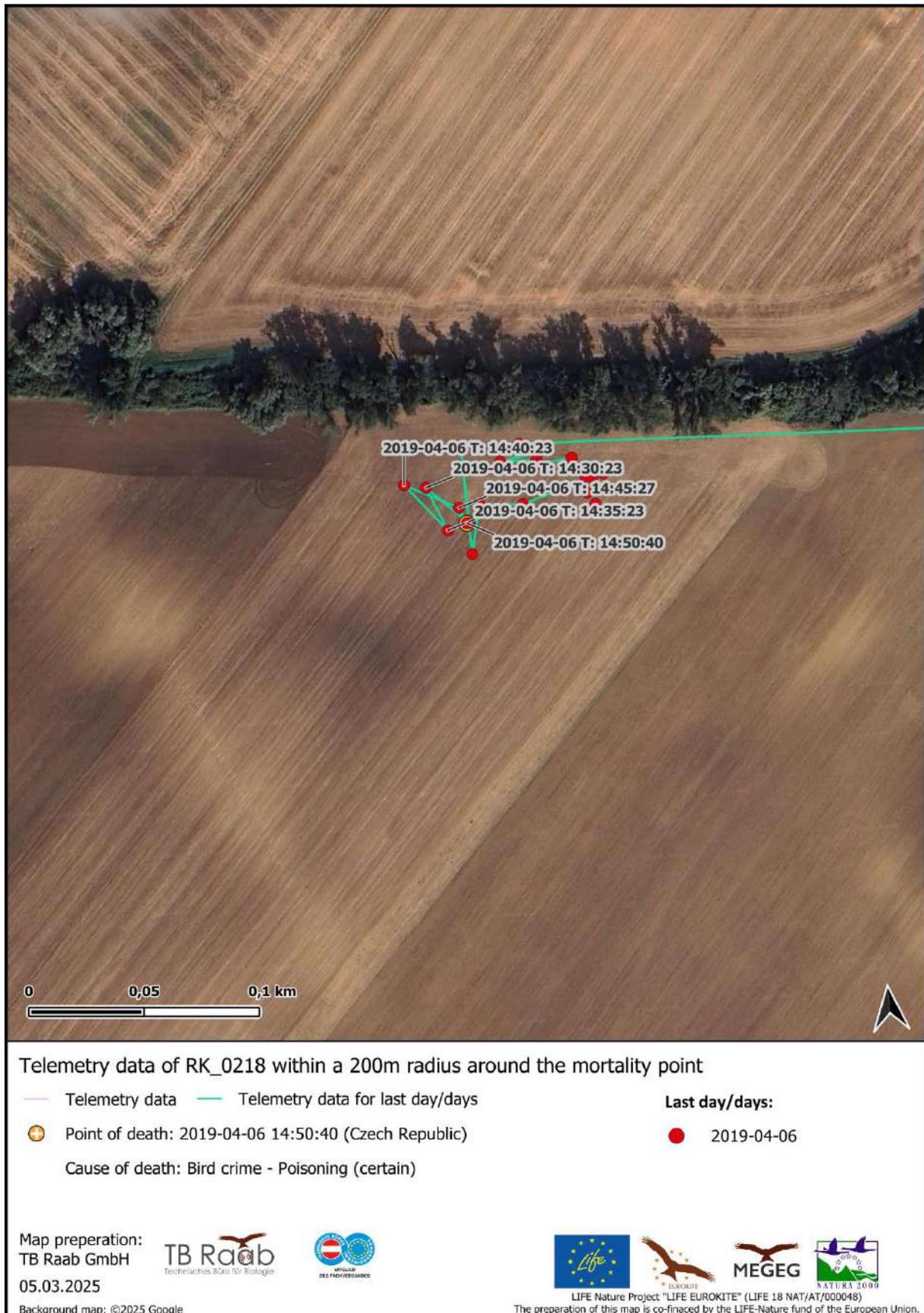


Figure 43: Telemetry data of RK_0218 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

WE_0013

General information about the bird

Name: Trebon_01

Species: White-tailed eagle

Birth date: 06.04.2017

Place of tagging: Trebon, Jihozápad, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 16.05.2017

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKO 08 - AAE08 eagle

Ring number: LX475

Sex: Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Hatín, Jihozápad, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49,117849, 14,874782

Date of bird crime: 21.04.2019, 9:08:35 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 745

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Private Person

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Medium

Bird crime: Poisoning – Other substances

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: No intoxication by Carbofuran was determined. The case of death was probably another (unspecified) alimentary intoxication.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



Figure 44: Discovery situation of the red kite WE_0013, deceased on 21.04.2019 in Hatín, Jihozápad, Czech Republic.
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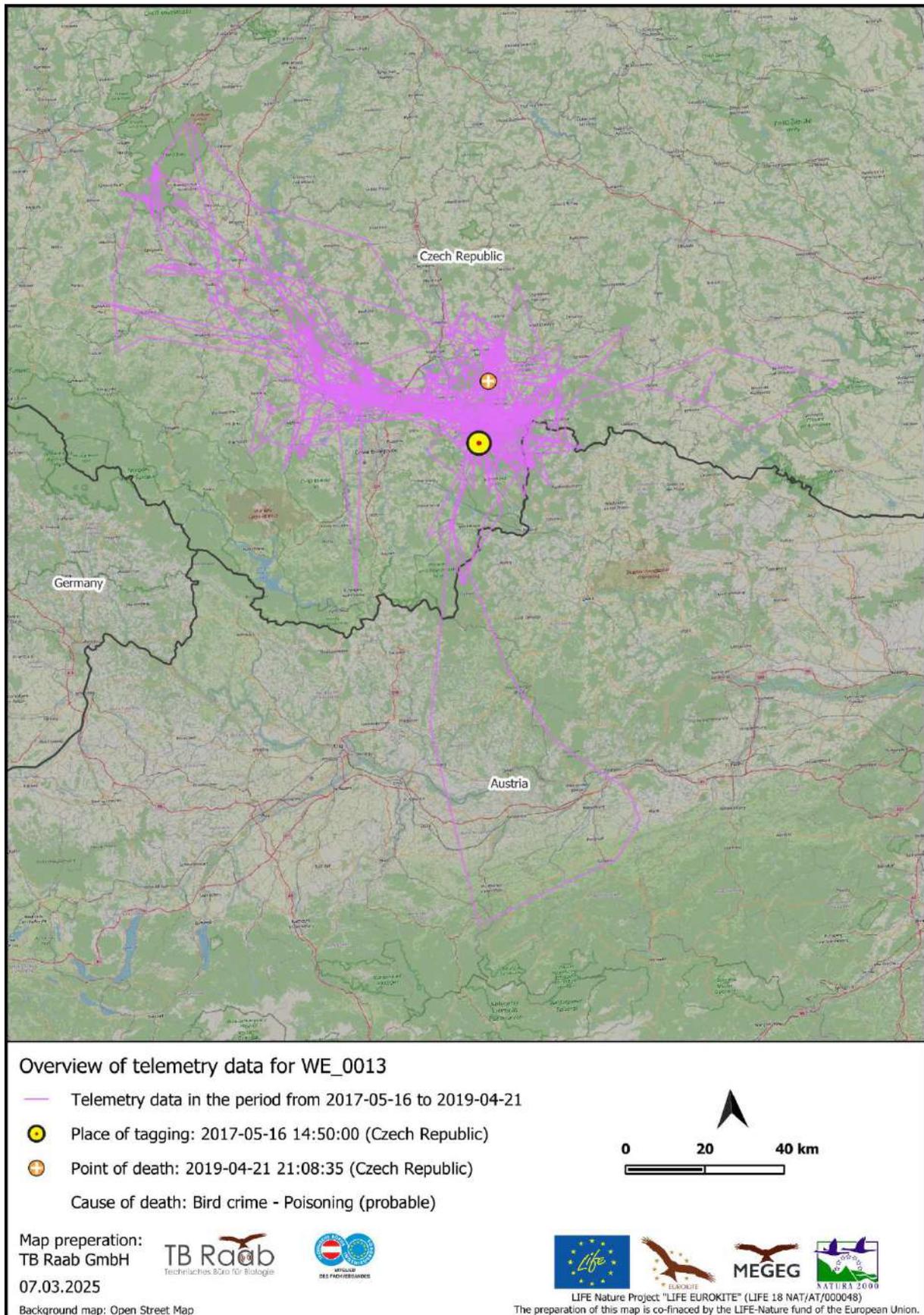


Figure 45: Overview of the telemetry data for WE_0013.

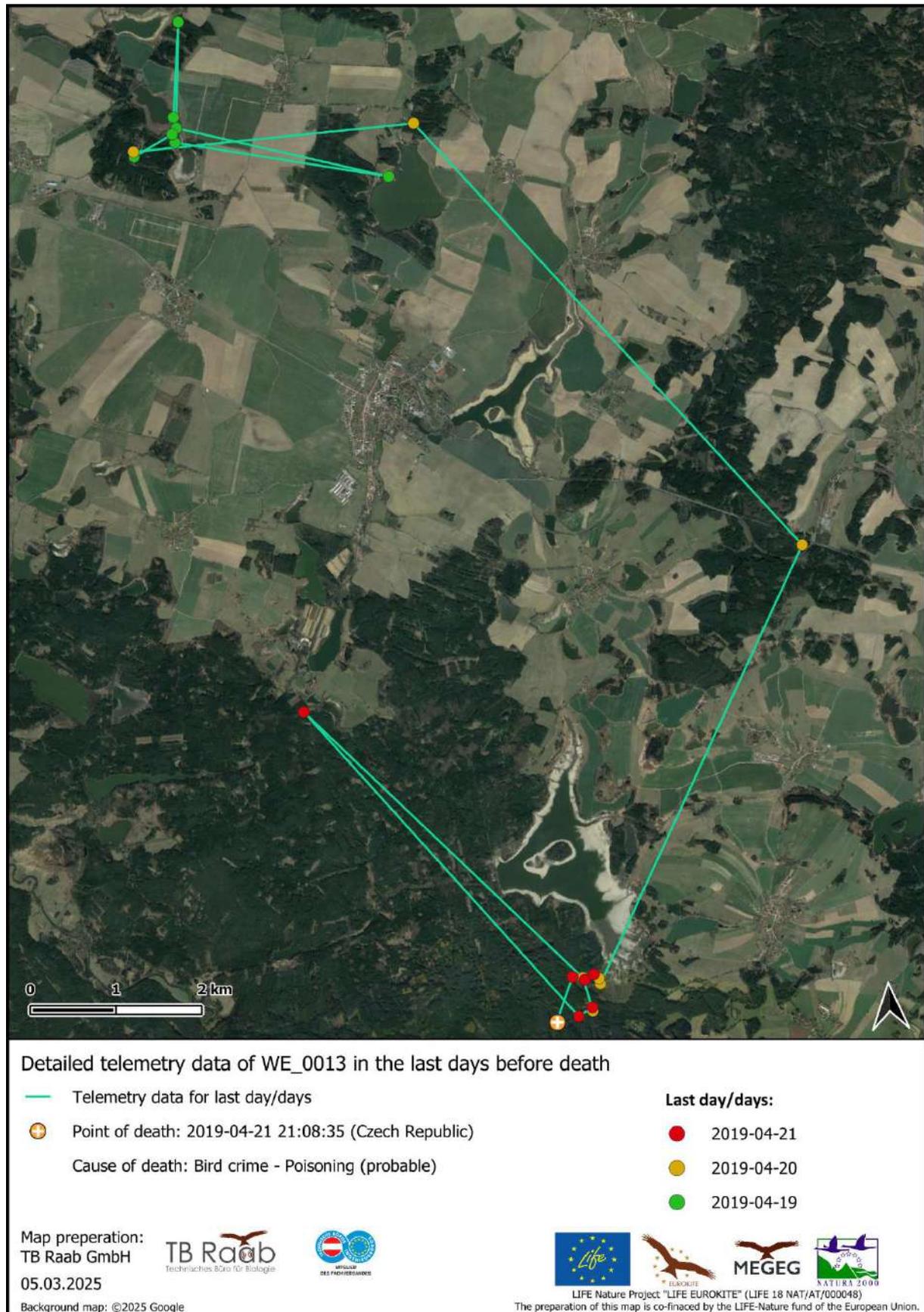


Figure 46: Detailed telemetry data of WE_0013 in the last days before death.

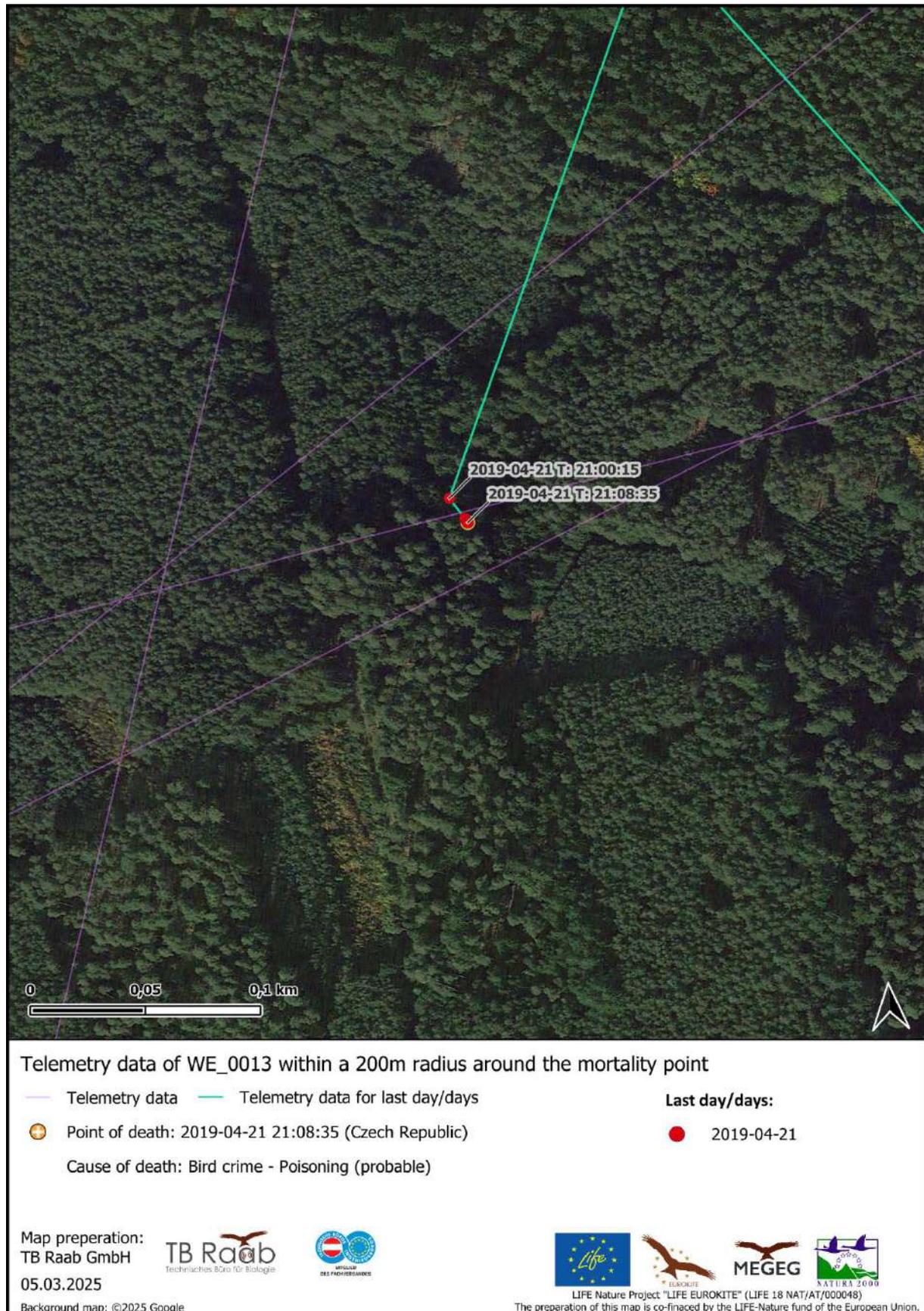


Figure 47: Telemetry data of WE_0013 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0110

General information about the bird

Name: Ves_Touskov_02

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 21.05.2017

Place of tagging: Ves Touskov, Plsen Jih, Jihozápad, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 28.06.2017

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 87 - AAS 06 kite

Ring number: C155573

Sex: Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Úlice, Jihozápad, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49,754950, 13,1714660

Date of bird crime: 08.05.2019, 6:00:08 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 717

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: DES OP Plzeň

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: The red kite was found together with two dead common ravens. Pieces of meat were found in the beak. The laboratory confirmed poisoning.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Stopped

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → Stopped

Legal proceeding: No

Conviction: No

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

The case was, as always, shelved, and the police failed to secure evidence at the scene. If new evidence emerges, the case will be reopened.



Figure 48: Left: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0110, deceased on 08.05.2019 together with the Ravens in Úlice, Jihozápad, Czech Republic. Right: Close-up of the head of RK_0110. Pieces of meat can still be seen in the beak. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (Karel Makoň, DES OP Plzeň)

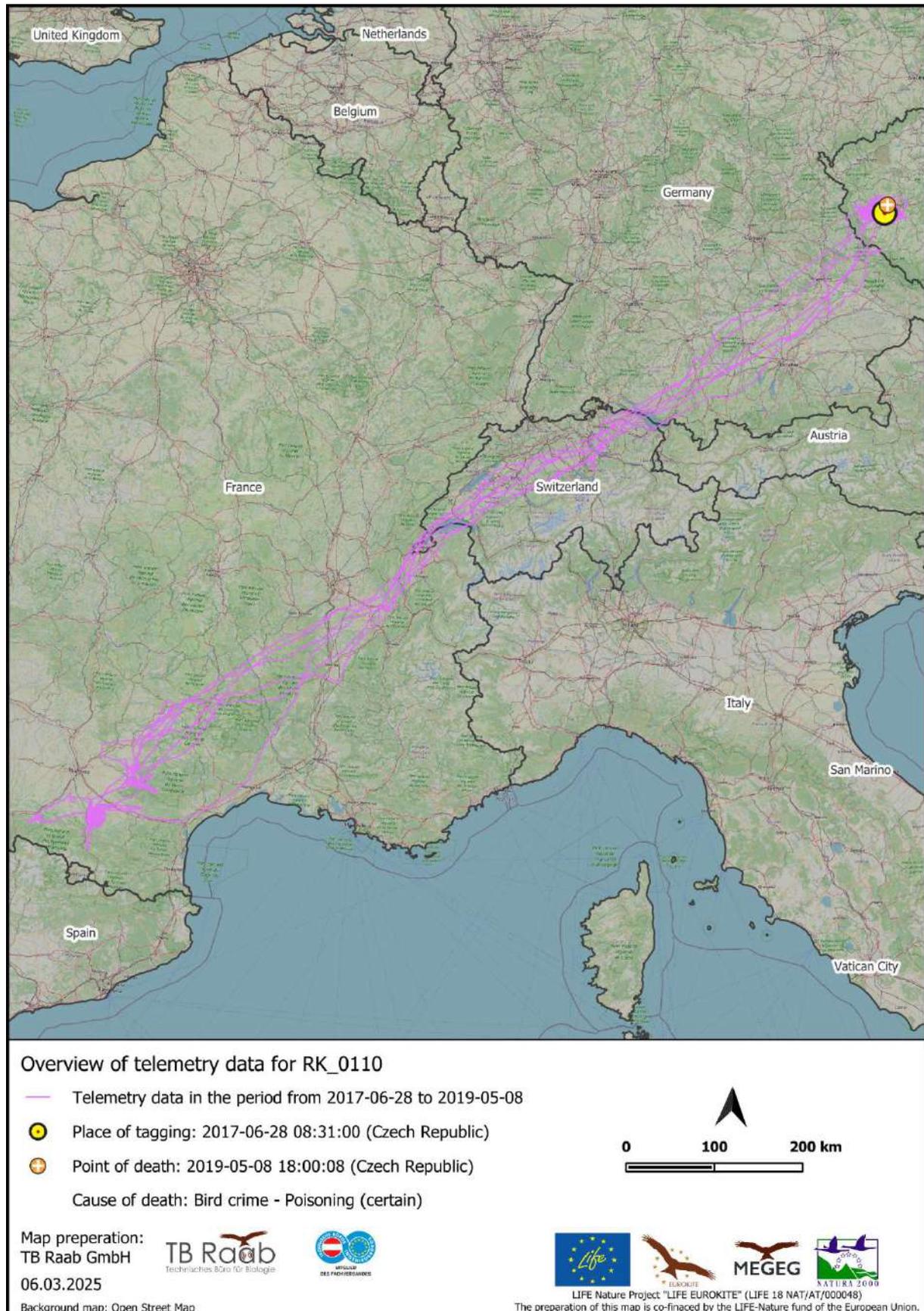


Figure 49: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0110.

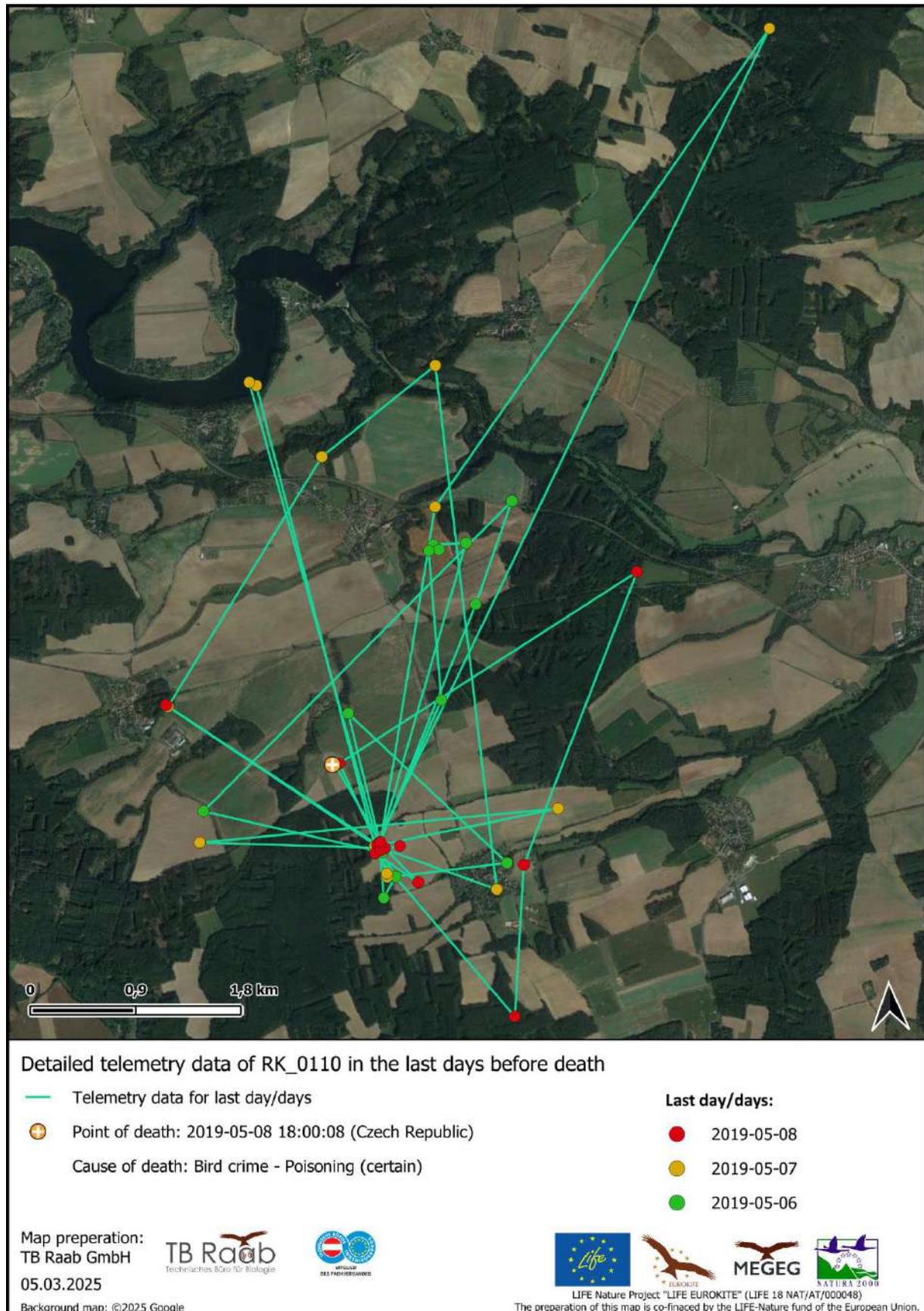


Figure 50: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0110 in the last days before death.

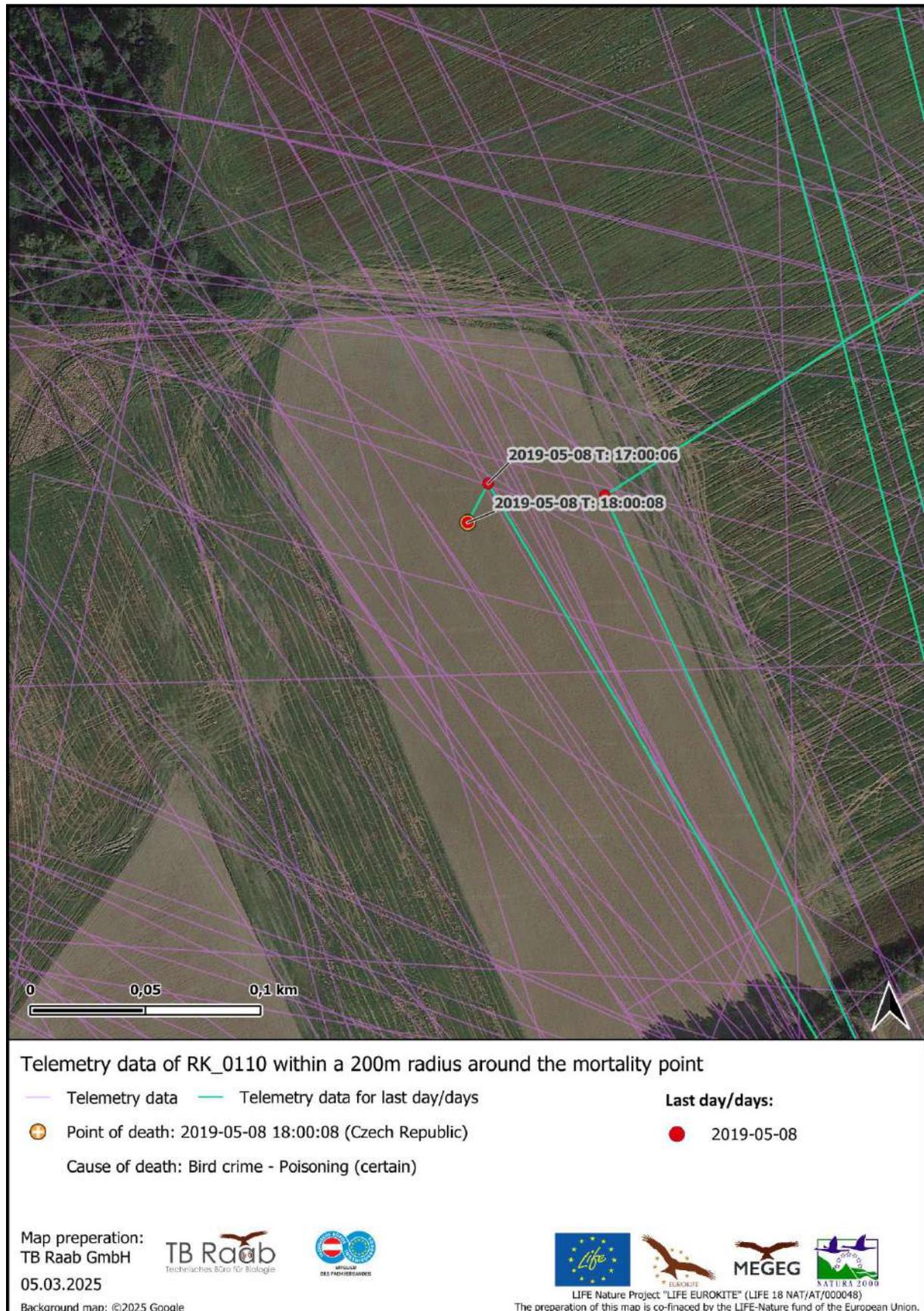


Figure 51: Telemetry data of RK_0110 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0522

General information about the bird

Name: LC_Hořátev_4MA

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 30.04.2019

Place of tagging: Horatev, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 11.06.2019

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: C_Anitra

Logger number: 19104

Ring number: C162133

Sex: No information

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Kozojedy, Severovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,3201960, 15,386108

Date of bird crime: 26.09.2019, 11:57:32 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 149

Age at bird crime: 1. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Private Person

Logger and/or bird found: No information about Logger and bird

Carcass state: No information received

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: Nothing suspicious in the vicinity during recovery, area scanned with dog, many poisoned ravens and buzzard. The laboratory confirmed Carbofuran.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

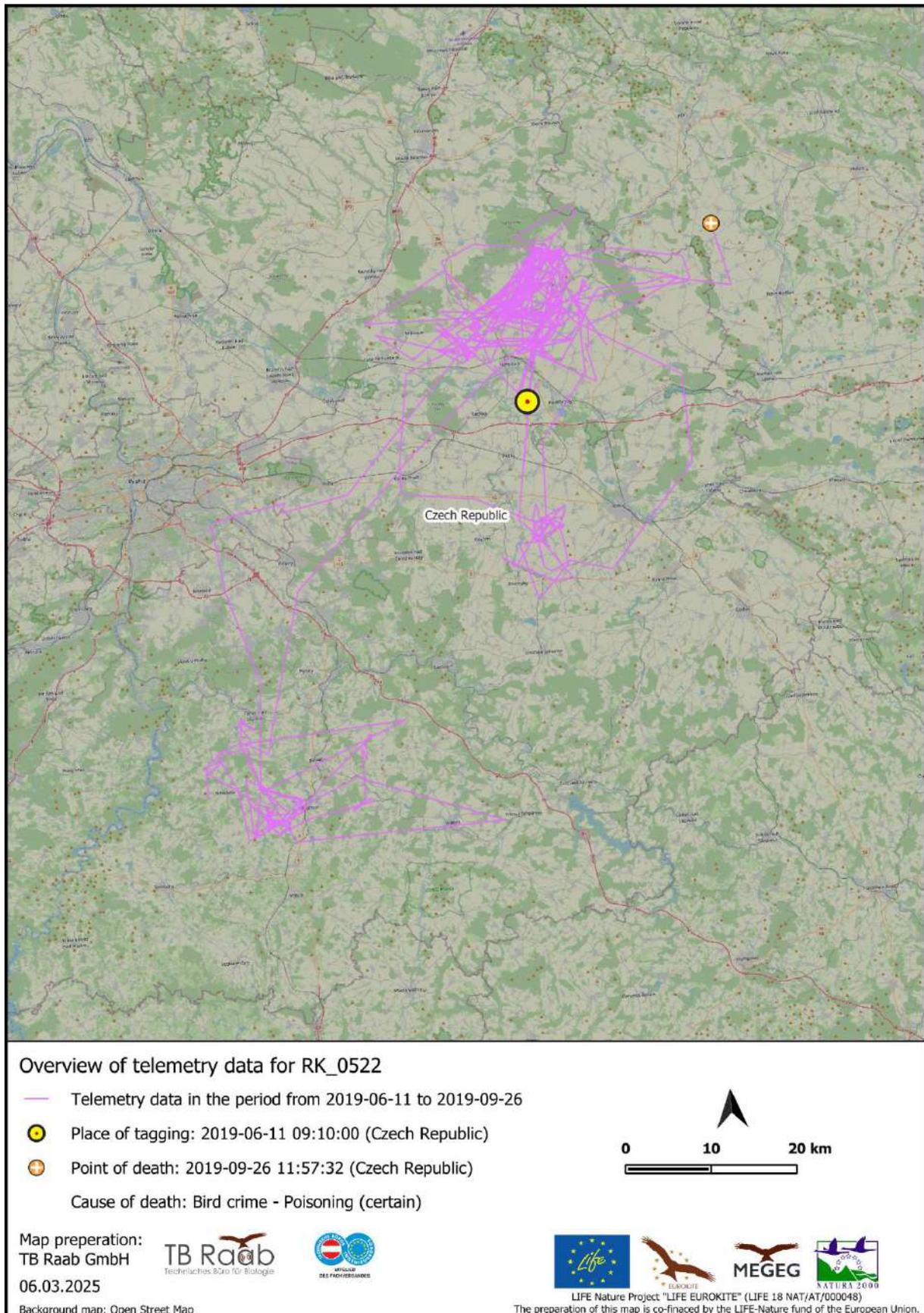


Figure 52: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0522.

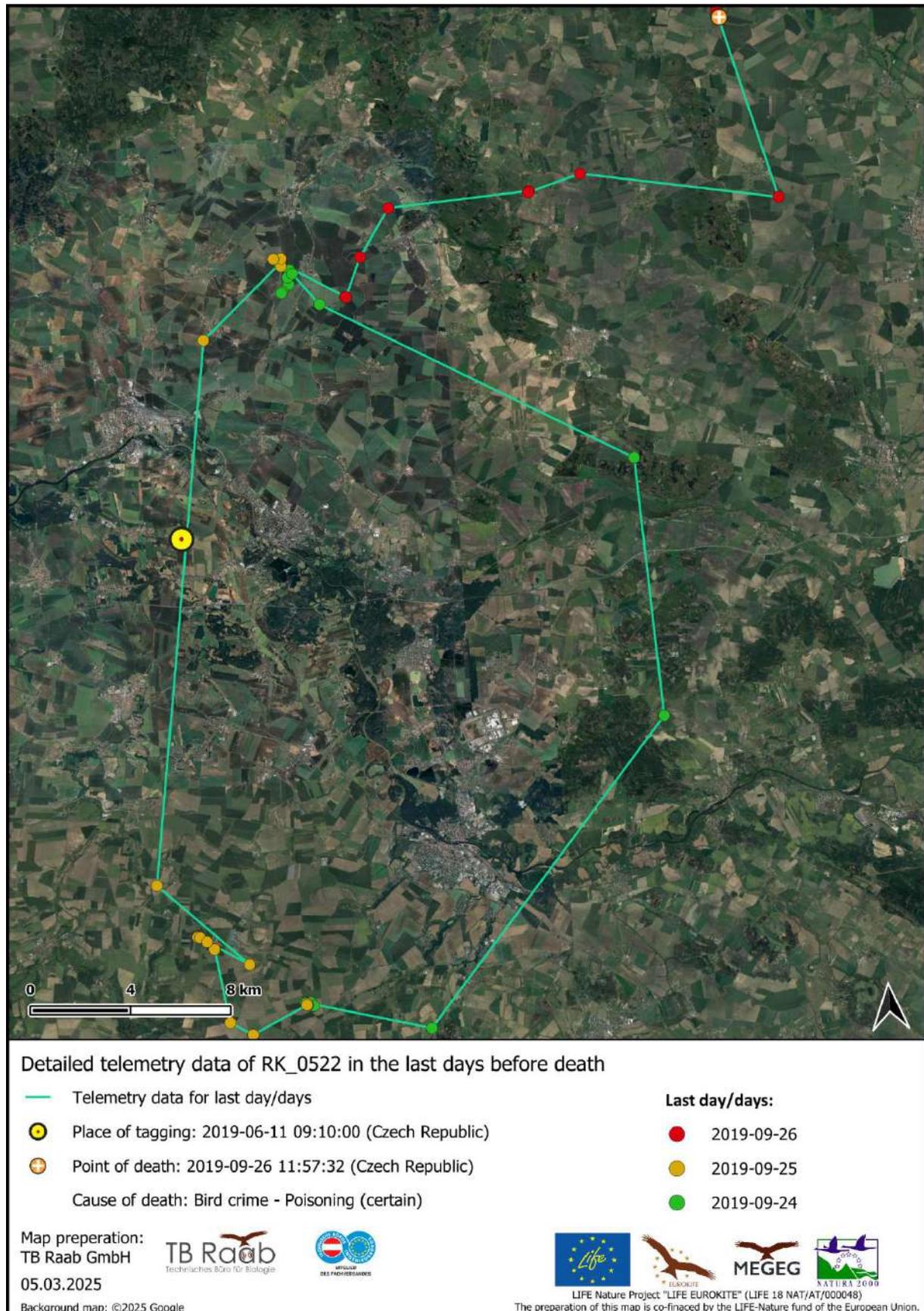


Figure 53: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0522 in the last days before death.

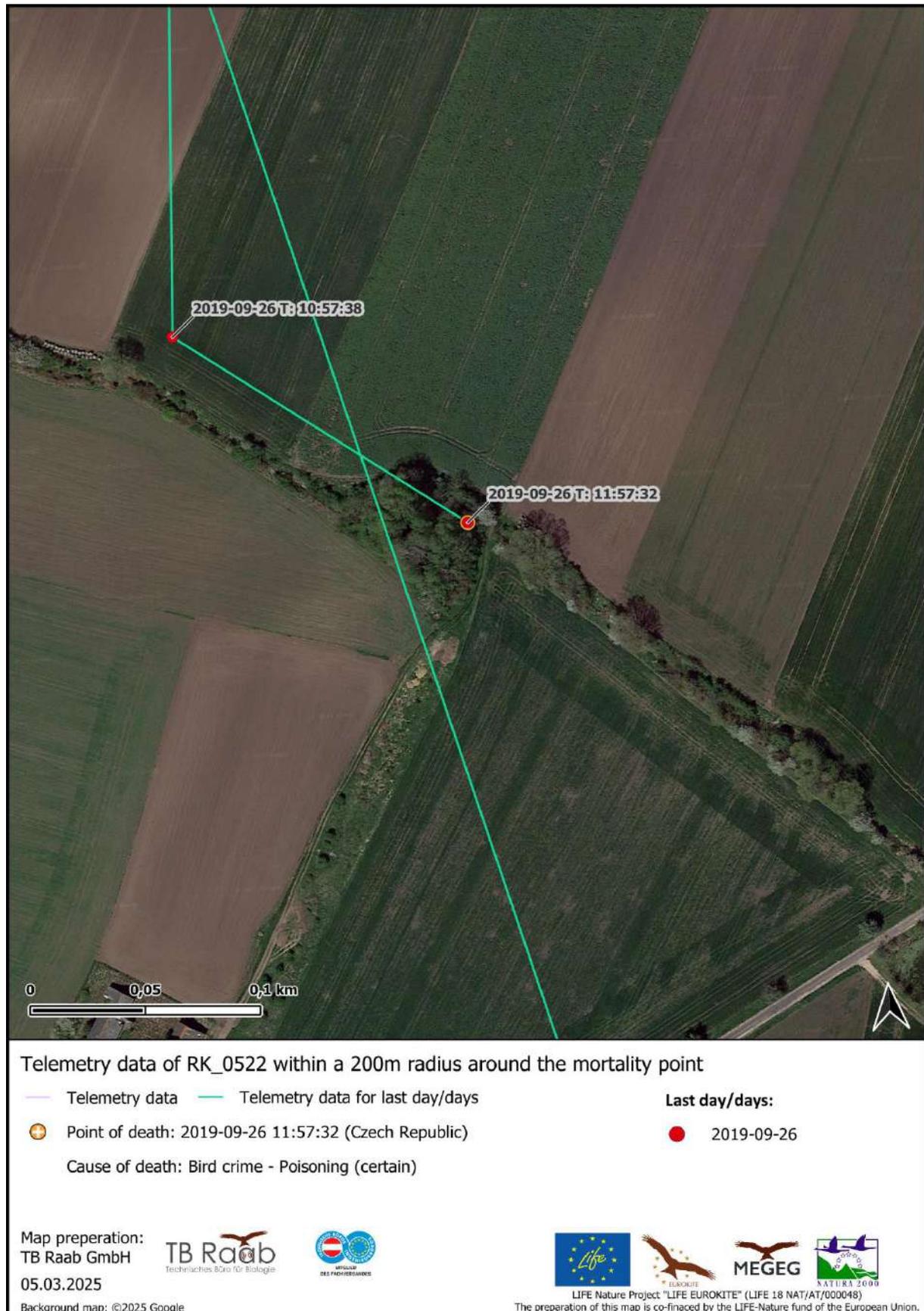


Figure 54: Telemetry data of RK_0522 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0355

General information about the bird

Name: Rozdalovice_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 06.05.2019

Place of tagging: Rozdalovice, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 02.06.2019

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A2

Logger number: ANITRA 014 - 19015

Ring number: C162121

Sex: No information

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Kamenice, Severovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,420347, 15,484446

Date of bird crime: 16.04.2020, 03:09:38 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 346

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird found

Carcass state: Very Good

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: The laboratory confirmed that the bird died due poisoning with Carbofuran.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → No further information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



Figure 55: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0355, deceased on 16.04.2020 Kamenice, Severovýchod, Czech Republic. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (CSO)

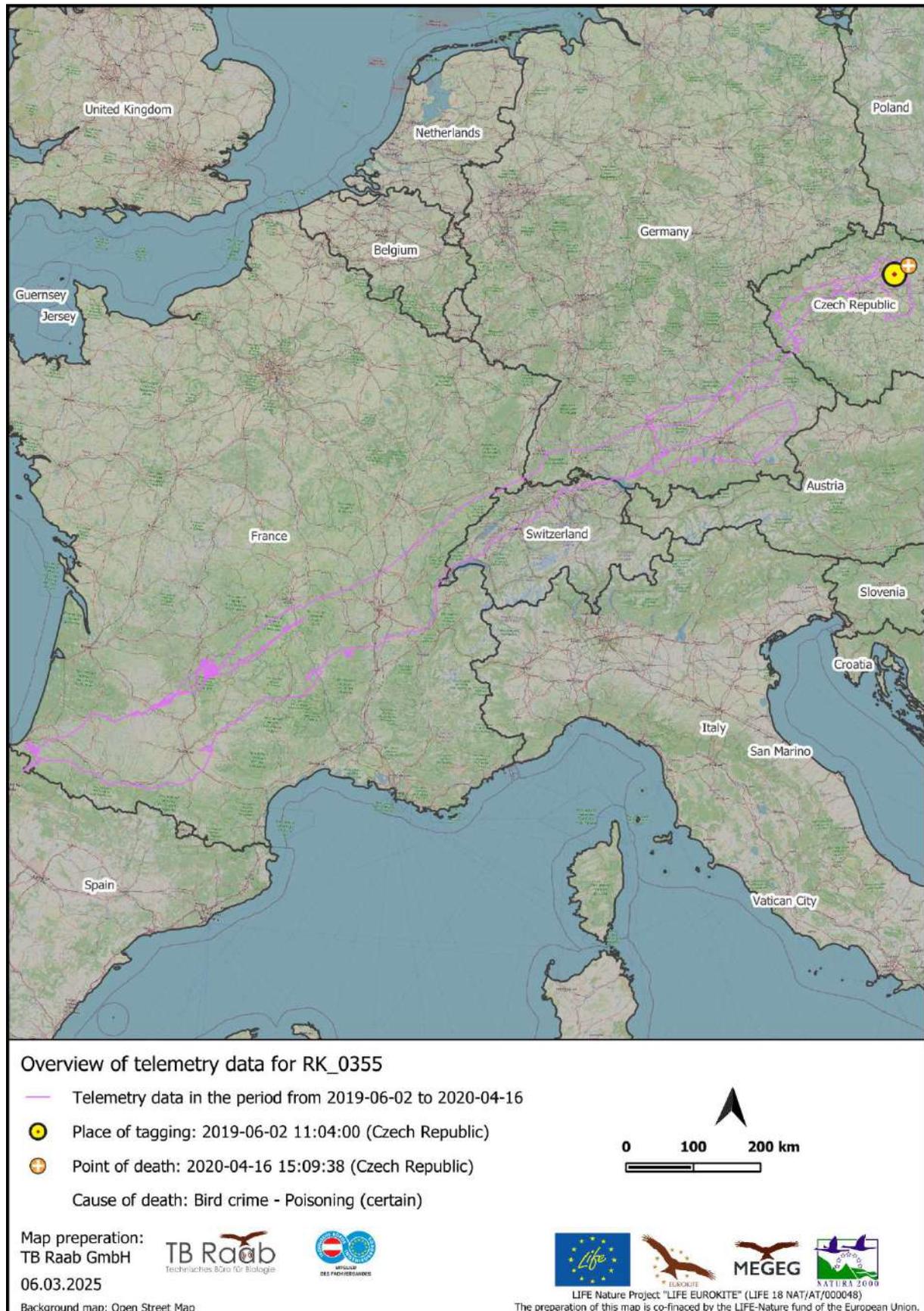


Figure 56: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0355.

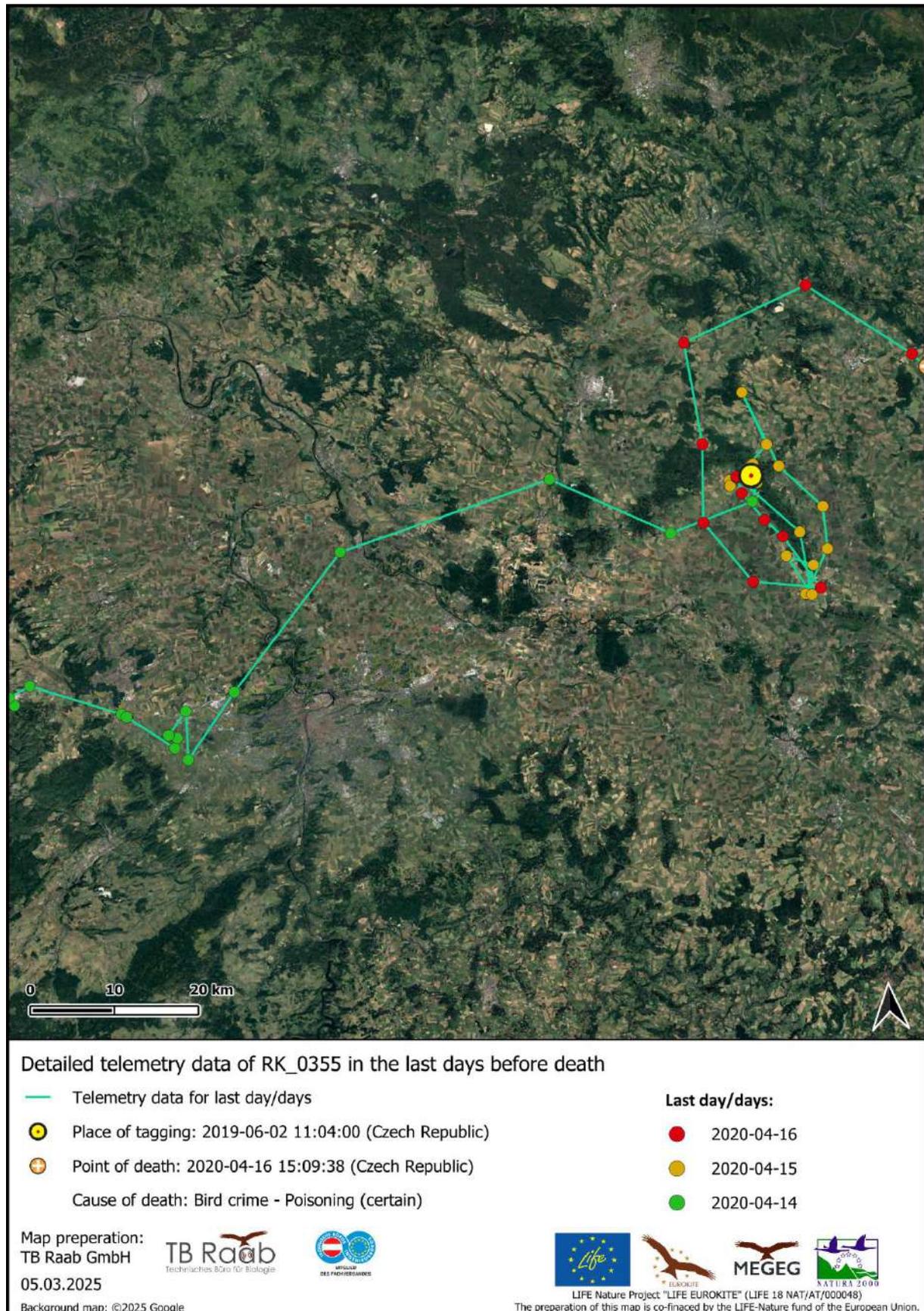


Figure 57: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0355 in the last days before death.

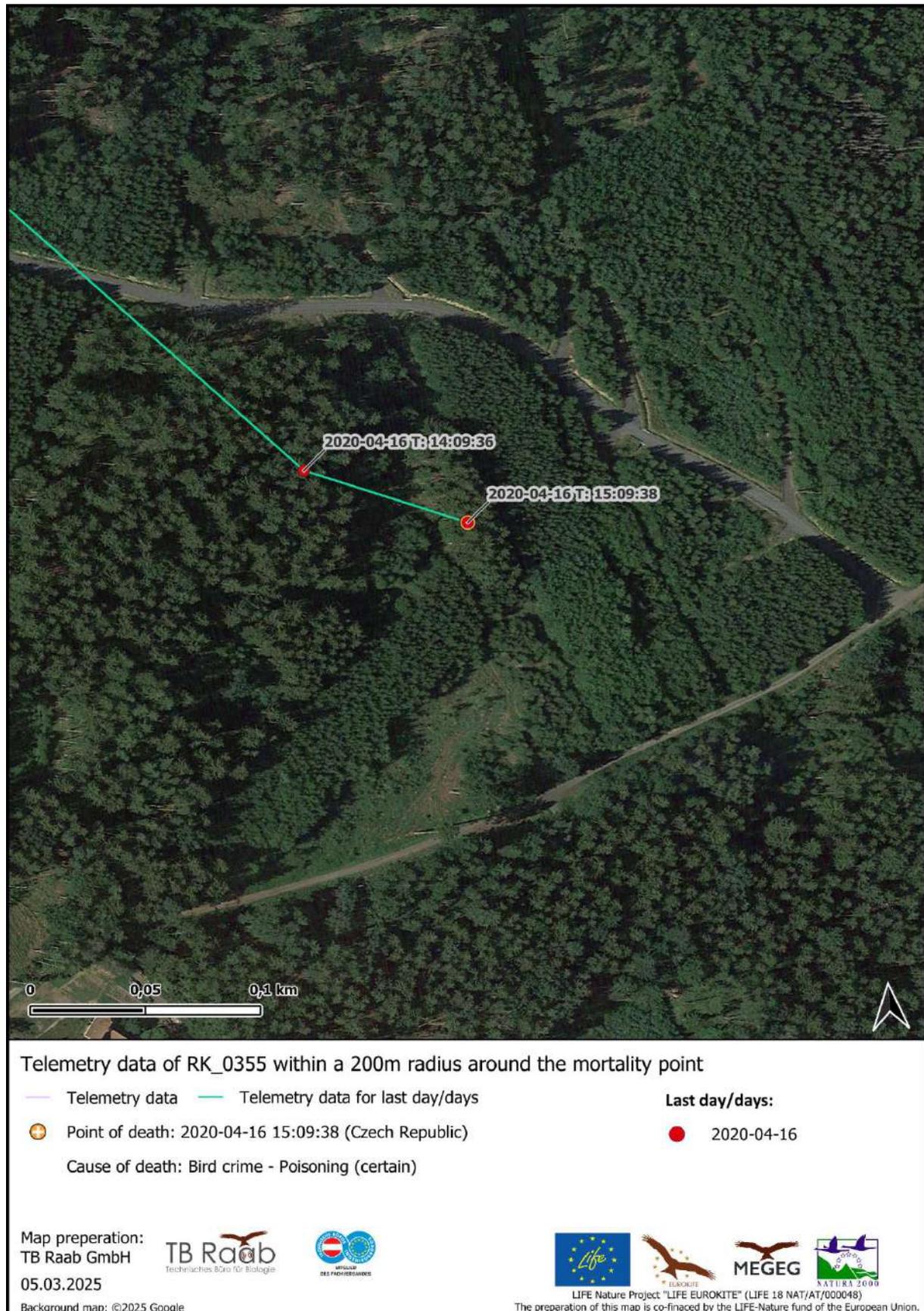


Figure 58: Telemetry data of RK_0355 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0520

General information about the bird

Name: LC_Kojovice_4PA

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 02.05.2019

Place of tagging: Kojovice, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 13.06.2019

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: C_Anitra

Logger number: 19099

Ring number: C162136

Sex: No information

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Vestec nad Mrlinou, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,22429, 15,128014

Date of bird crime: 01.05.2020, 6:00:50 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 365

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Private Person

Logger and/or bird found: No information about the Logger and bird found

Carcass state: No information received

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: The laboratory confirmed that the bird died due to poisoning with Carbofuran.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

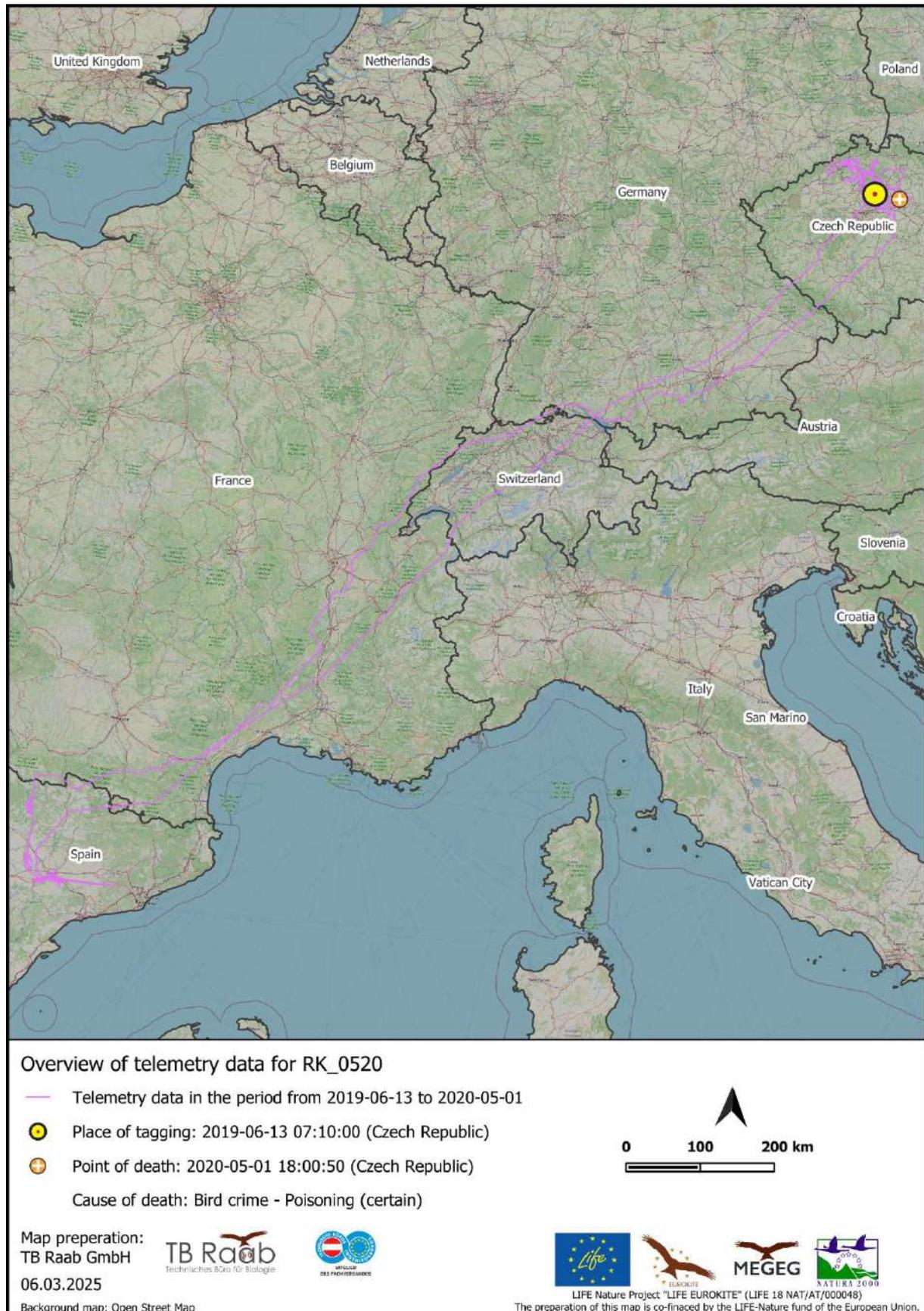


Figure 59: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0520.

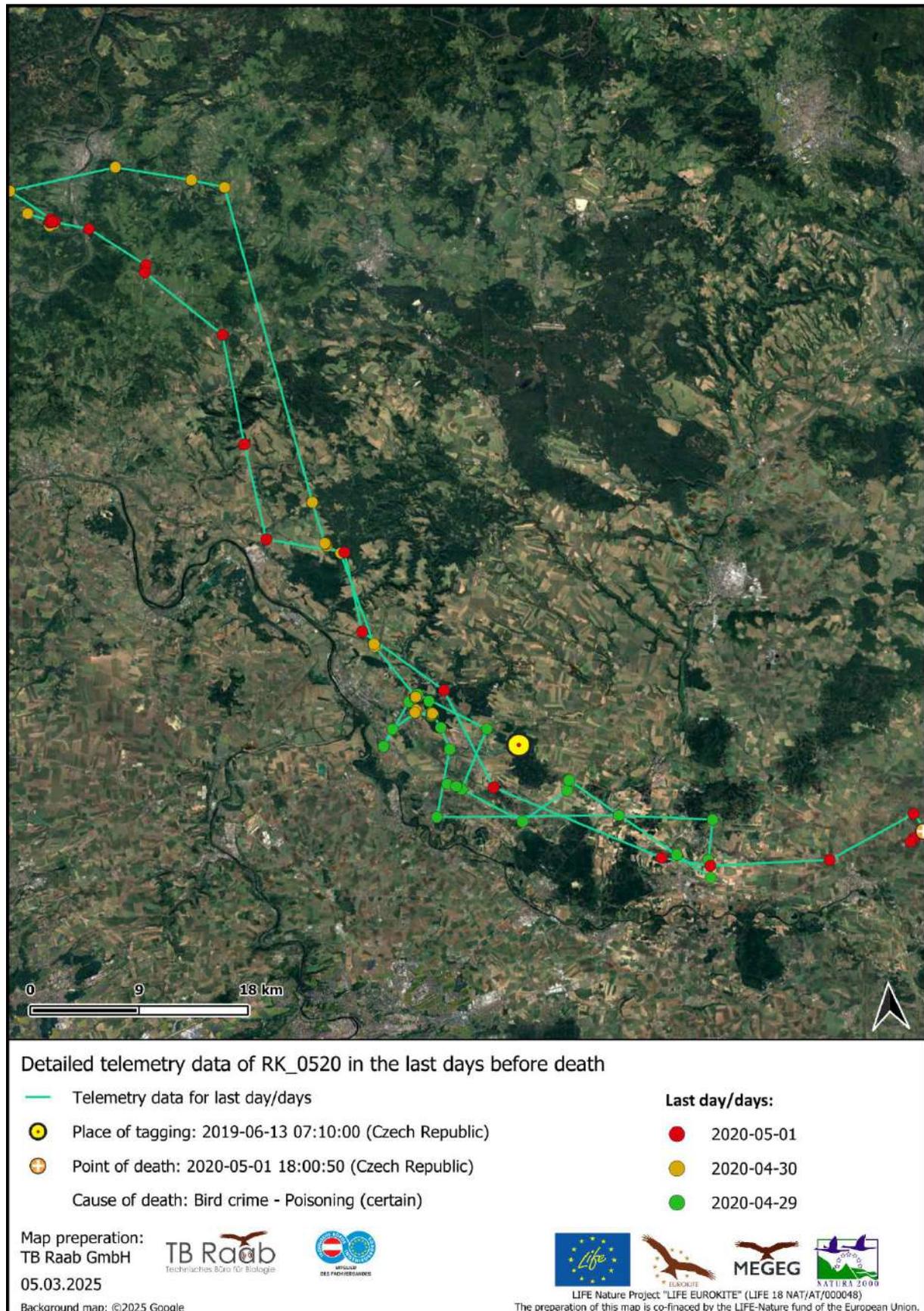


Figure 60: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0520 in the last days before death.

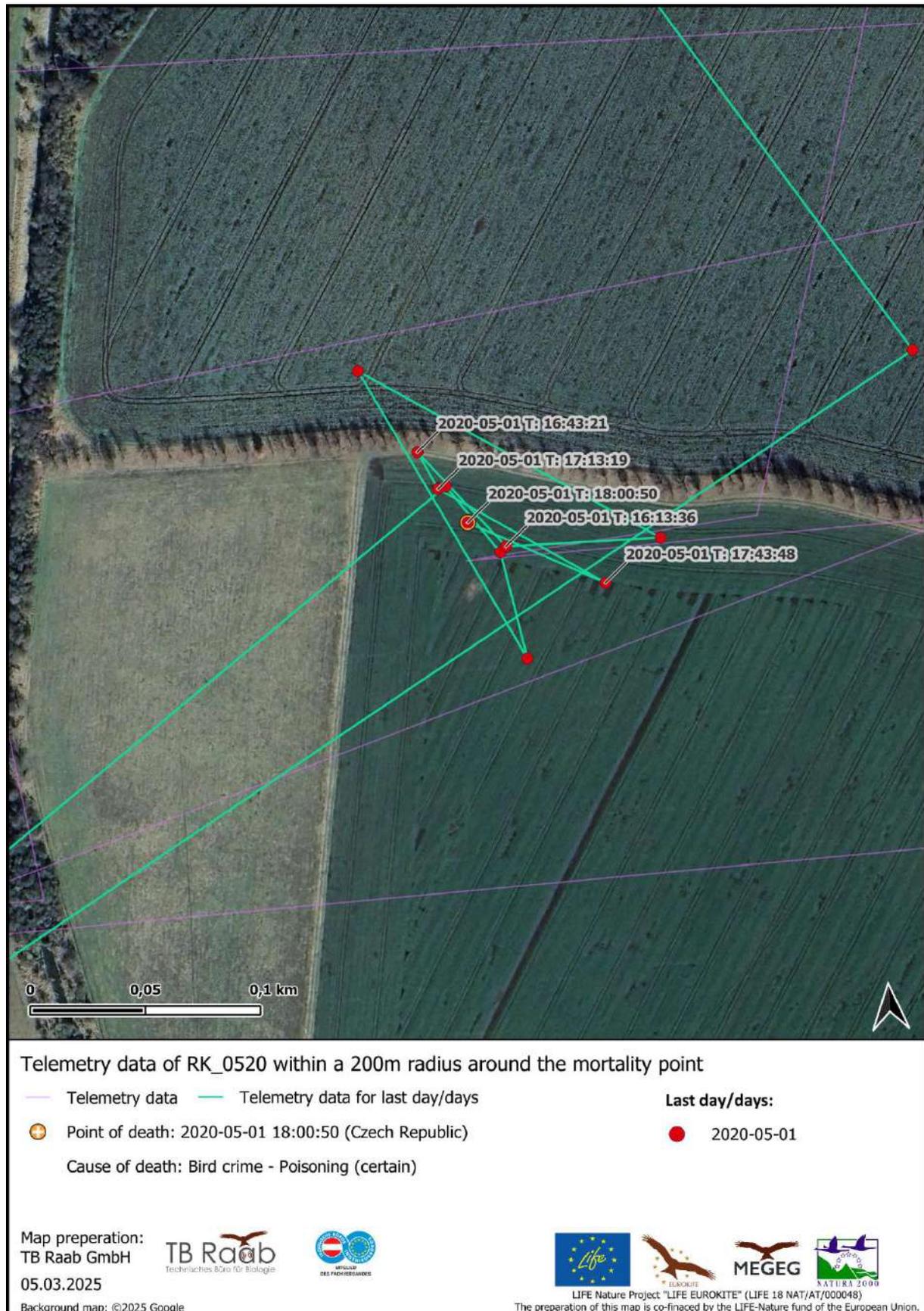


Figure 61: Telemetry data of RK_0520 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0223

General information about the bird

Name: Velke_Bilovice_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 22.05.2018

Place of tagging: Velke Bilovice, Breclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 25.06.2018

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 51 – AAA 11 kite

Ring number: CT1954

Sex: Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Žádovice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49,0095329, 17,2088159

Date of bird crime: 11.03.2021, 12:00:09 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 1024

Age at bird crime: 4. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird find

Carcass state: Very good

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: The bird had the rest of the probably poisoned bait in its beak. The laboratory confirmed that the bird died due poisoning.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → No further information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

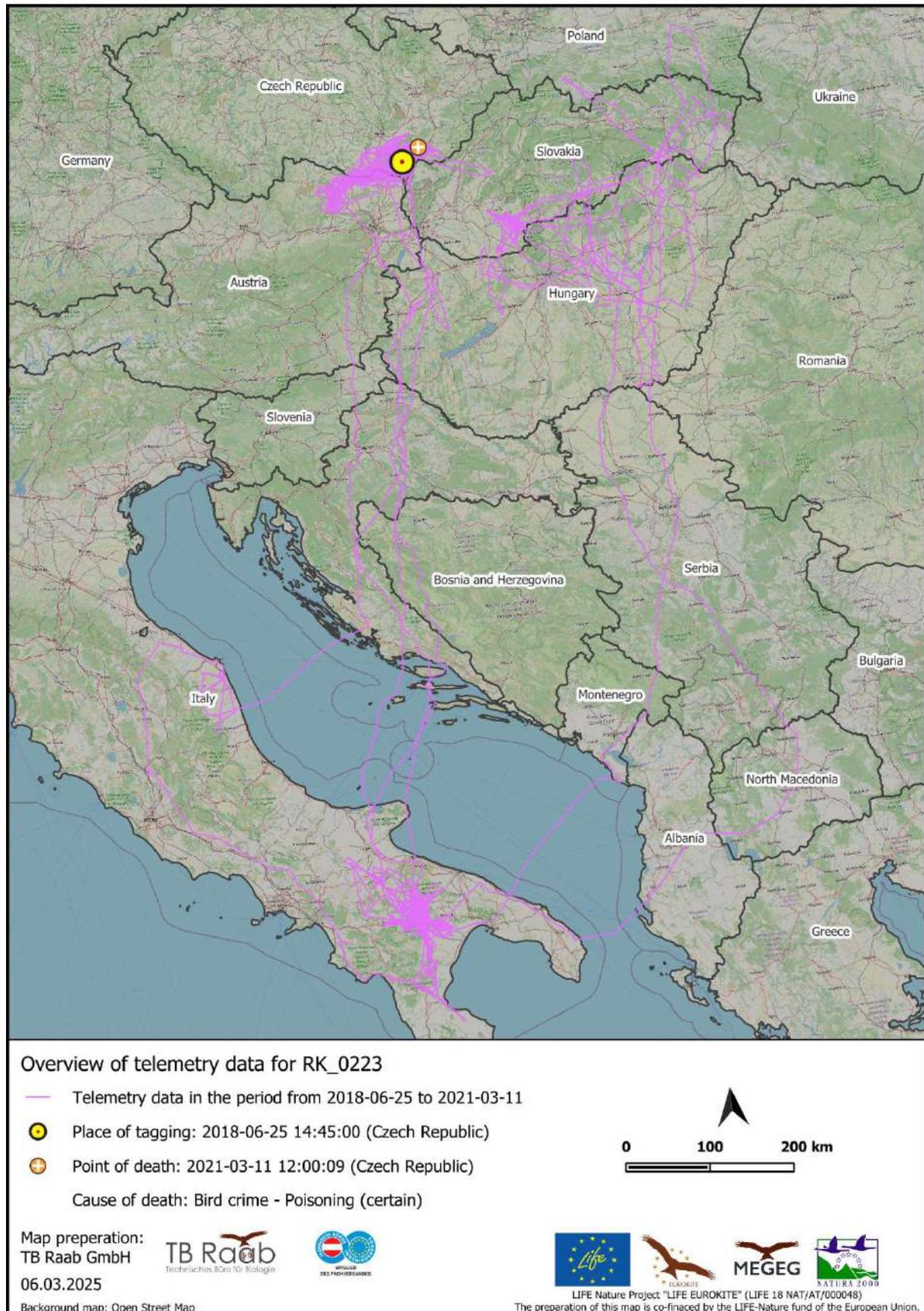


Figure 62: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0223.



Figure 63: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0223 in the last days before death.

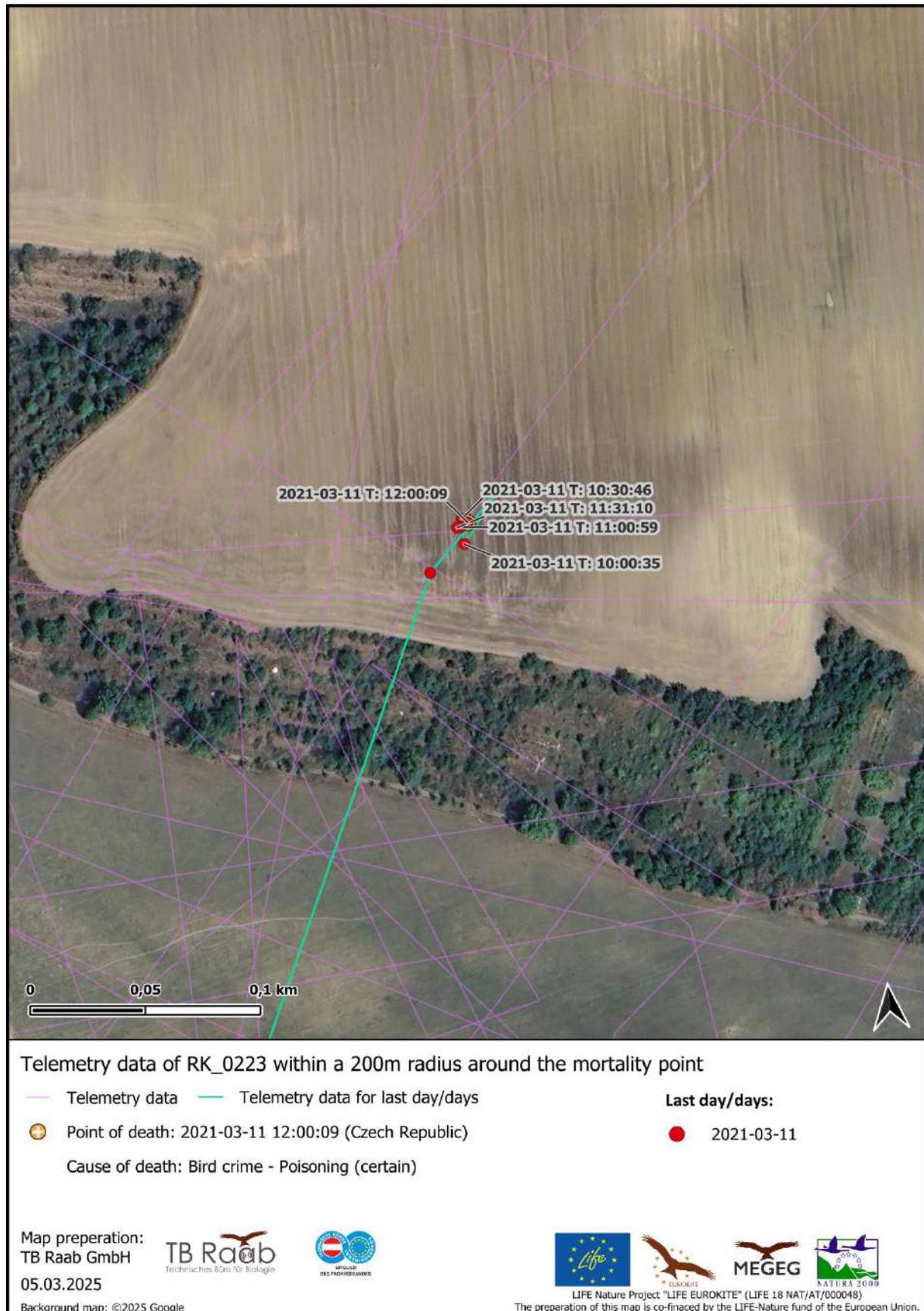


Figure 64: Telemetry data of RK_0223 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0358

General information about the bird

Name: Lobkovice_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 09.05.2019

Place of tagging: Lobkovice, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 09.06.2019

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A2

Logger number: ANITRA 017 - 19068

Ring number: C162129

Sex: No information

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Ledčice, Čechy, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,33222, 14,282788

Date of bird crime: 16.03.2021, 01:19:19 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 677

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Private Person

Logger and/or bird found: No information about Logger and Bird

Carcass state: -

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: Expert assessment (TB Raab). Poisoned bite was found and more dead animals (ravens, buzzard).

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Ongoing

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → No further information received

Legal proceeding: Pending

Conviction: Not yet

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why? –

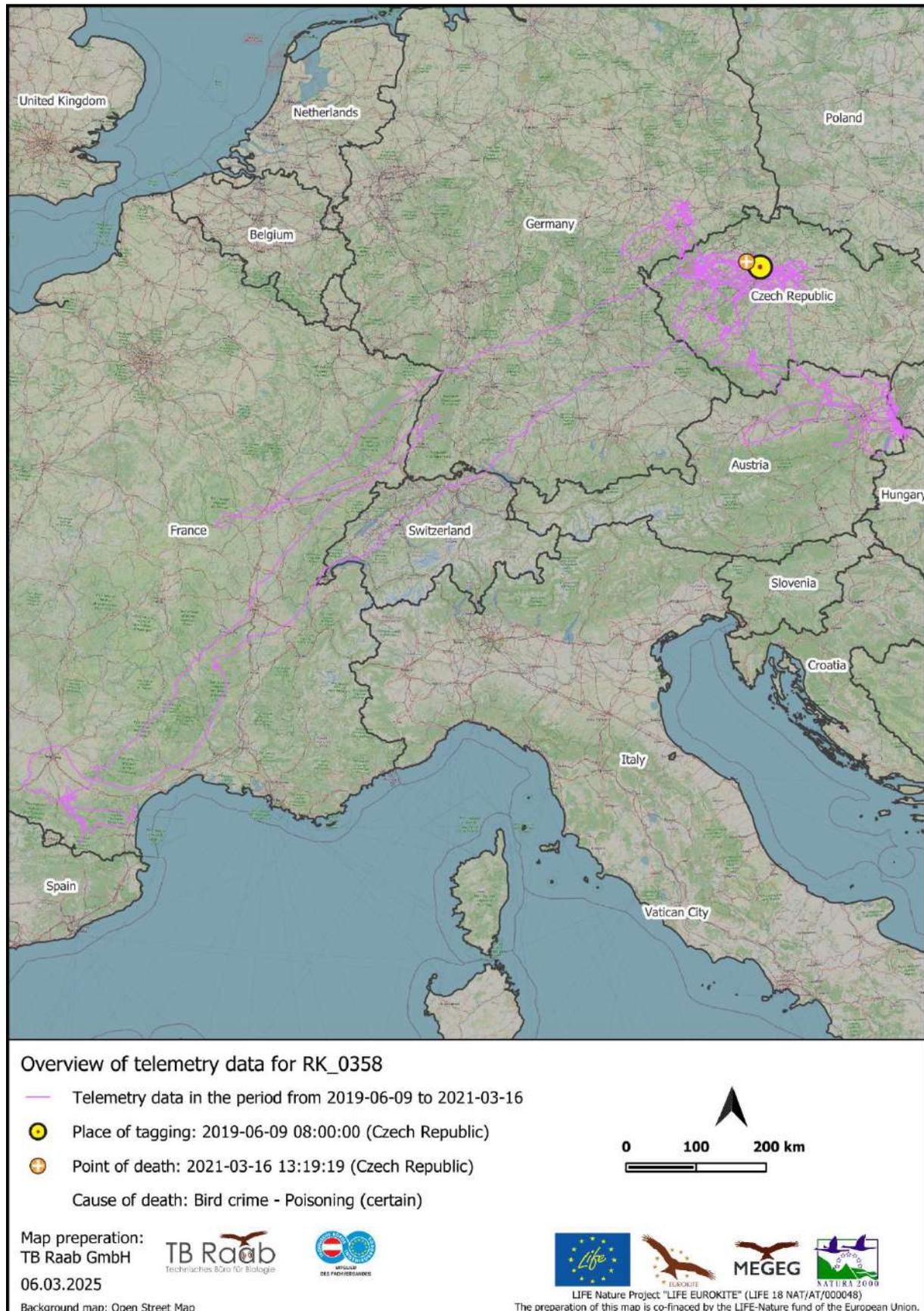


Figure 65: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0358.

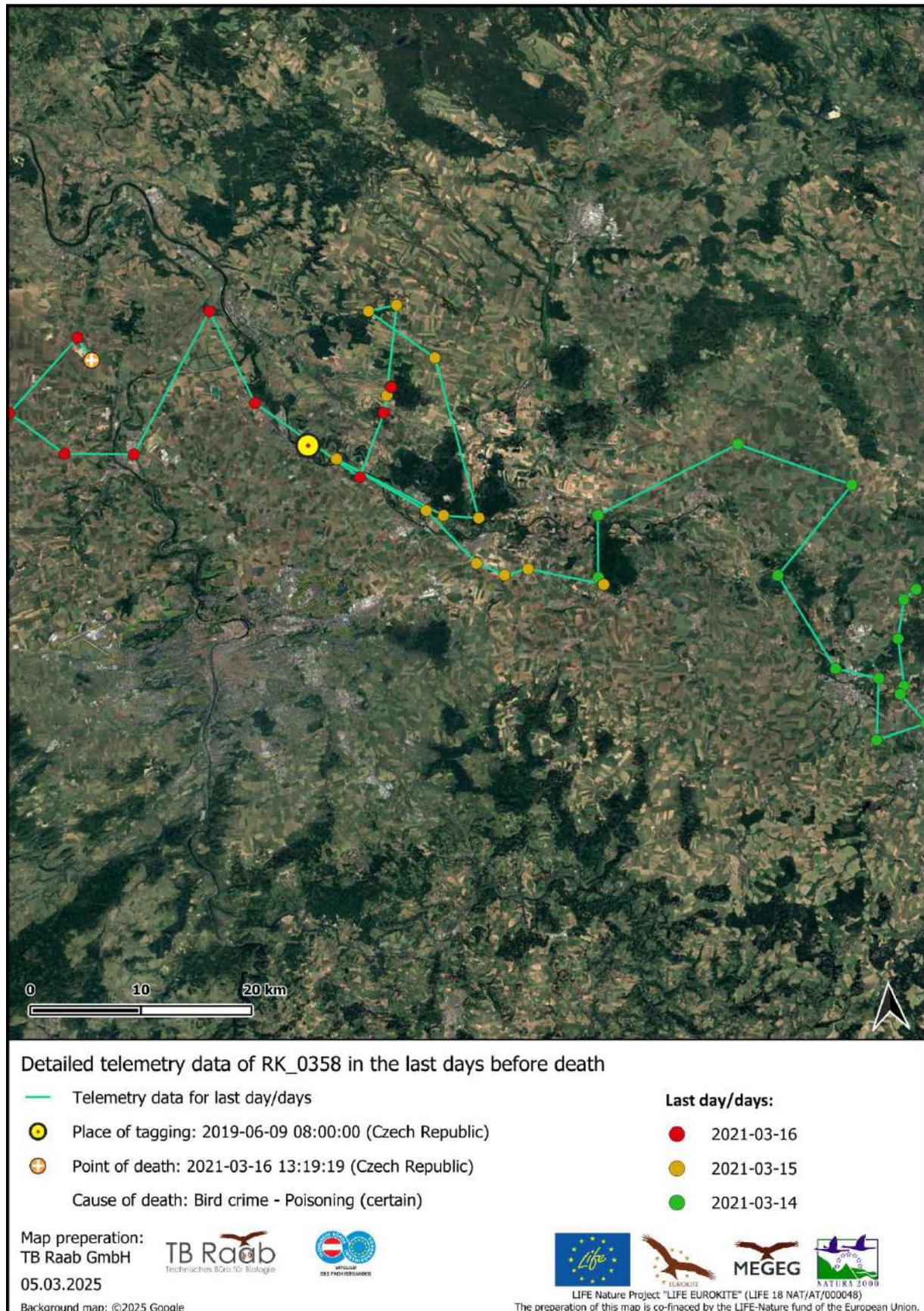


Figure 66: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0358 in the last days before death.

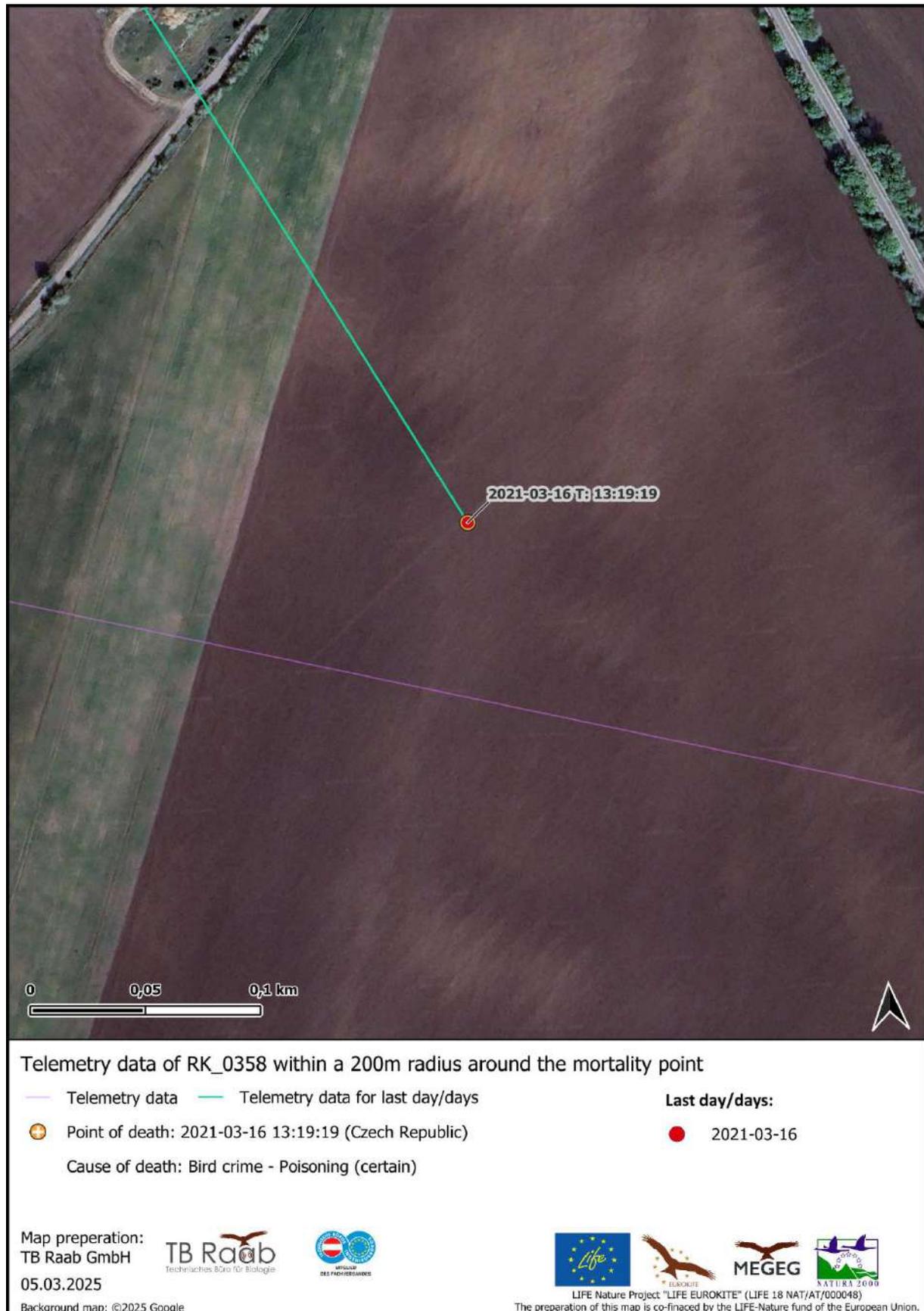


Figure 67: Telemetry data of RK_0358 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0364

General information about the bird

Name: Horatev_02

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 30.04.2019

Place of tagging: Hořátev, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 11.06.2019

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A2

Logger number: ANITRA 023 - 19105

Ring number: C162134

Sex: No information

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Písková Lhota u Poděbrad, Čechy, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,120322, 15,04711

Date of bird crime: 29.03.2021, 07:04:17 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 699

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Private Person

Logger and/or bird found: No information about Logger and Bird

Carcass state: -

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: Expert assessment (TB Raab). (Violet) poisoned bait were found. Almost certainly Carbofuran.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

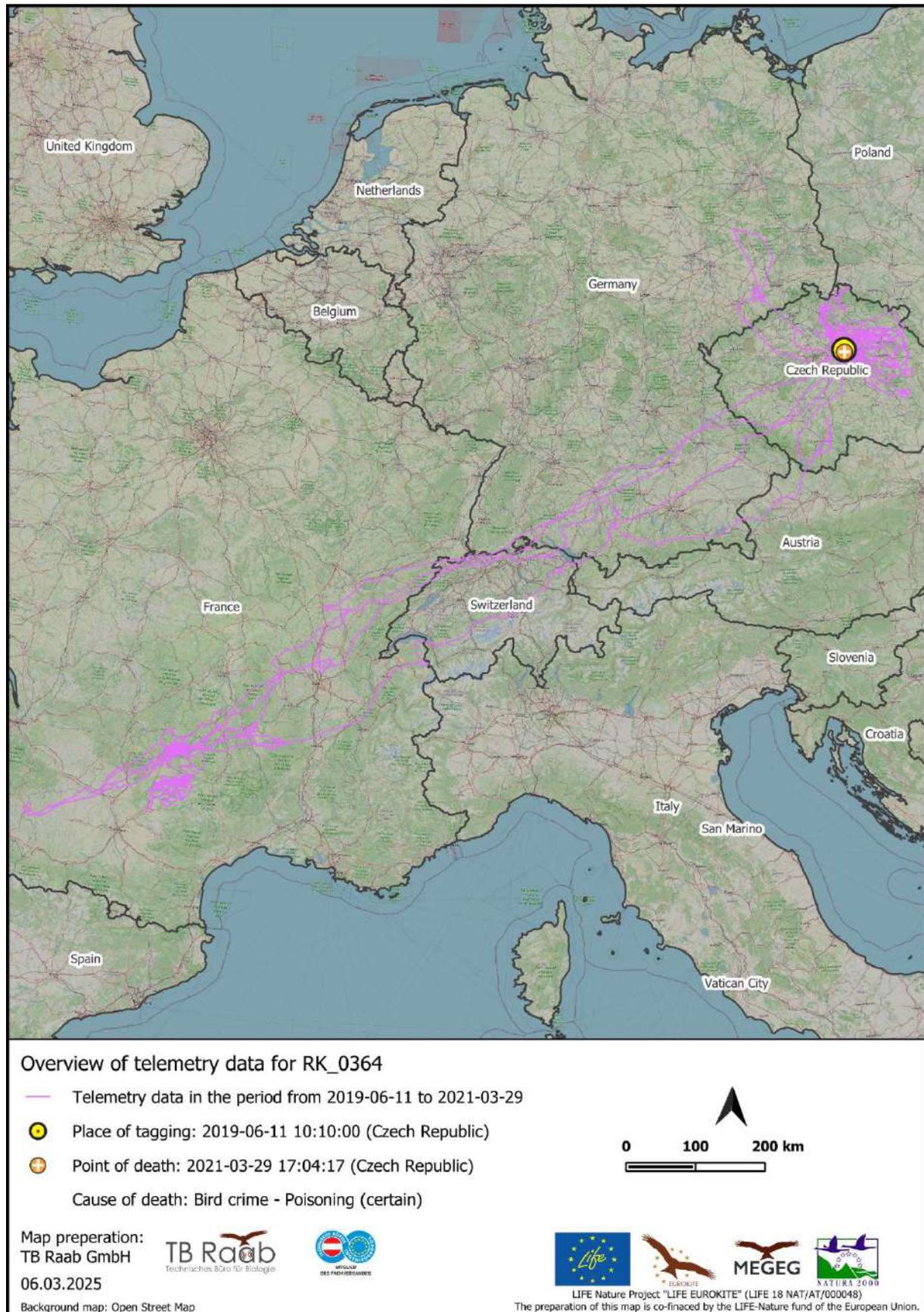


Figure 68: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0364.

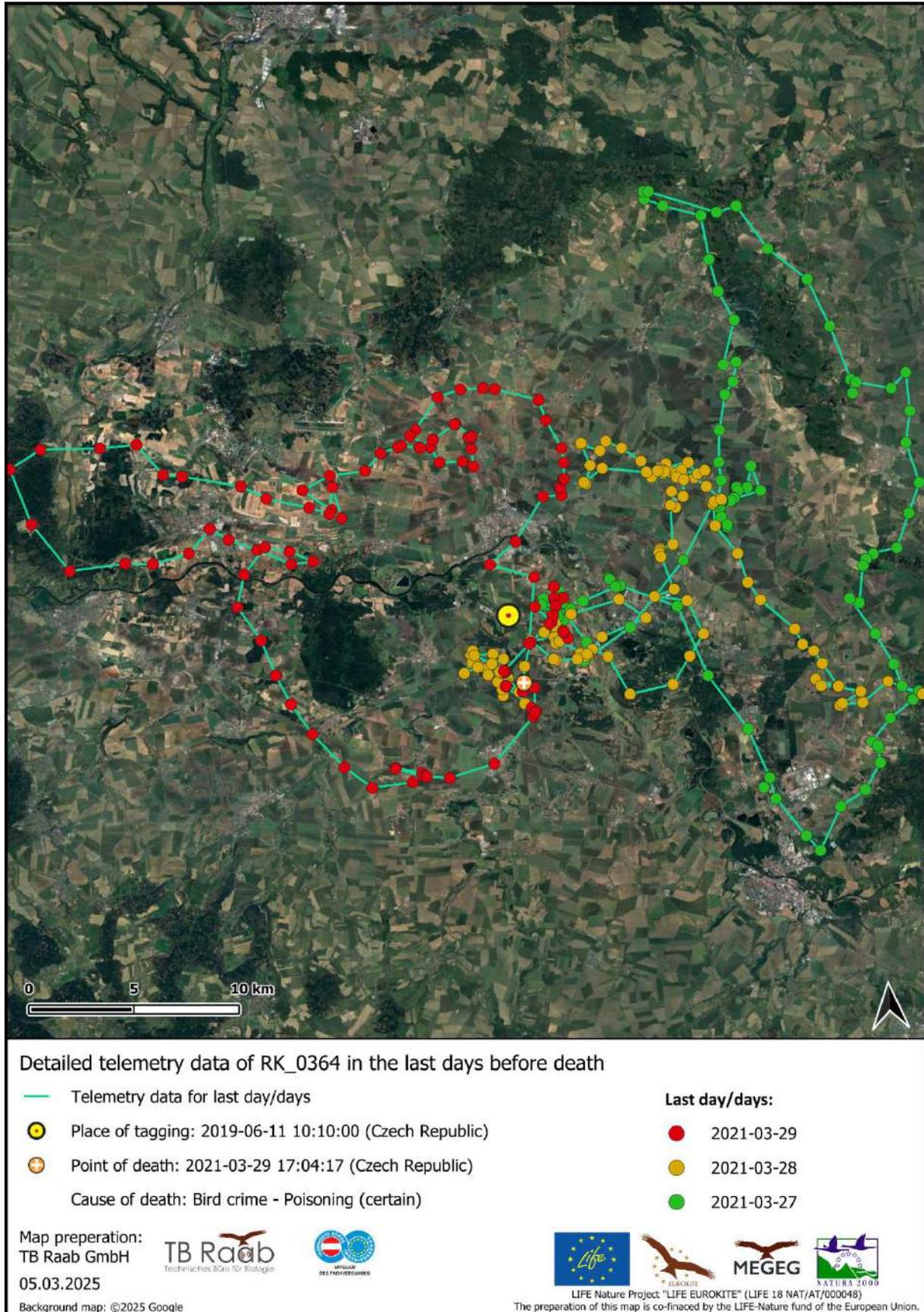


Figure 69: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0364 in the last days before death.

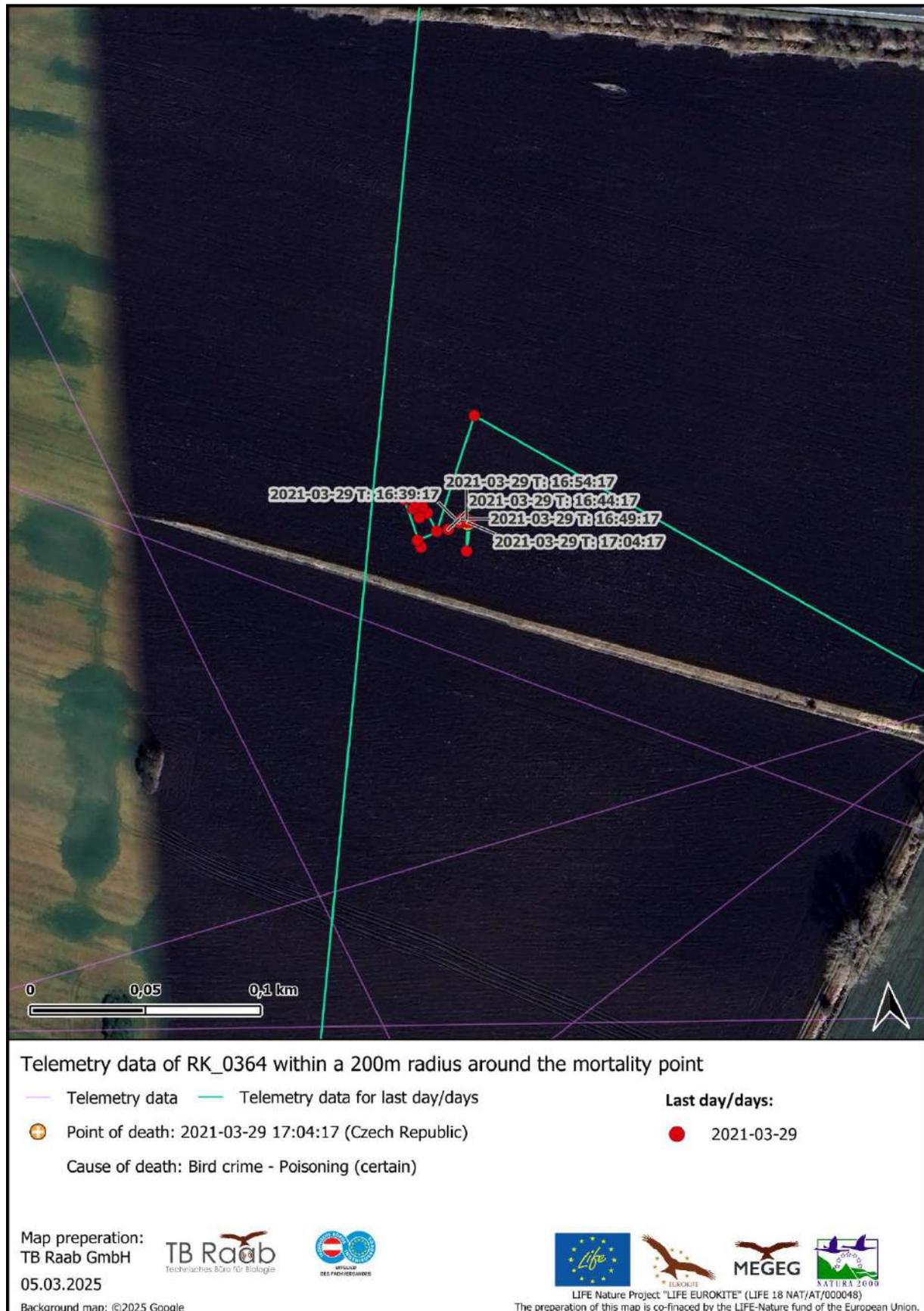


Figure 70: Telemetry data of RK_0364 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0273

General information about the bird

Name: Bori_Dvur_03

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 12.05.2019

Place of tagging: Bori Dvur, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 22.06.2019

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A2

Logger number: Ornitela 174 - 192178 kite

Ring number: CT2029

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Breclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,847351, 16,69985

Date of bird crime: 13.04.2021, 06:54:33 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 702

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: Two red kite carcasses and two fox carcasses were found. Carbofuran was confirmed by the laboratory.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Completed

Police and/or authority investigation: Police and authority informed → Completed

Legal proceeding: Yes → Completed

Conviction: Yes → The perpetrator convicted in Dec 2022 (3 years sentence / 2 years conditional postponement + fee)

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why? -



Figure 71: Above: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0273, deceased on 13.04.2021 in Breclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic. Below: The photo shows the red kite RK_0273 lying on its back on the ground after recovery. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (CSO)

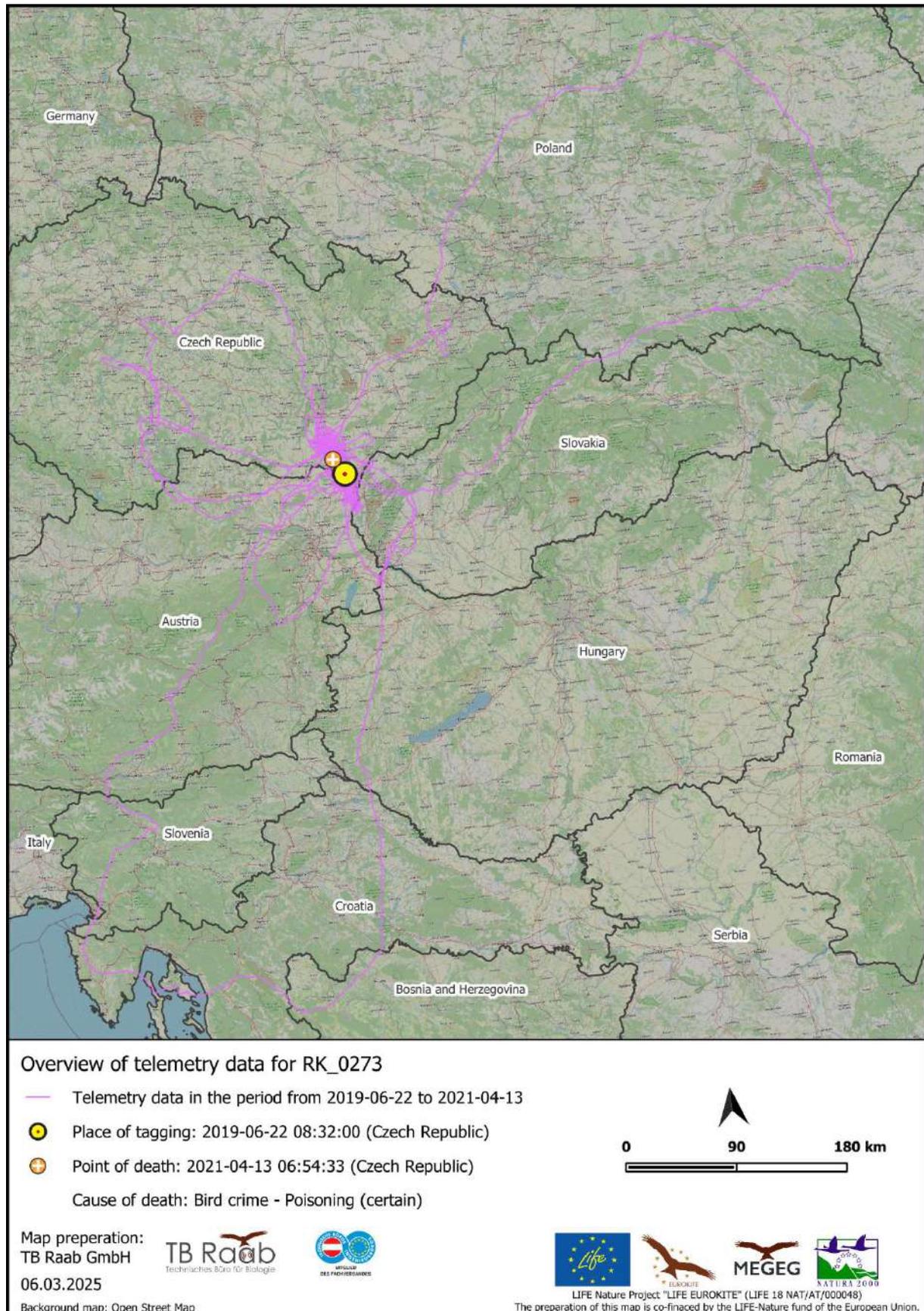


Figure 72: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0273.

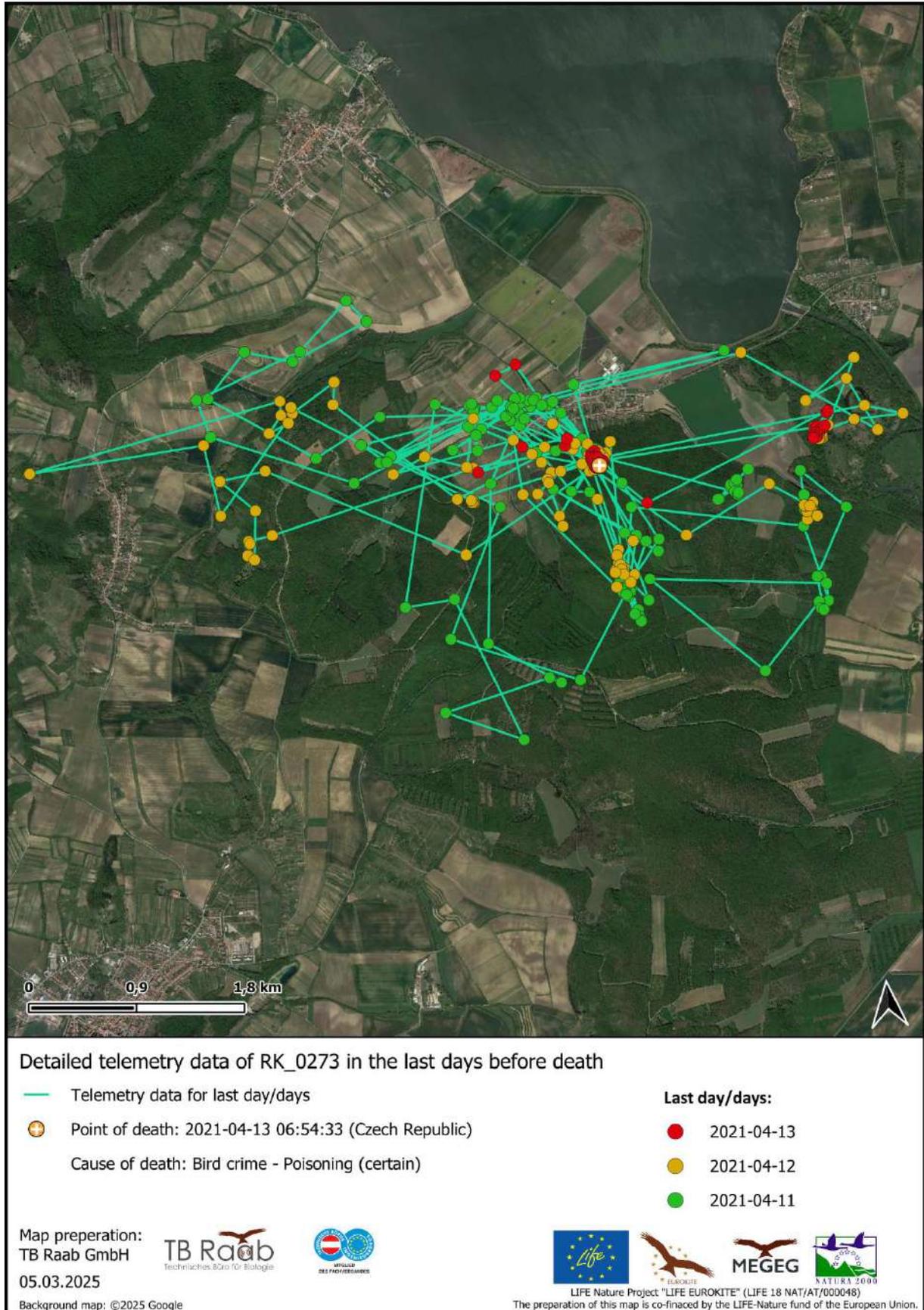


Figure 73: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0273 in the last days before death.

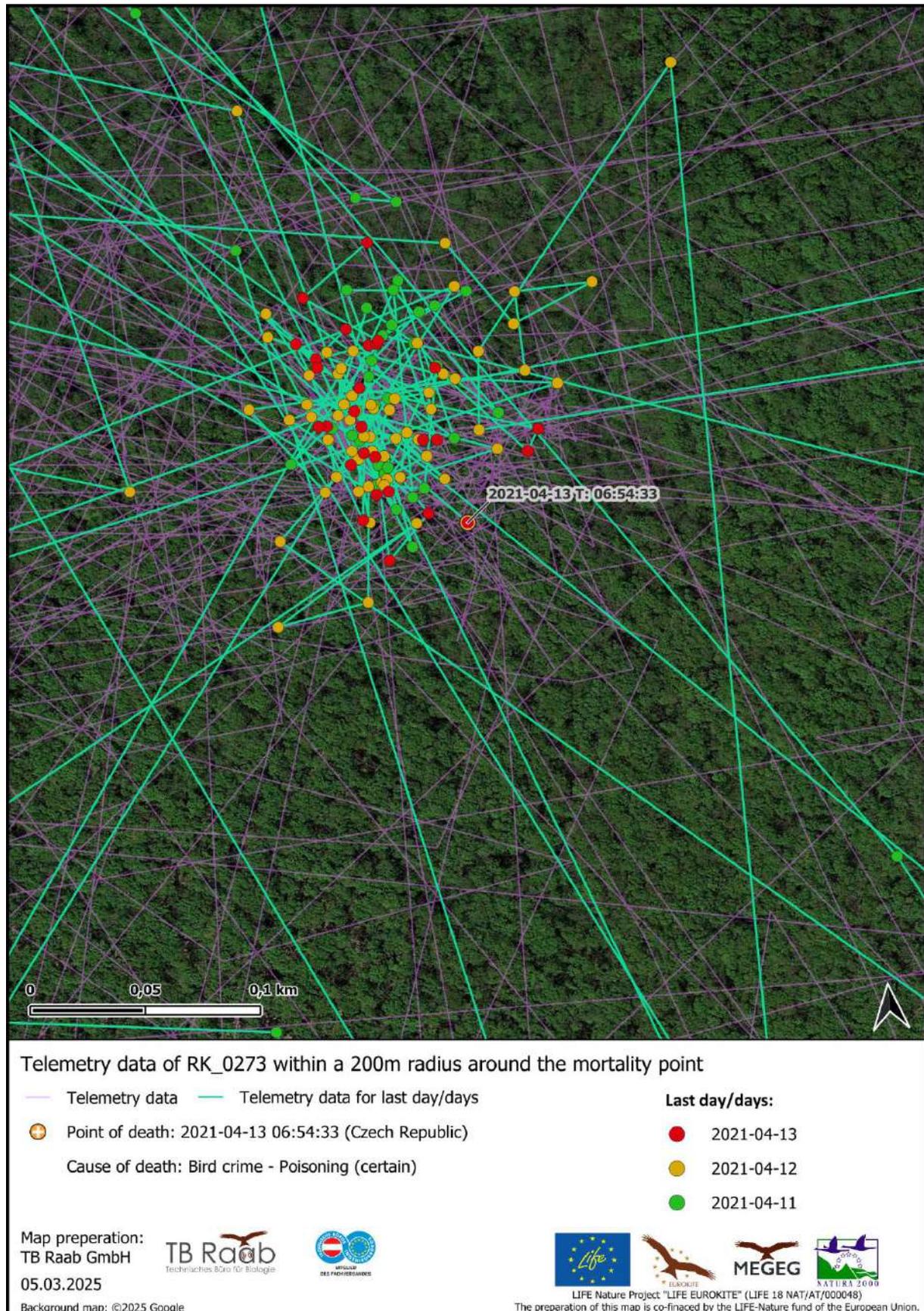


Figure 74: Telemetry data of RK_0273 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

IE_0066

General information about the bird

Name: Dyjakovice_03

Species: Imperial eagle

Birth date: 13.05.2021

Place of tagging: Dyjakovice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 12.07.2021

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: B_MEGEG (CSO)

Logger number: Ornitela 154 - 192158 kite

Ring number: LX549

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Hrubá, VrbkaJihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,865555, 17,487331

Date of bird crime: 11.08.2022, 04:14:24 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 455

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger not found, and Bird found

Carcass state: No information received

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Possible

Additional information: Expert assessment (TB Raab)

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Stopped

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → Stopped

Legal proceeding: No

Conviction: No

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

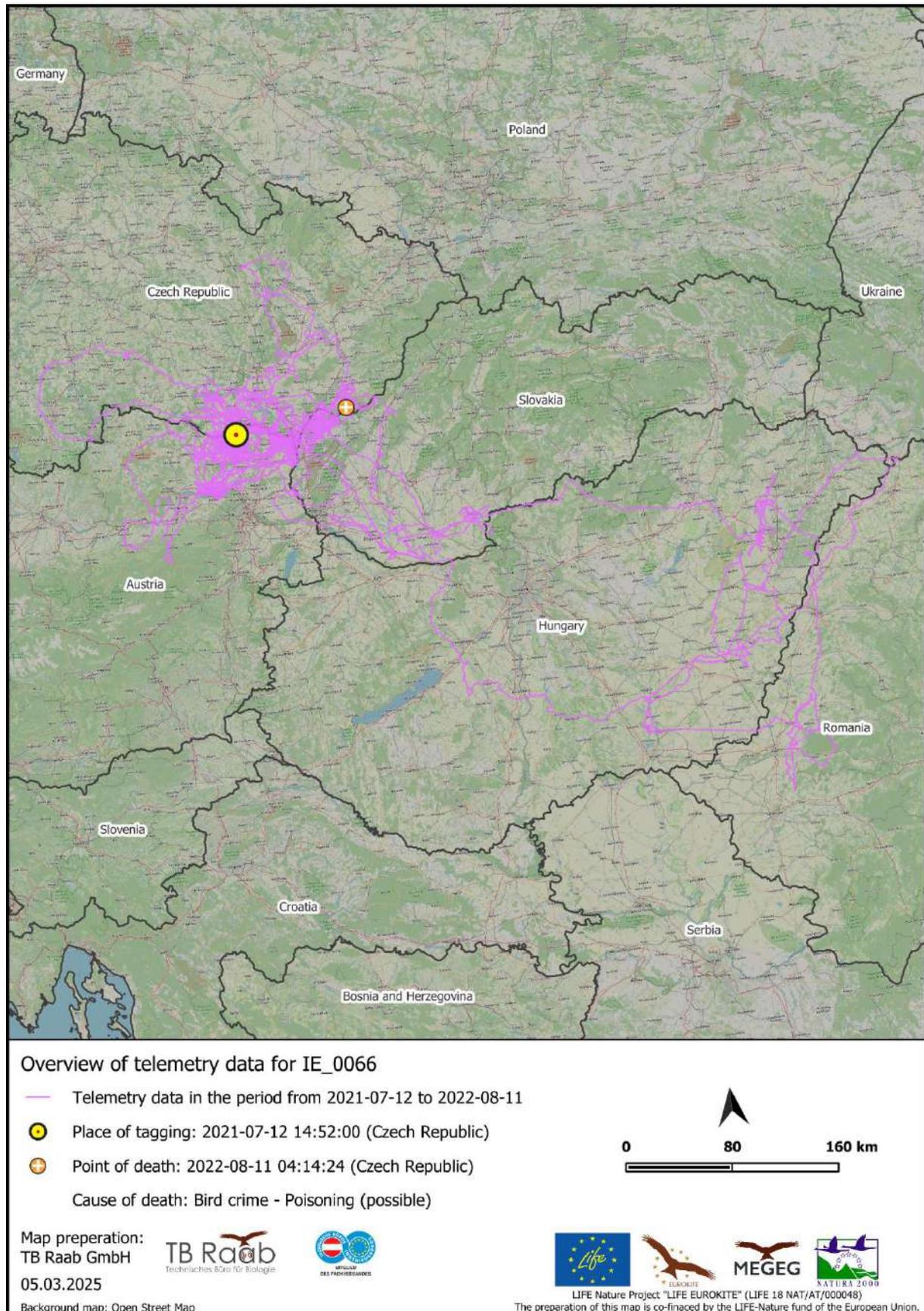


Figure 75: Overview of the telemetry data for IE_0066.

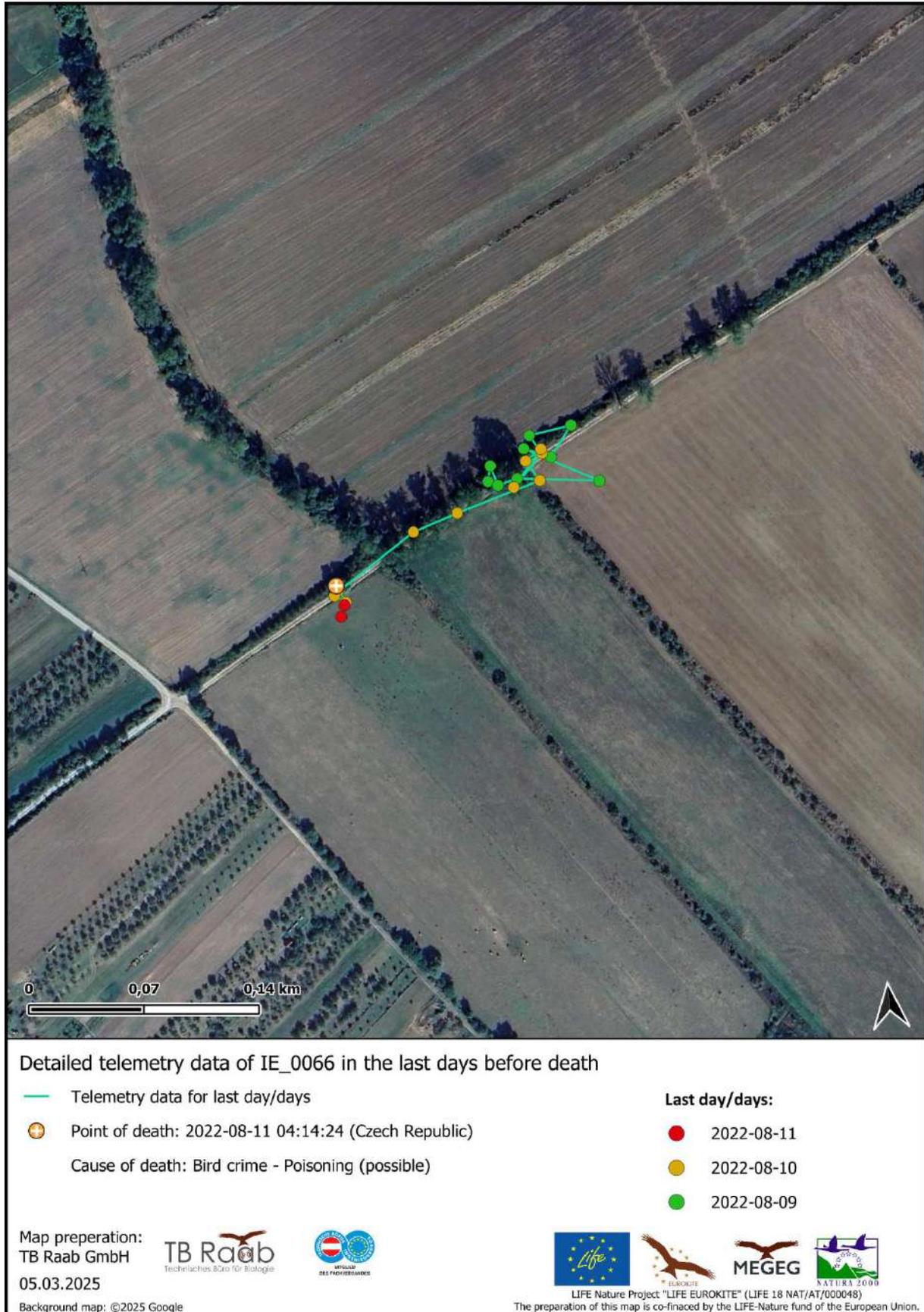


Figure 76: Detailed telemetry data of IE_0066 in the last days before death.

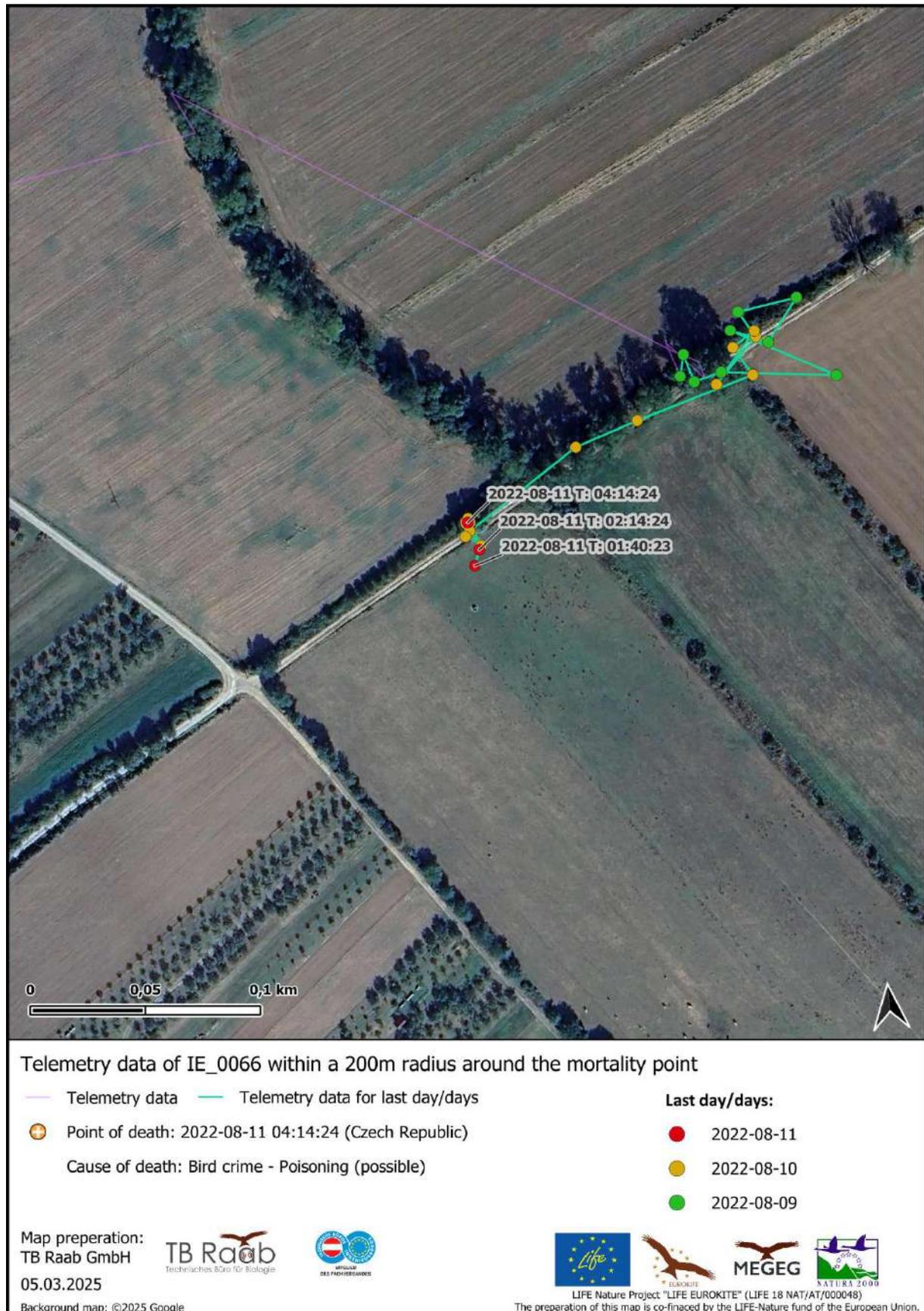


Figure 77: Telemetry data of IE_0066 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

WE_0008

General information about the bird

Name: Menin_01

Species: White-tailed Eagle

Birth date: 23.03.2017

Place of tagging: Menin, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 05.05.2017

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKO 03 - AAE03 eagle

Ring number: LX495

Sex: Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Dukovany, Vysočina, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49,1073159, 16,1420160

Date of bird crime: 09.04.2023, 4:00:31 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 2208

Age at bird crime: 7. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Possible

Additional information: Expert assessment (CSO). Dead beetles were found, typical posture.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Stopped

Police and/or authority investigation: Police and authority informed → Stopped

Legal proceeding: No

Conviction: No

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

Case is closed, perpetrator not found. If new evidence emerges, the case will be reopened.



Figure 78: Discovery situation of the White-tailed Eagle WE_0008, deceased on 09.04.2023 in Dukovany, Vysočina, Czech Republic. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (Birdlife Czech Republic- Klára Hlubocká)

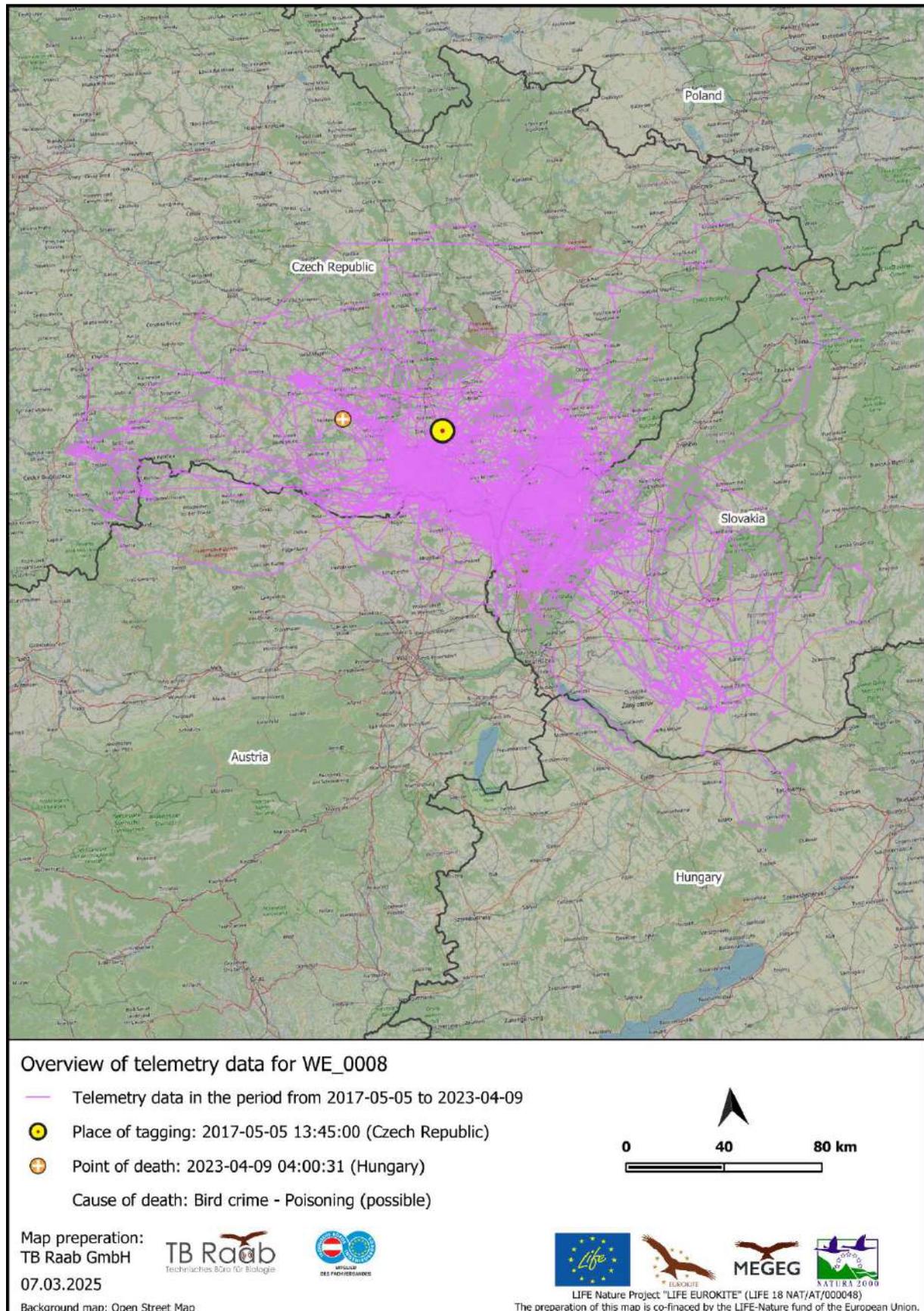


Figure 79: Overview of the telemetry data for WE_0008.

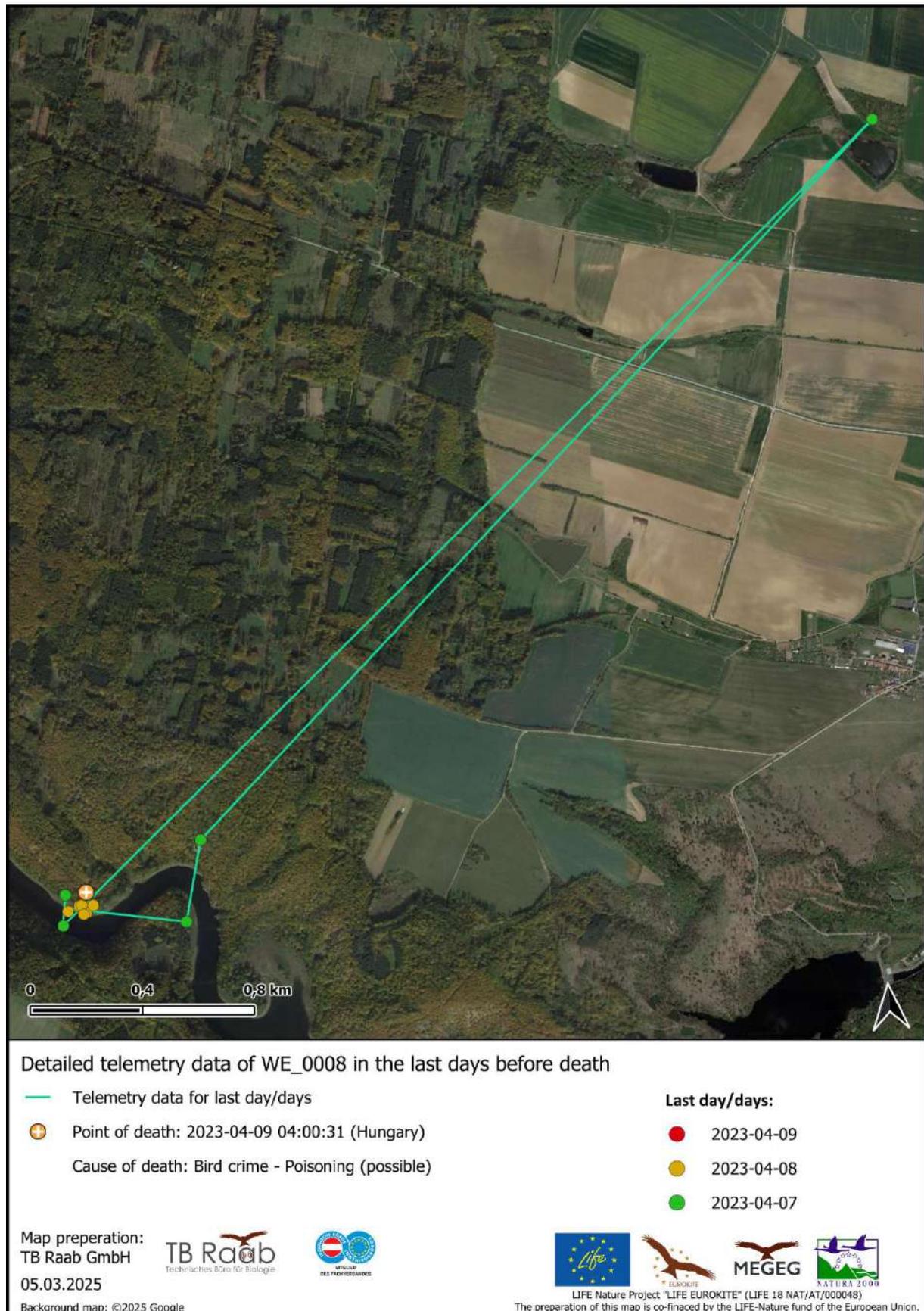


Figure 80: Detailed telemetry data of WE_0008 in the last days before death.

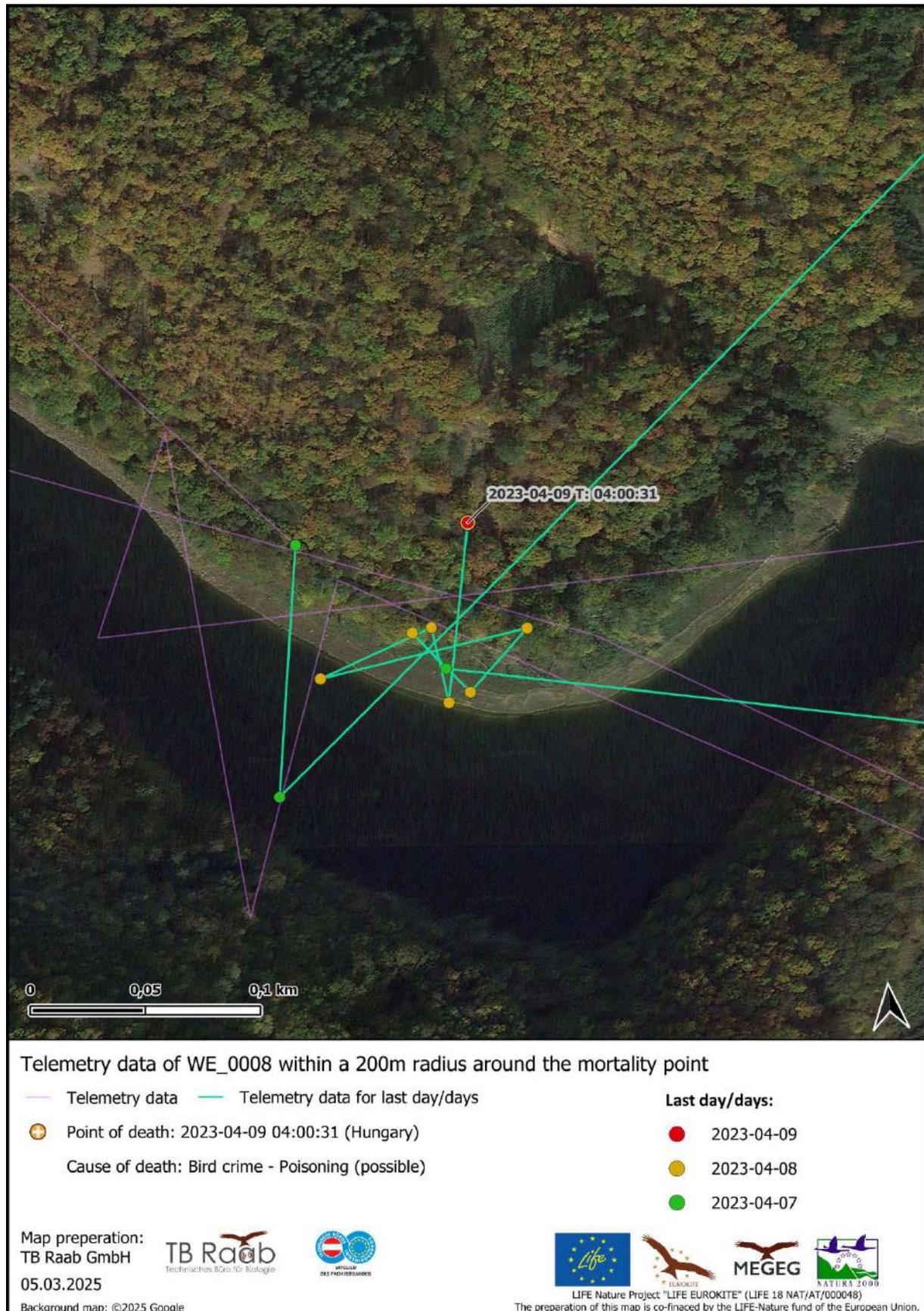


Figure 81: Telemetry data of WE_0008 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_1350

General information about the bird

Name: Poděbrady_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 13.05.2019

Place of tagging: Poděbrady, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 23.07.2021

Age at tagging: 3.+ CY

Origin of bird: From rescue station

Ownership category: B_MEGEG (CSO)

Logger number: ANITRA 076 - 20287

Ring number: C162052

Sex: Probably Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Smidary, Severovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,2956, 15,509755

Date of bird crime: 06.05.2023, 06:05:19 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 1454

Age at bird crime: 5. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Private Person

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird found

Carcass state: No information received

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: Bird stuck in the tree. Expert assessment (TB Raab).

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

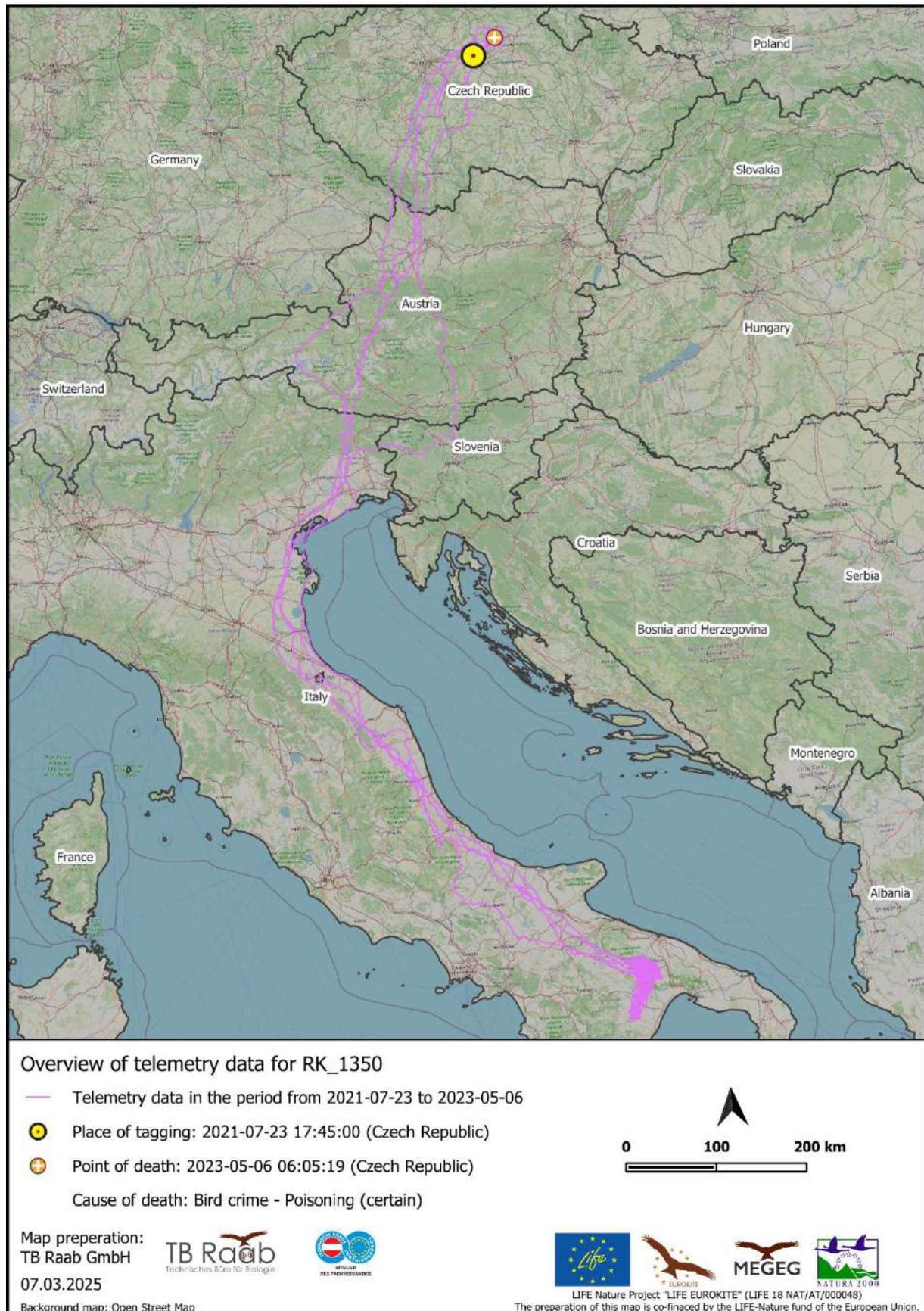


Figure 82: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_1350.

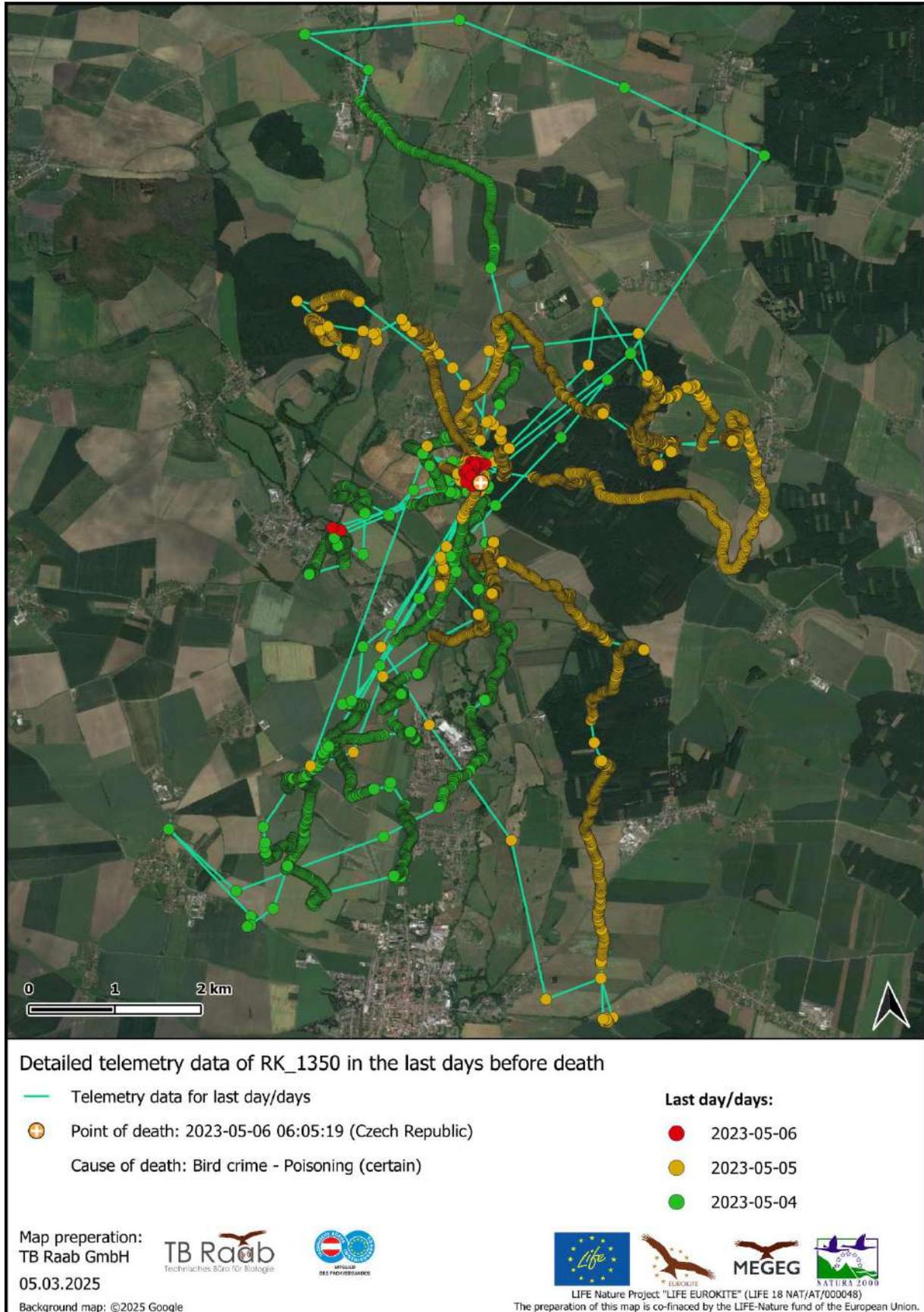


Figure 83: Detailed telemetry data of RK_1350 in the last days before death.

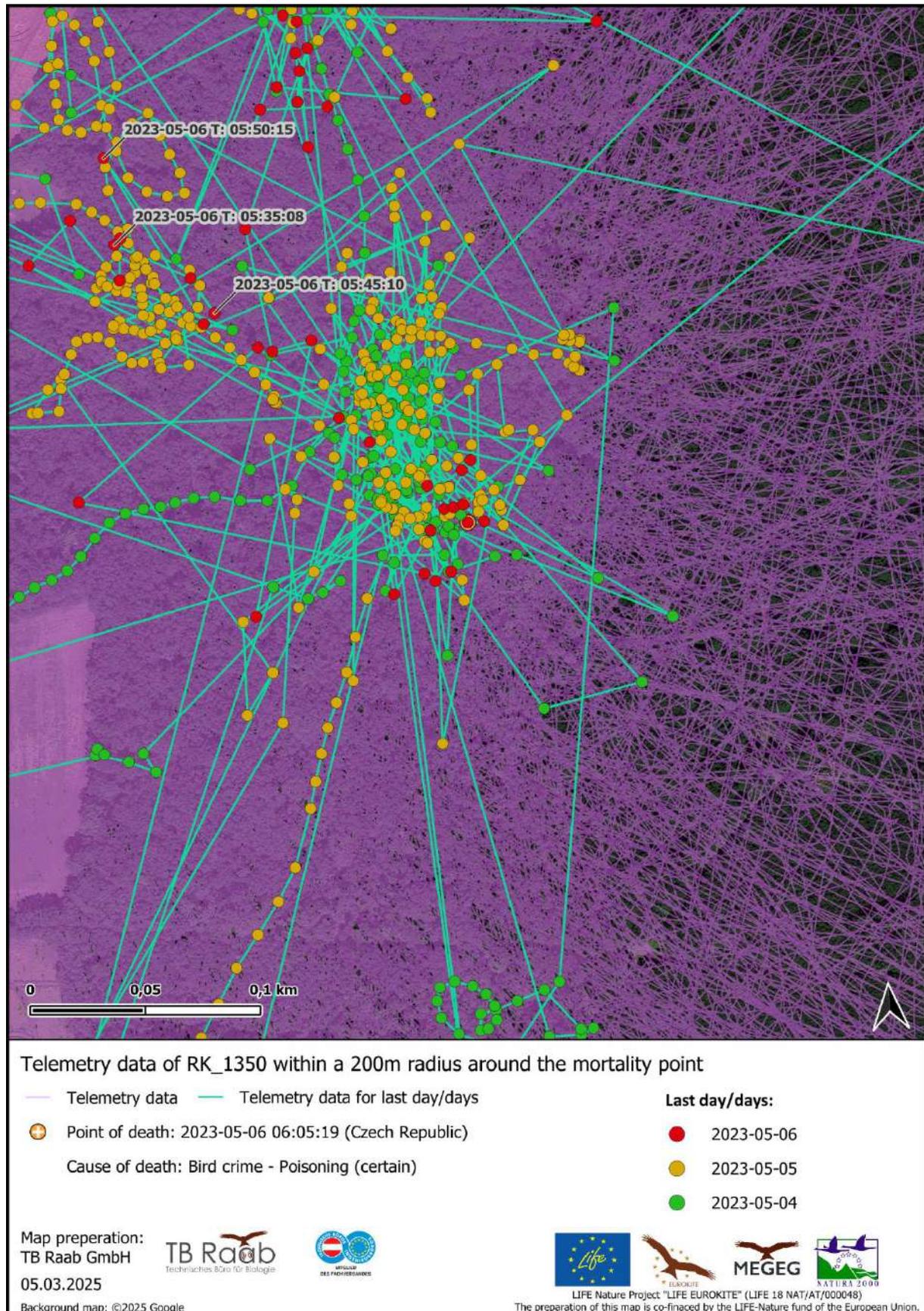


Figure 84: Telemetry data of RK_1350 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_1450

General information about the bird

Name: Binaced_47

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 22.04.2021

Place of tagging: Binaced, Huesca, Spain

Date of tagging: 12.12.2021

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Captured with trap

Ownership category: A1

Logger number: ANITRA 272 - 21750

Ring number: 7008178

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Brumovice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,956387, 16,870318

Date of bird crime: 03.06.2023, 01:20:15 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 772

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird found

Carcass state: Very good

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: A rest from an egg was found = poisoning bait. The laboratory confirmed poisoning with Carbofuran.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Stopped

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → Stopped

Legal proceeding: No

Conviction: No

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



Figure 85: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_1450, deceased on 03.06.2023 in Brumovice, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (CSO & Birdlife Czech Republic)

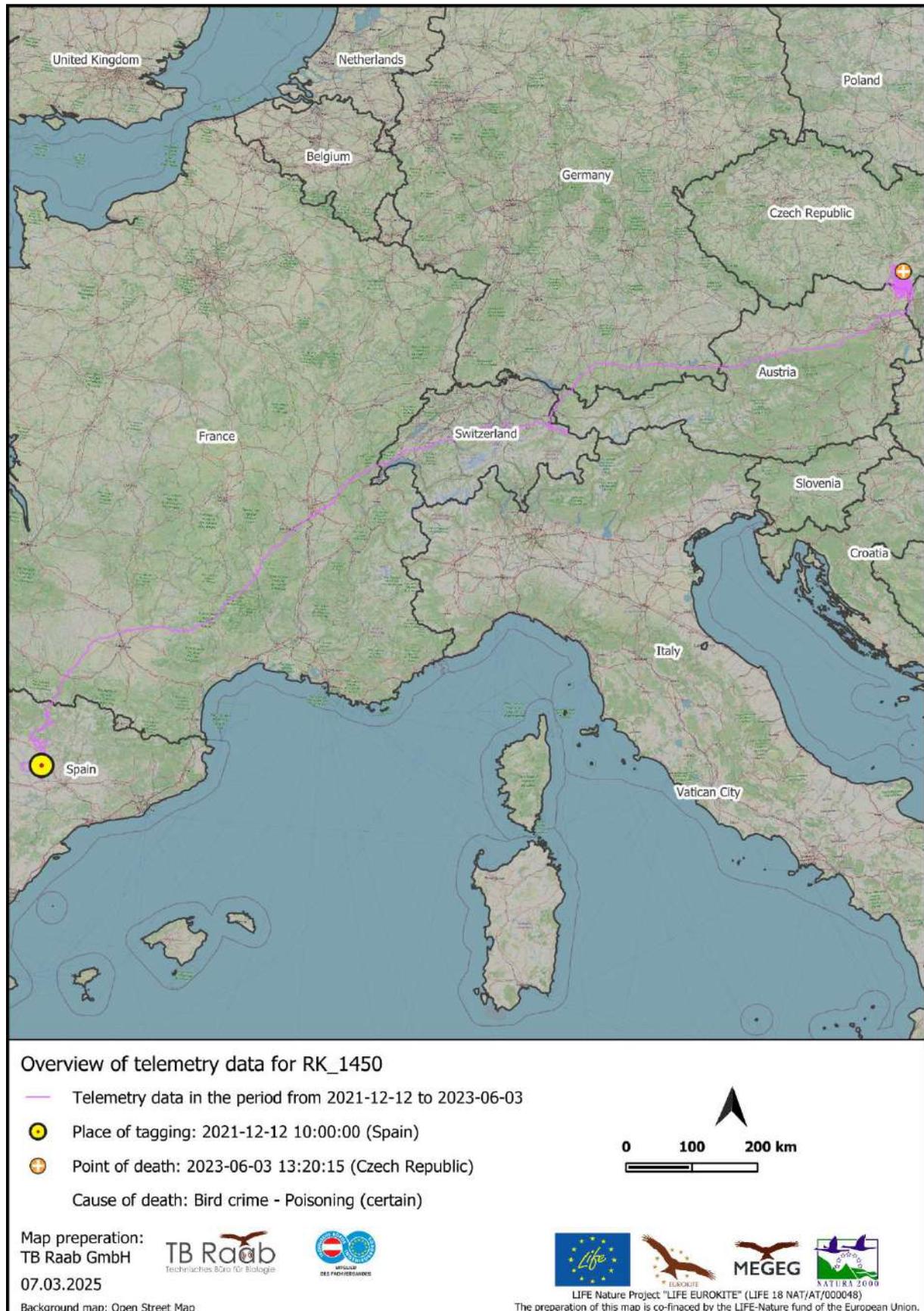


Figure 86: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_1450.

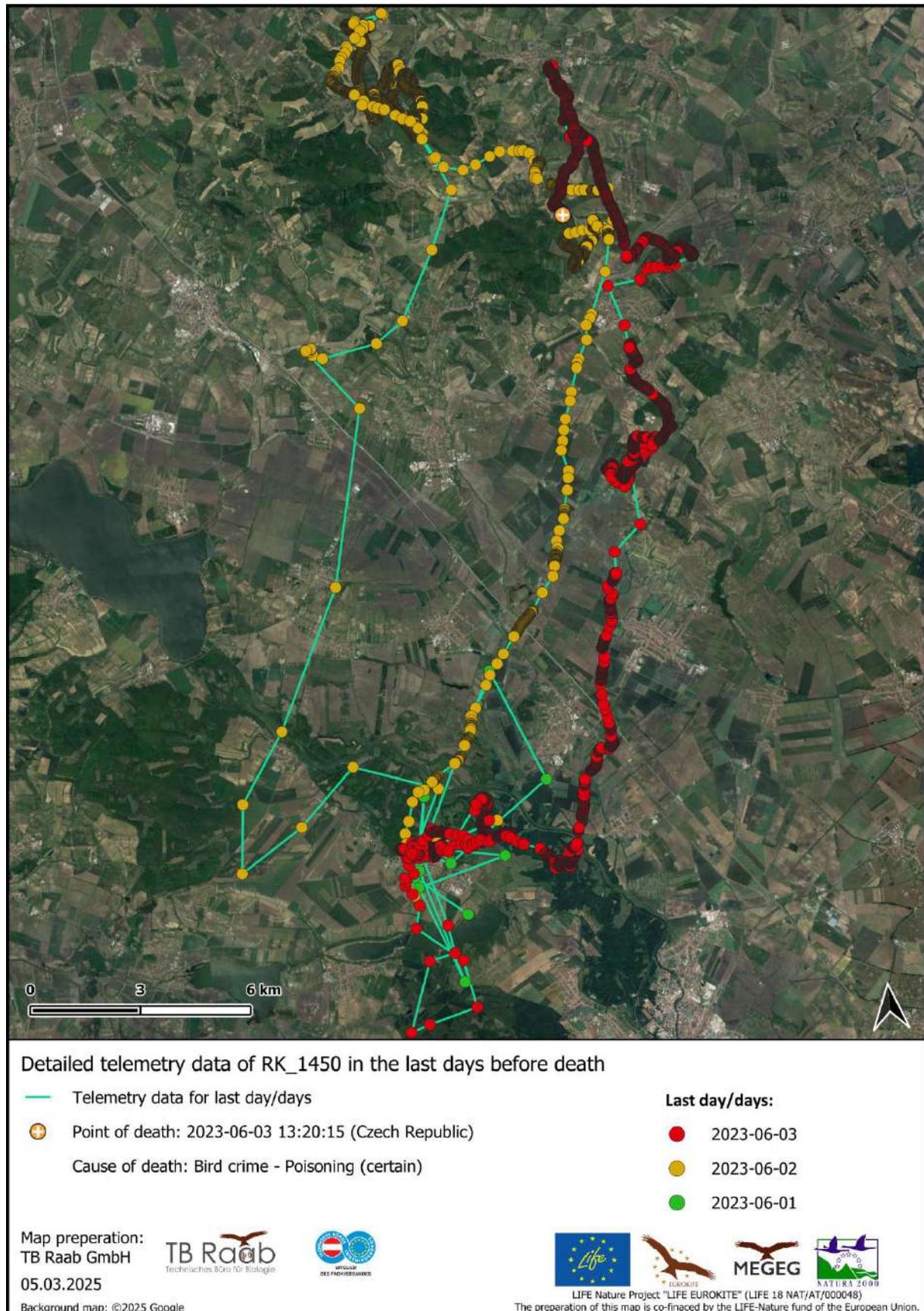


Figure 87: Detailed telemetry data of RK_1450 in the last days before death.

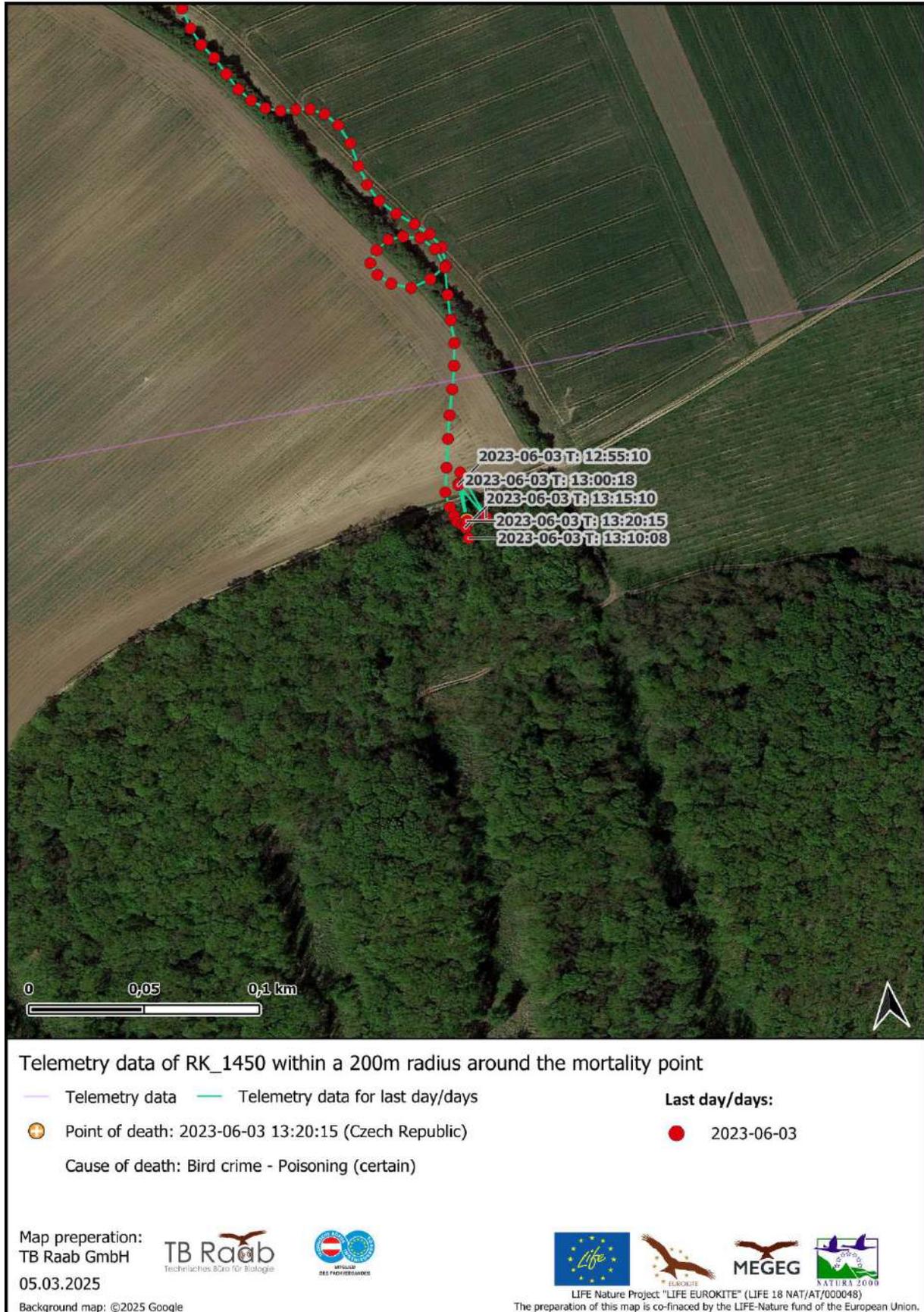


Figure 88: Telemetry data of RK_1450 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0123

General information about the bird

Name: Mikulov_07

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 02.05.2018

Place of tagging: Mikulov, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 06.06.2018

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A2

Logger number: Ornitela 007 - 180124 kite

Ring number: CT1933

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Skaštice Střední, Morava, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49,32835, 17,403956

Date of bird crime: 03.12.2023, 01:10:45 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 2,041

Age at bird crime: 6. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird found

Carcass state: Very good

Bird crime: Poisoning

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: The remains of pheasant - poisoning bait were found.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Ongoing (no further information received since 08.02.2024)

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed → No further information received since 08.02.2024

Legal proceeding: Ongoing → No further information received since 08.02.2024

Conviction: Not yet

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why? -



Figure 89: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0123, deceased on 03.12.2023 in Skaštice Střední, Morava, Czech Republic. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (Birdlife Czech Republic- Klára Hlubocká)

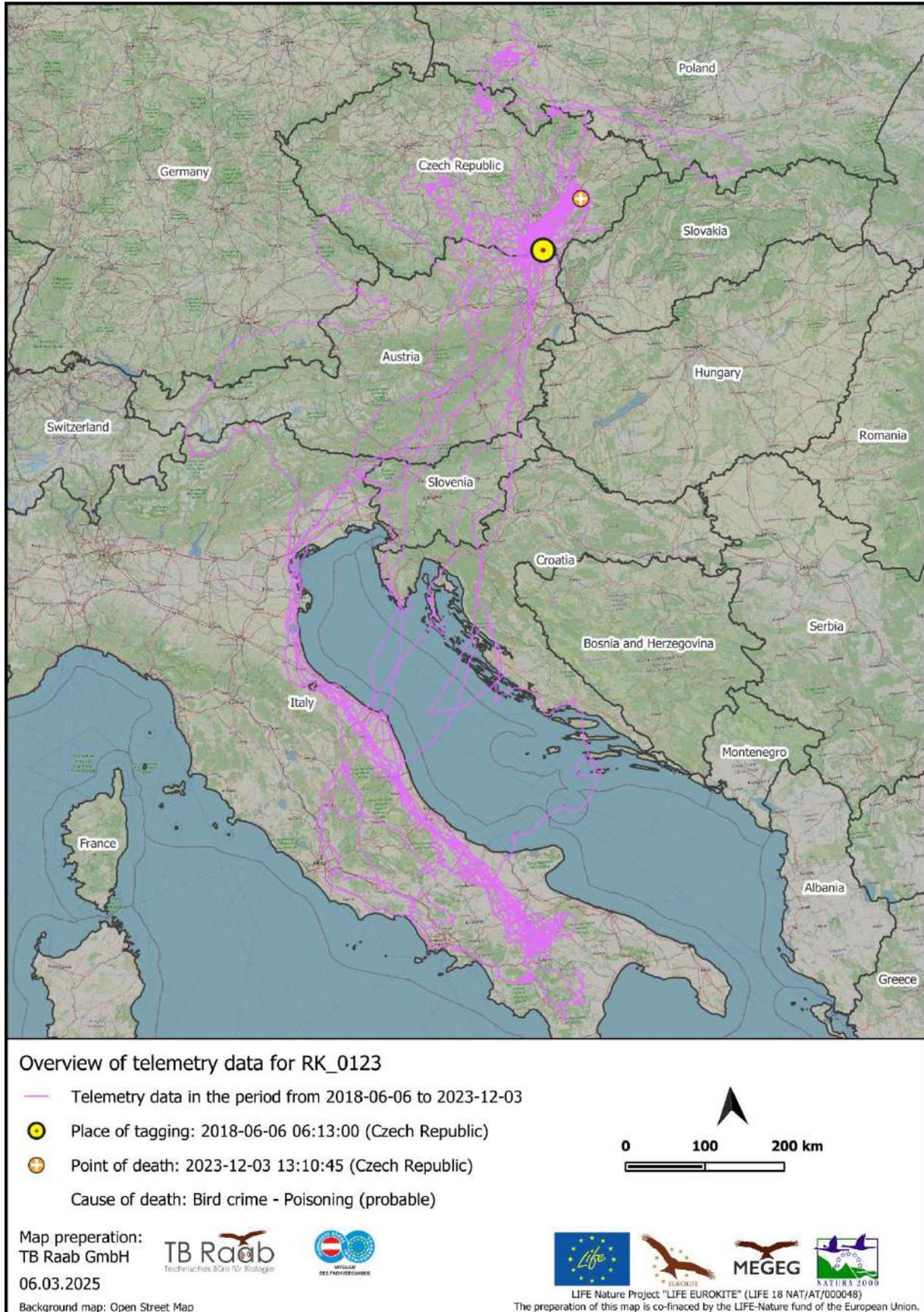


Figure 90: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0123.



Figure 91: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0123 in the last days before death.

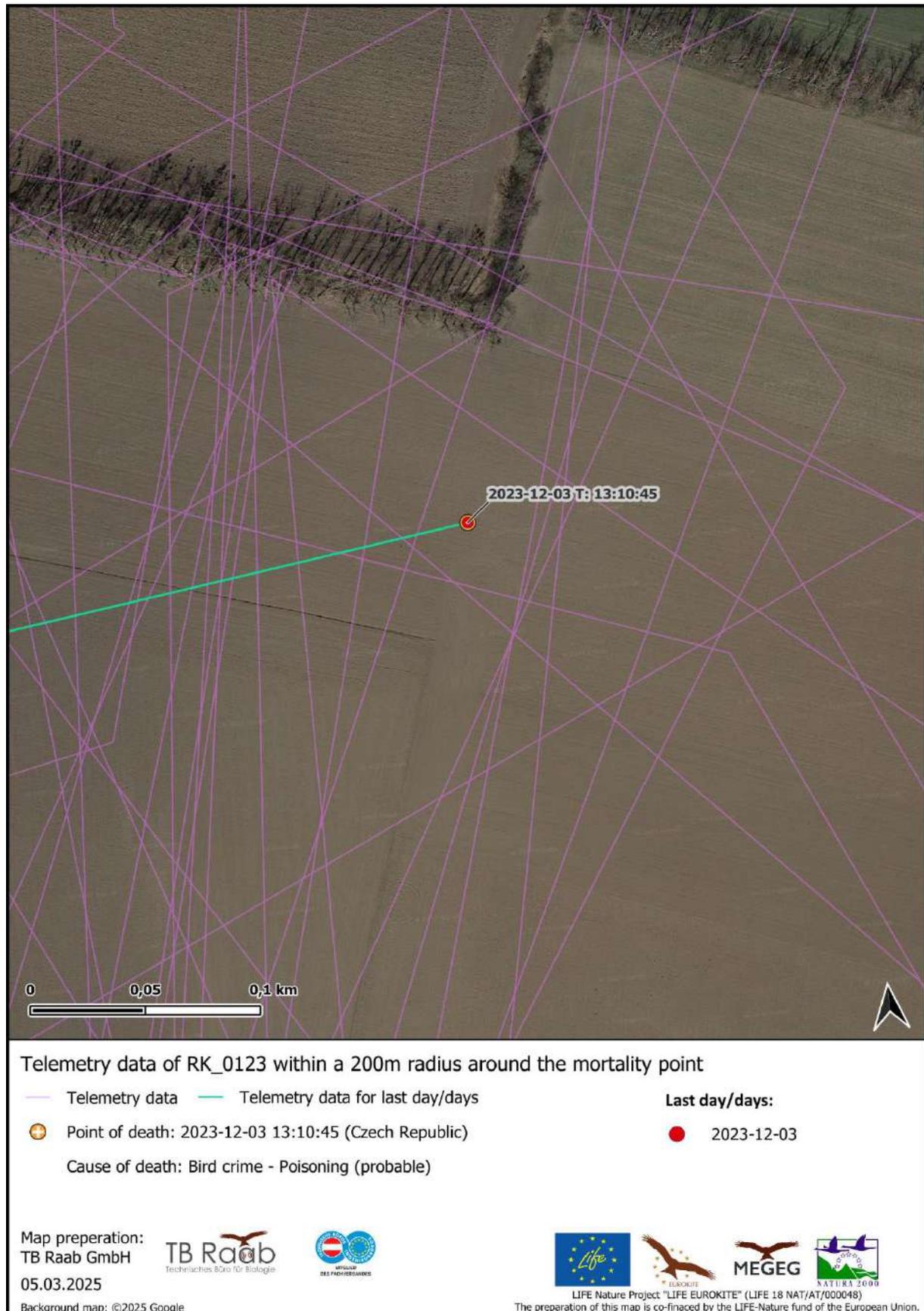


Figure 92: Telemetry data of RK_0123 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_1875

General information about the bird

Name: Libiš_02

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 29.05.2022

Place of tagging: Libiš, Střední Čechy, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 27.06.2022

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: B_MEGEG (Anitra)

Logger number: 22480

Ring number: C162066

Sex: Probably Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Ústecký kraj, Kostelec nad Ohř, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50,400143, 14,093731

Date of bird crime: 27.09.2024, 03:00:14 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 852

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Poisoning - Carbofuran

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: For the first sight it was not suspicious, but a rapid test for carbofuran was made, which resulted positive for carbofuran.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: Police and authority informed → No further information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



Figure 93: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_1875, deceased on 27.09.2024 in Ústecký kraj, Kostelec nad Ohř, Czech Republic. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (Birdlife Czech Republic- Vaclav Beran)

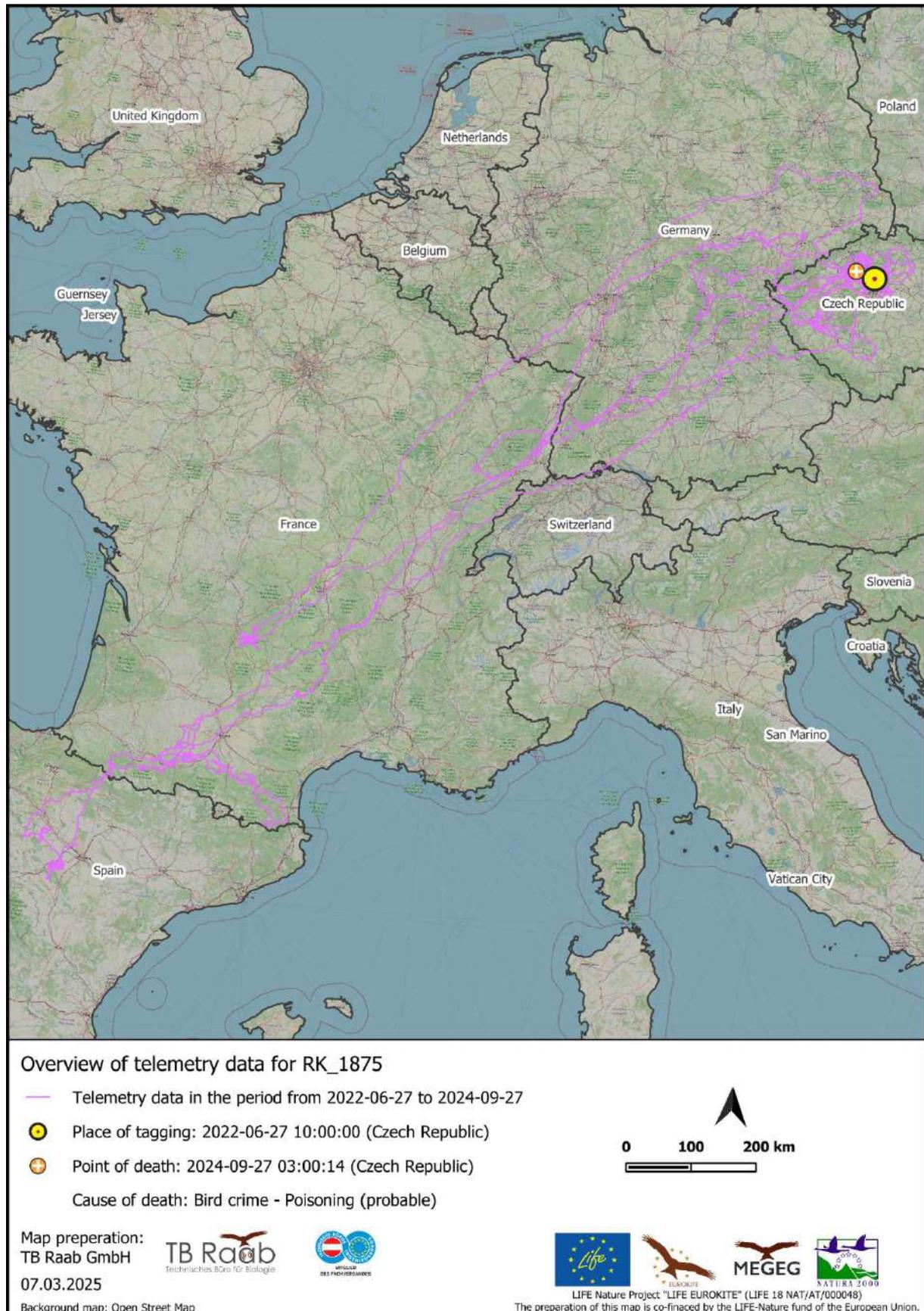


Figure 94: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_1875.

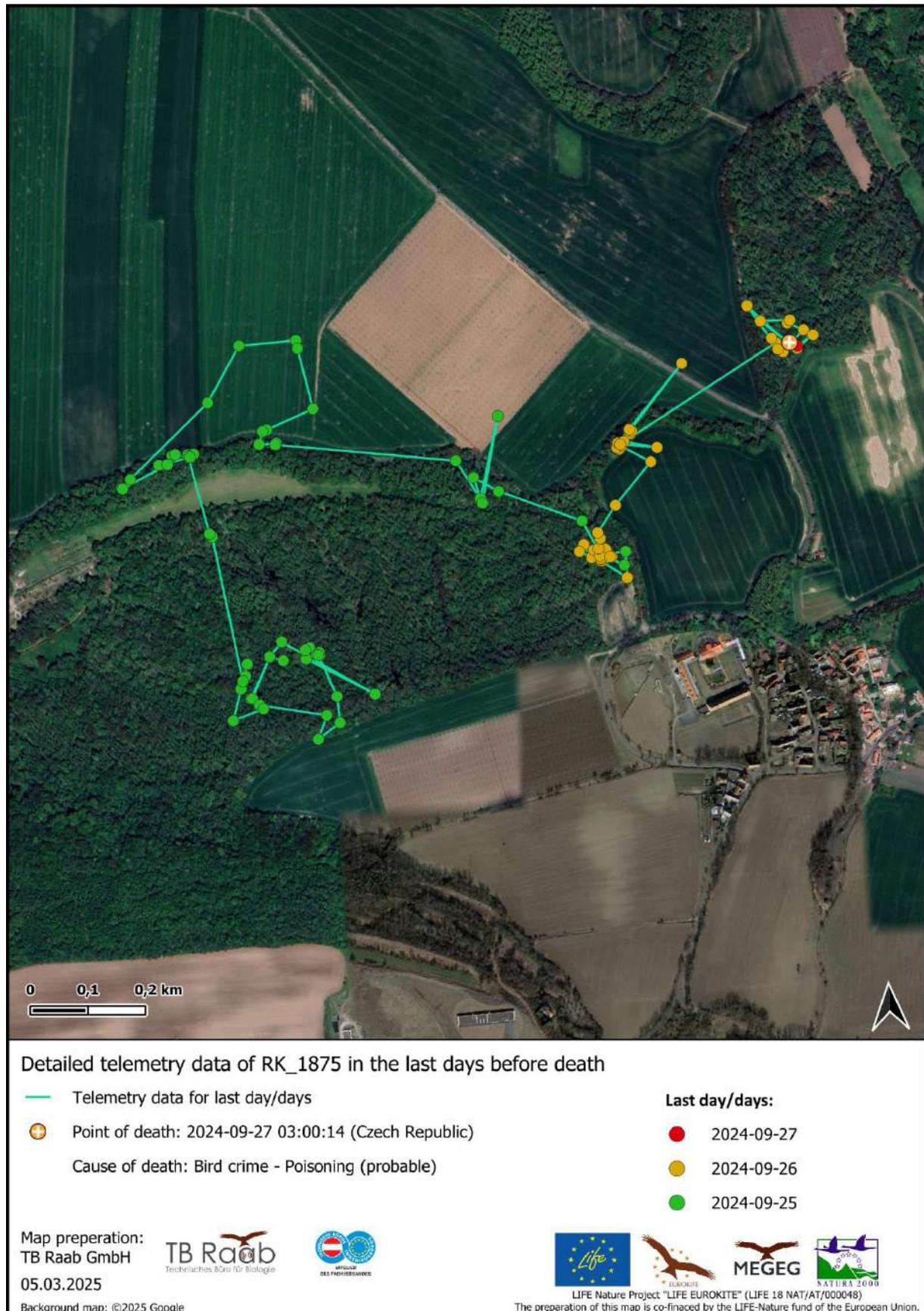


Figure 95: Detailed telemetry data of RK_1875 in the last days before death.

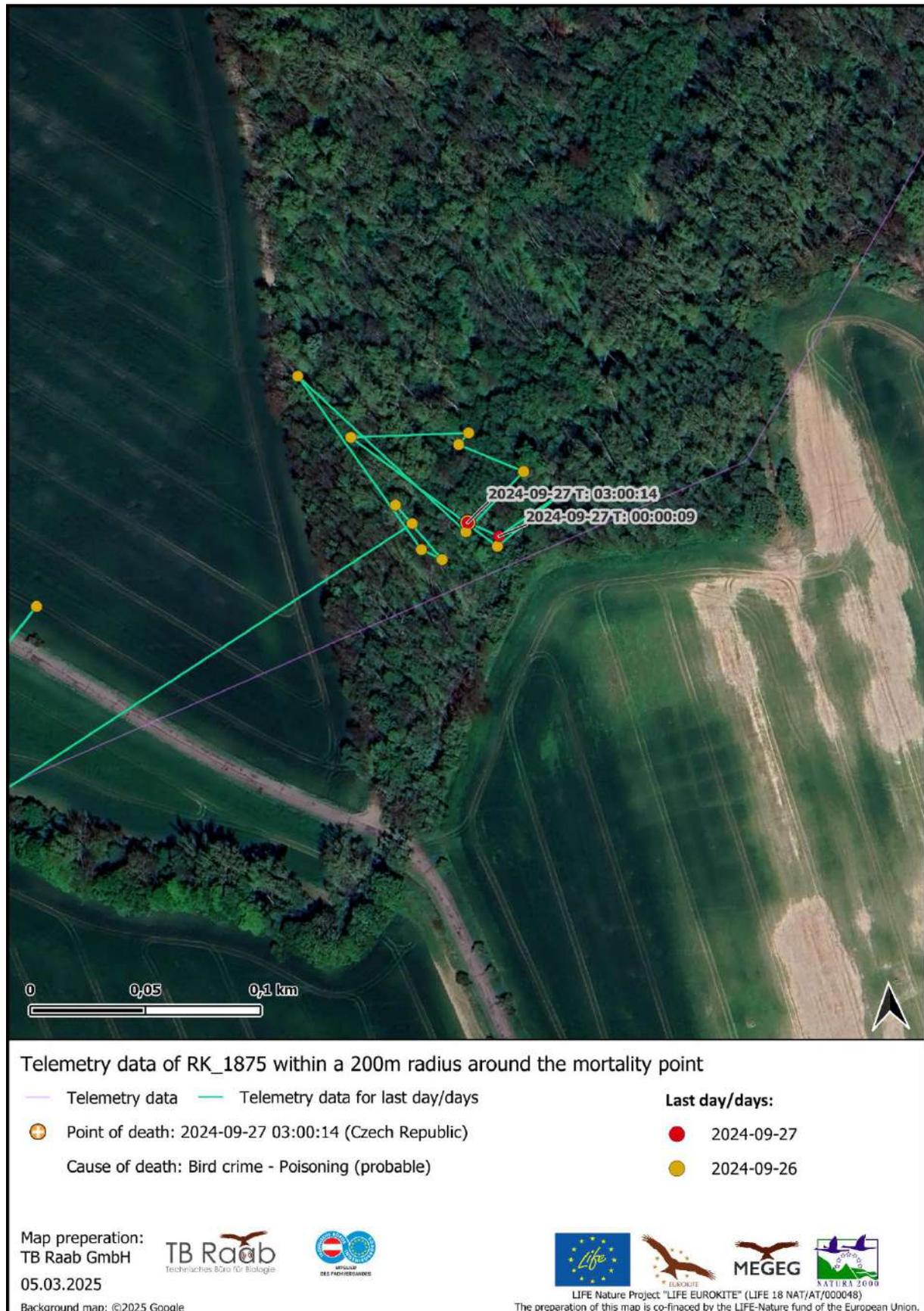


Figure 96: Telemetry data of RK_1875 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

3.2 Tagged individuals that have been shot

The birds are listed in chronological order by Date of bird crime, commencing with the first recorded case.

RK_0060

General information about the bird

Name: Moravska Nova Ves_03

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 25.05.2016

Place of tagging: Moravska Nova Ves, Břeclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 19.06.2016

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 17 – MLR 17 saker

Ring number: CT753

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Lanžhot, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,705216, 16,9354489

Date of bird crime: 27.02.2017, 3:00:05 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 278

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: No information

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird not found

Carcass state: -

Bird crime: Shooting

Certainty category: Probable

Additional Information: Expert assessment (TB Raab).

Investigation information



Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

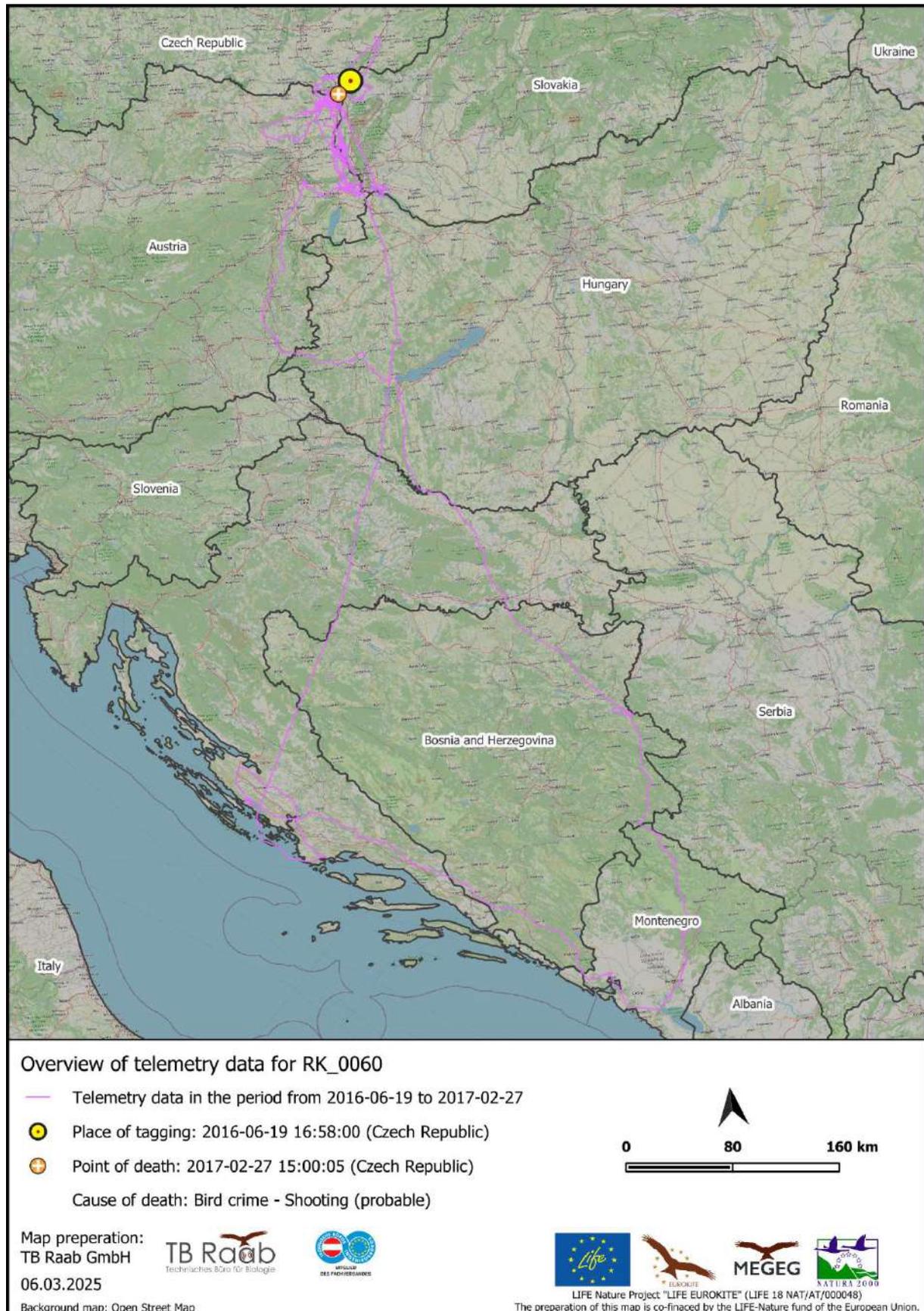


Figure 97: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0060.



Figure 98: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0060 in the last days before death.

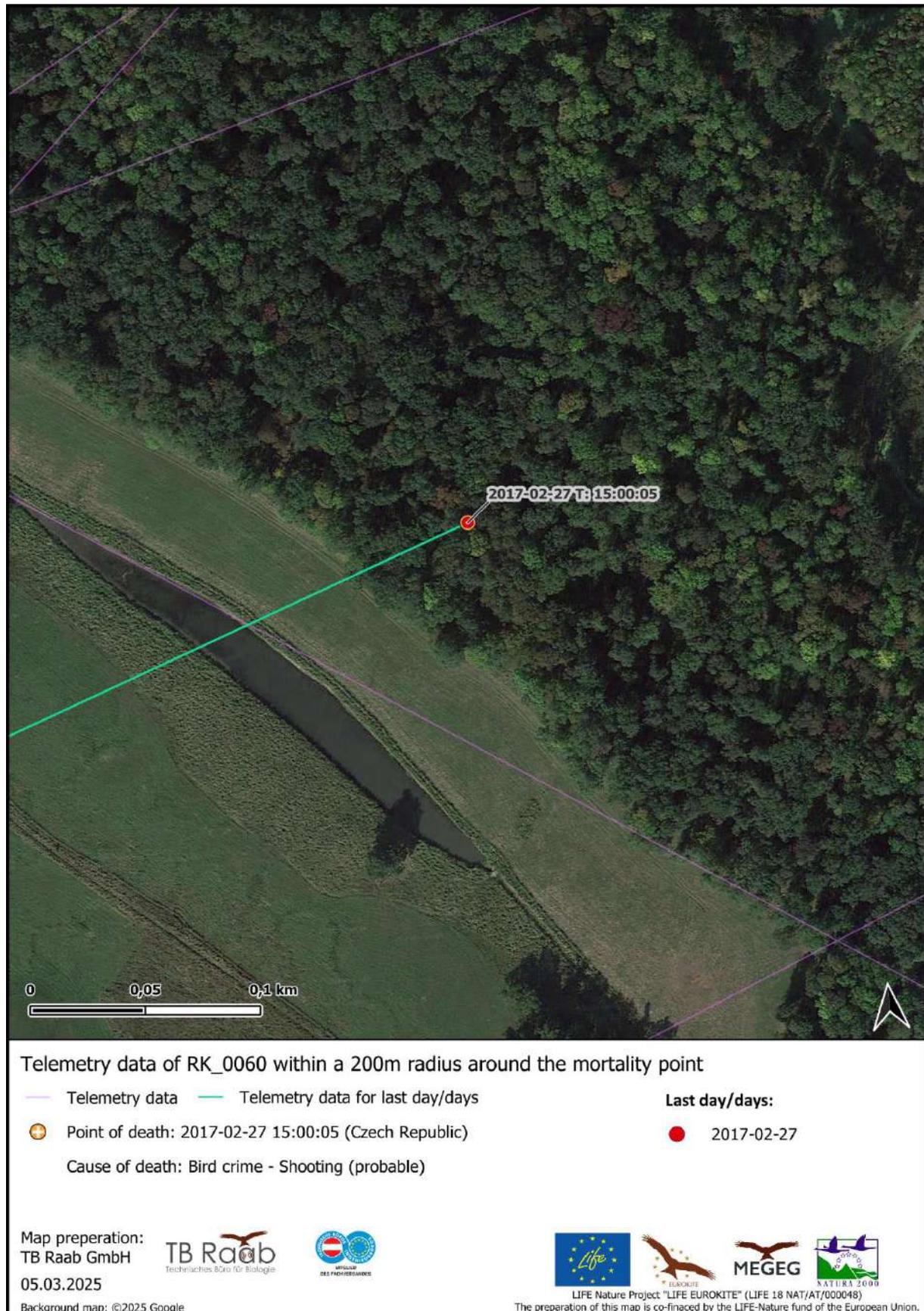


Figure 99: Telemetry data of RK_0060 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0080

General information about the bird

Name: Racov_03

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 19.05.2017

Place of tagging: Racov, Tachov, Jihozápad, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 13.06.2017

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKO 28 - AAR 07 kite

Ring number: C155559

Sex: Male

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Hostoun, Jihozápad, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49,5482670, 12,7929

Date of bird crime: 18.05.2019, 4:57:00 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 729

Age at bird crime: 3. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: VFÚ

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Very good

Bird crime: Shooting

Certainty category: Certain

Additional information: The laboratory confirmed that it was shooting.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: Police informed

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

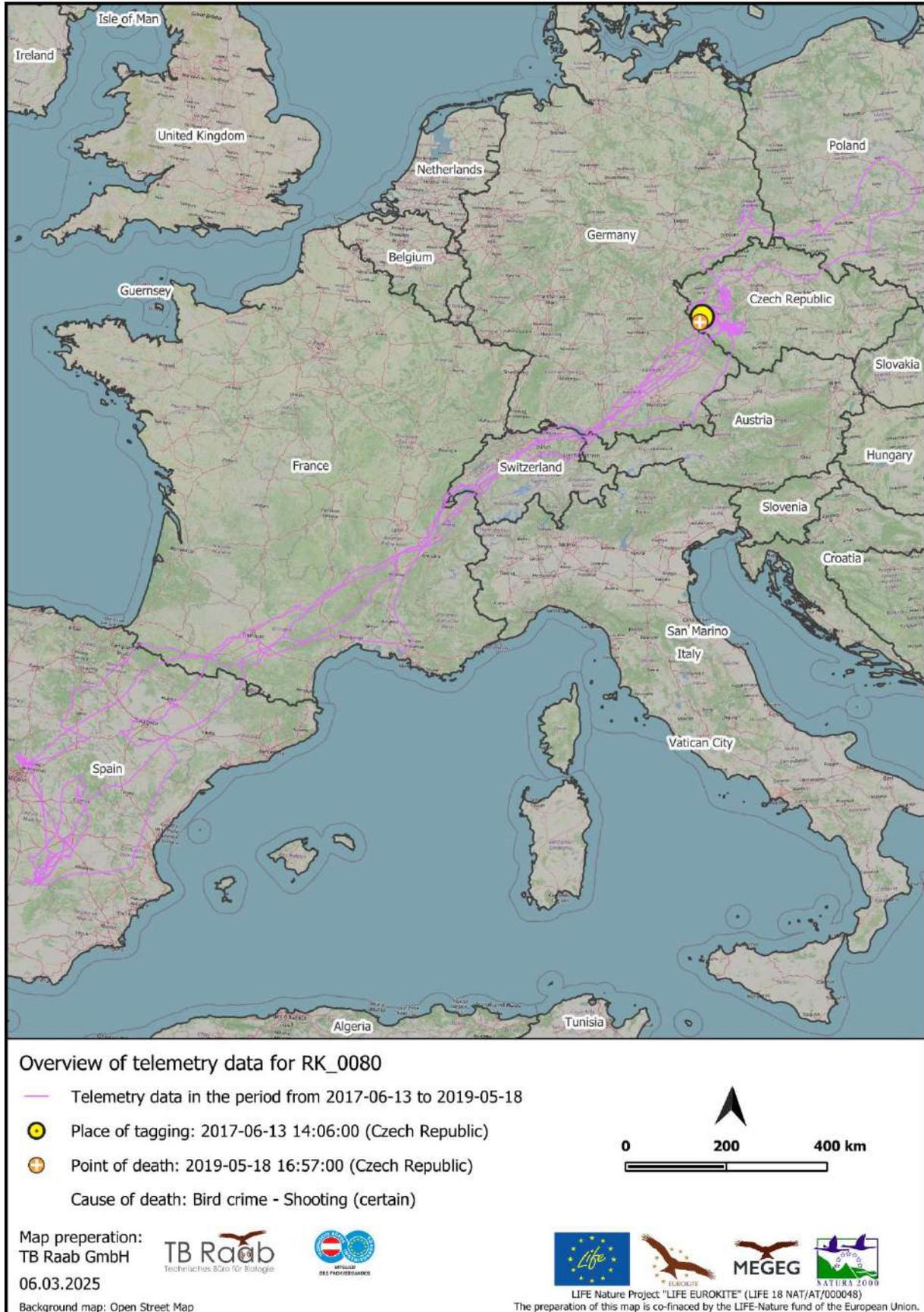


Figure 100: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0080.

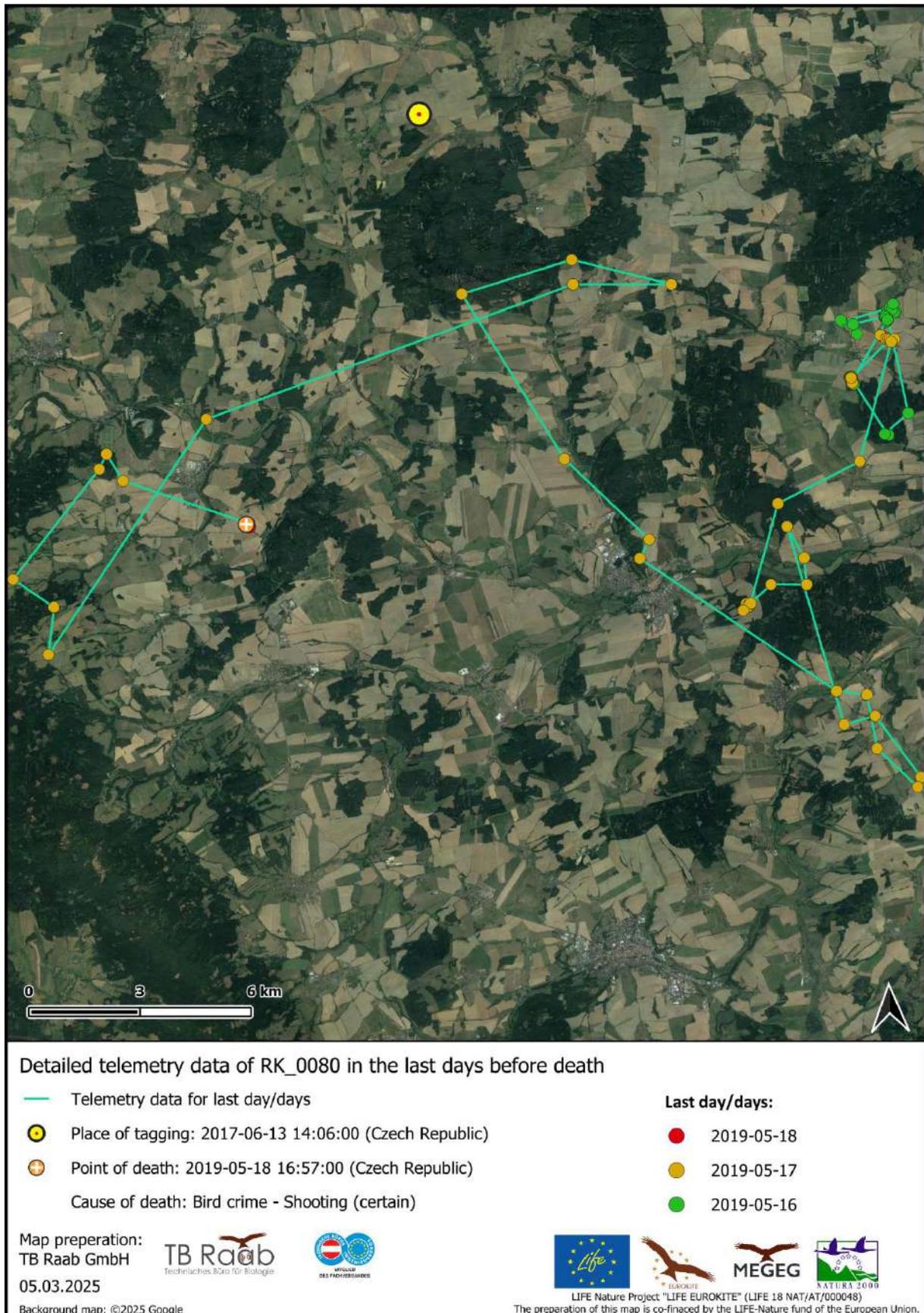


Figure 101: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0080 in the last days before death.

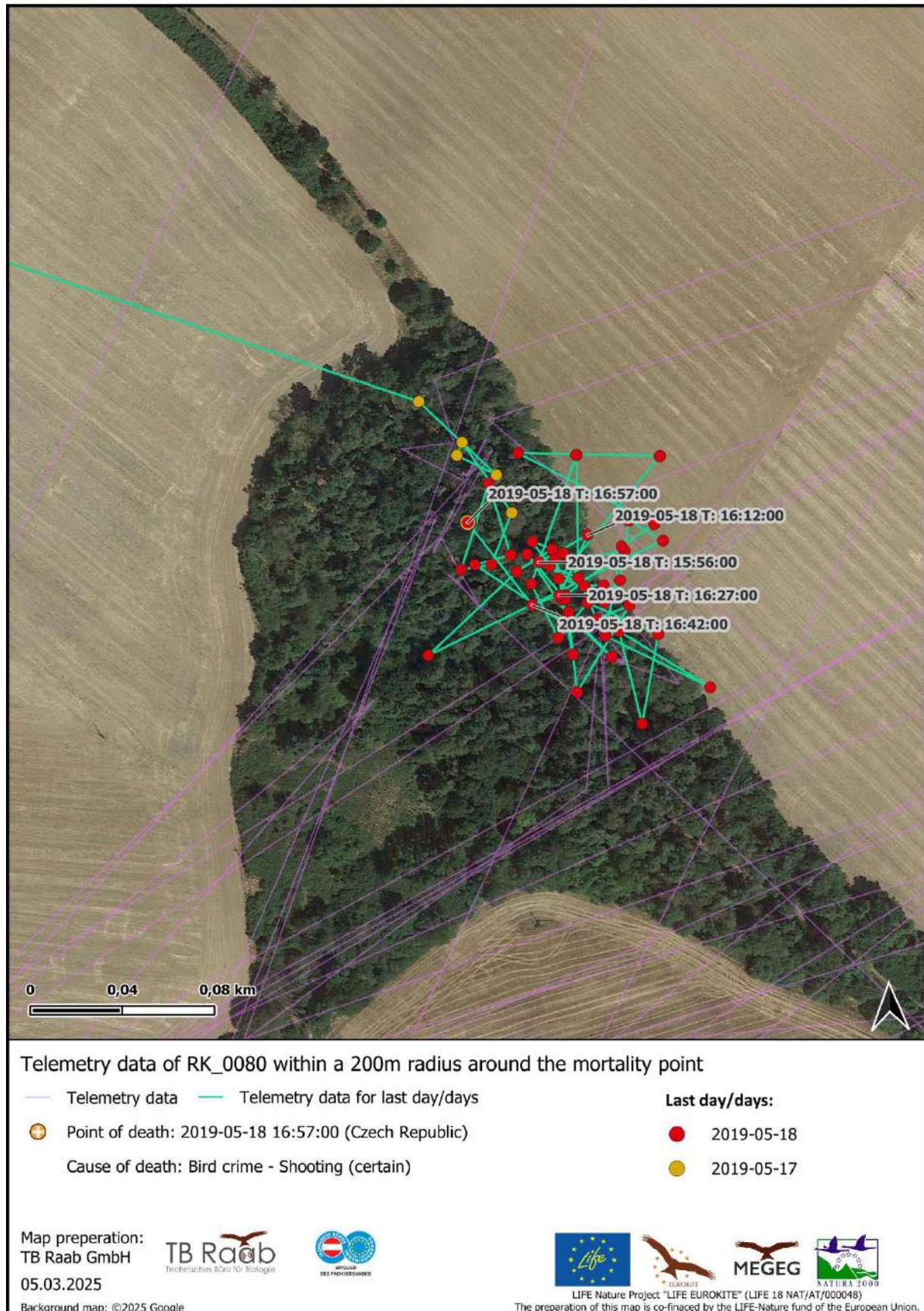


Figure 102: Telemetry data of RK_0080 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0366

General information about the bird

Name: Vetla_03

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 09.05.2029

Place of tagging: Severozápad, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 13.06.2019

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A2

Logger number: ANITRA 025 - 19108

Ring number: C162142

Sex: No information

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Heinersdorf an der Tafelfichte, Severovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 50.941132, 15.277103

Date of bird crime: 24.06.2020, 00:01:13 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 412

Age at bird crime: 2. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and Bird not found

Carcass state: -

Bird crime: Shooting

Certainty category: Possible

Additional information: Expert assessment (TB Raab).

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received

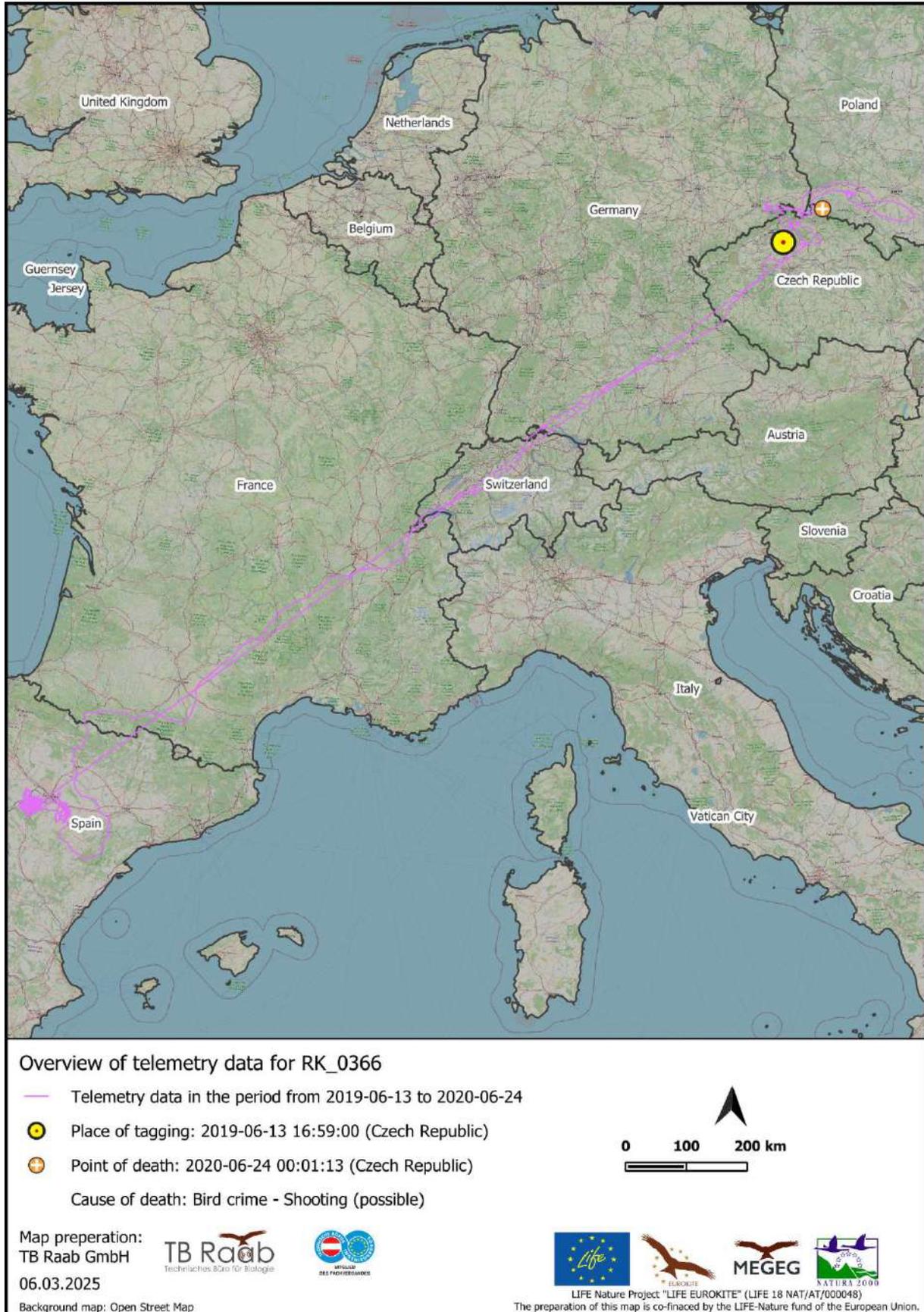


Figure 103: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0366.

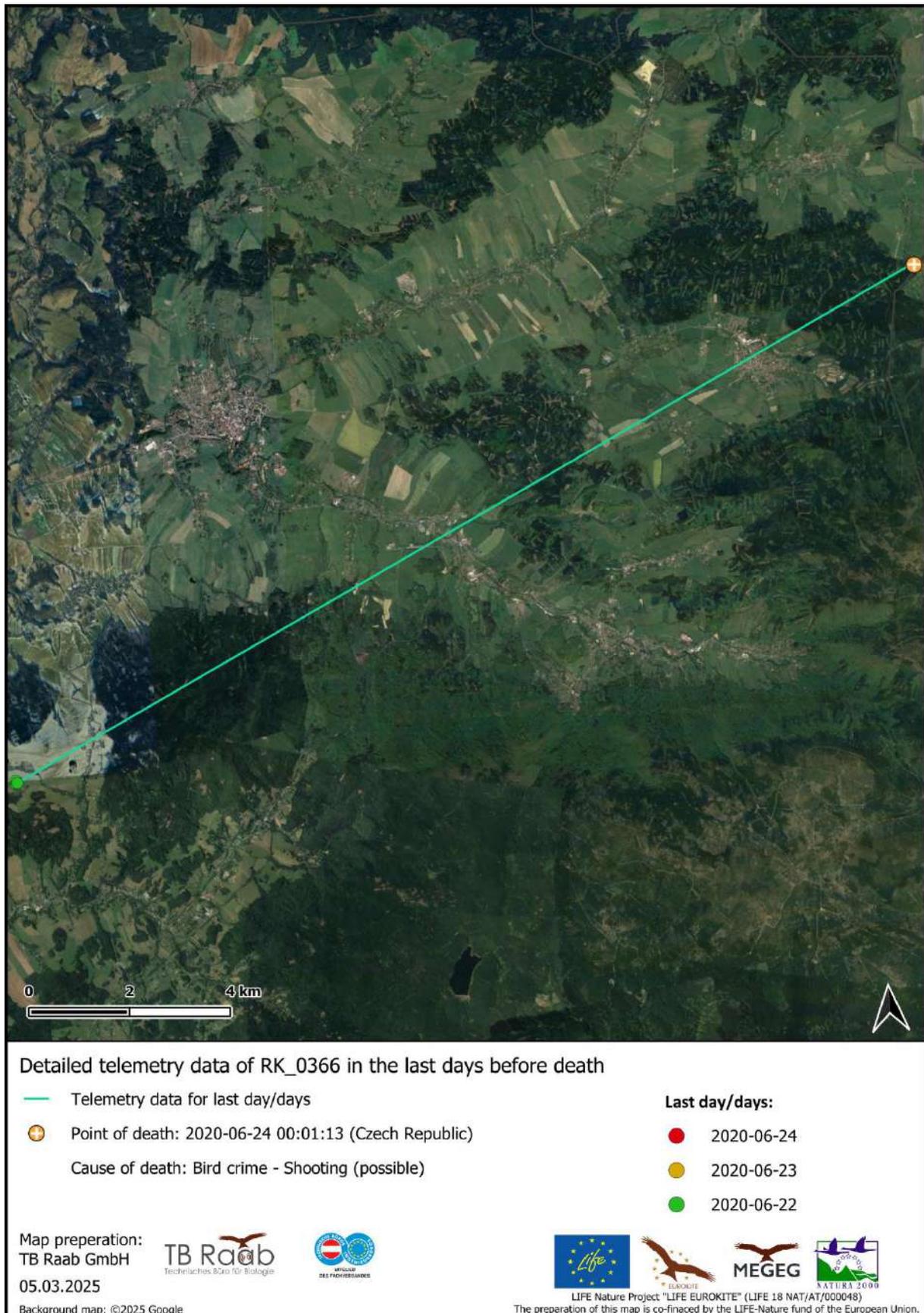


Figure 104: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0366 in the last days before death.



Figure 105: Telemetry data of RK_0366 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_1706

General information about the bird

Name: Grub_an_der_March_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 04.05.2022

Place of tagging: Gänserndorf, Lower Austria, Austria

Date of tagging: 16.062022

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from the nest

Ownership category: A1

Logger number: INTERREX P04 - 12000002fc

Ring number: G000838

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Jihomoravský kraj, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 49.125094, 16.612128

Date of bird crime: 21.09.2022, 10:15:03 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 140

Age at bird crime: 1. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

Logger and/or bird found: Logger found, and Bird not found

Carcass state: -

Bird crime: Shooting

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: Expert assessment (Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic). Killed within the fenced area of Brno airport.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: Stopped

Police and/or authority investigation: Police and authority informed → No further information received

Legal proceeding: No

Conviction: No

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

Investigation of police was not successful. If new evidence emerges, the case will be reopened.



Figure 106: Discovery situation of the Logger from red kite RK_1706, deceased on 21.09.2022 Jihomoravský kraj, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic).

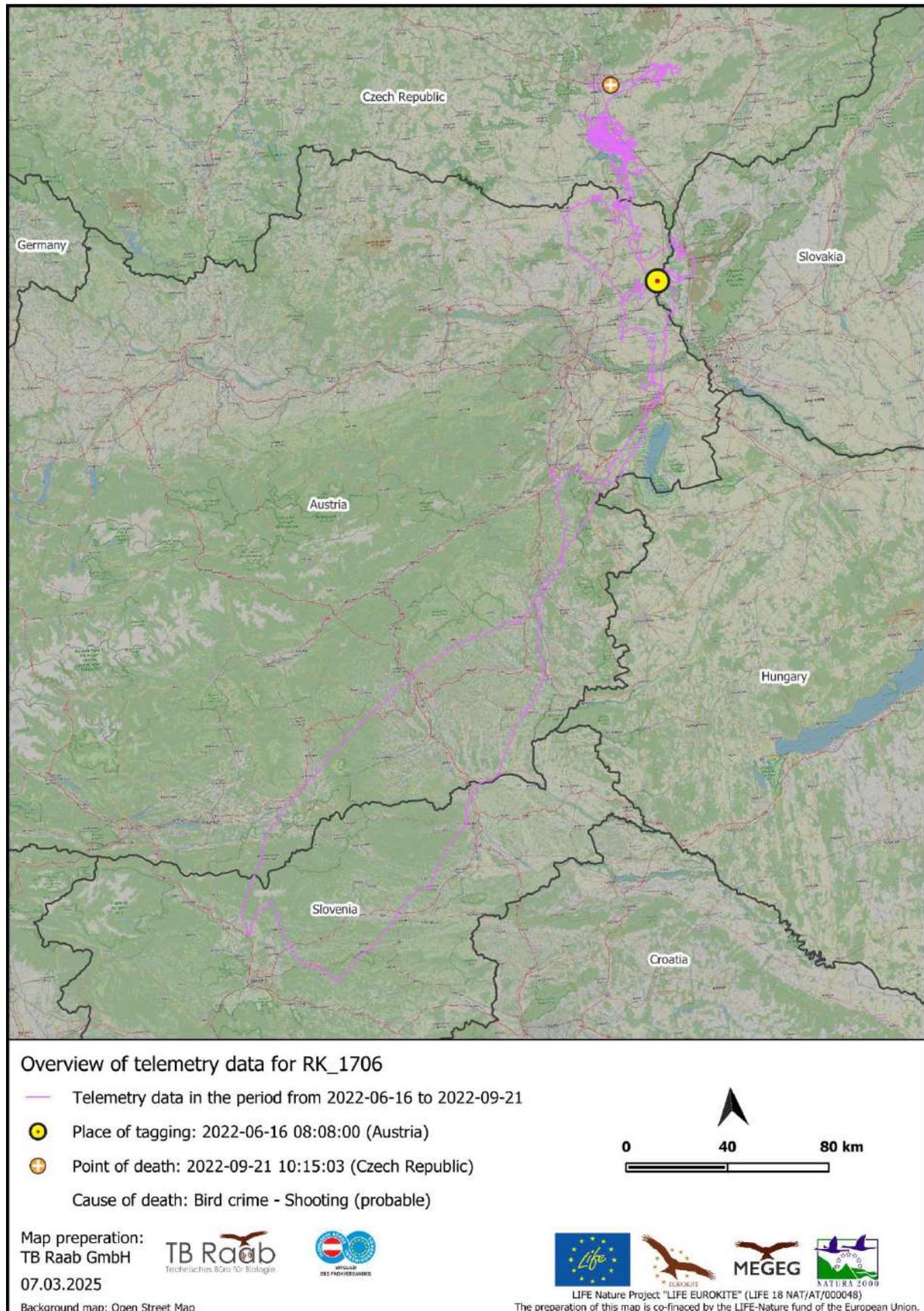


Figure 107: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_1706.

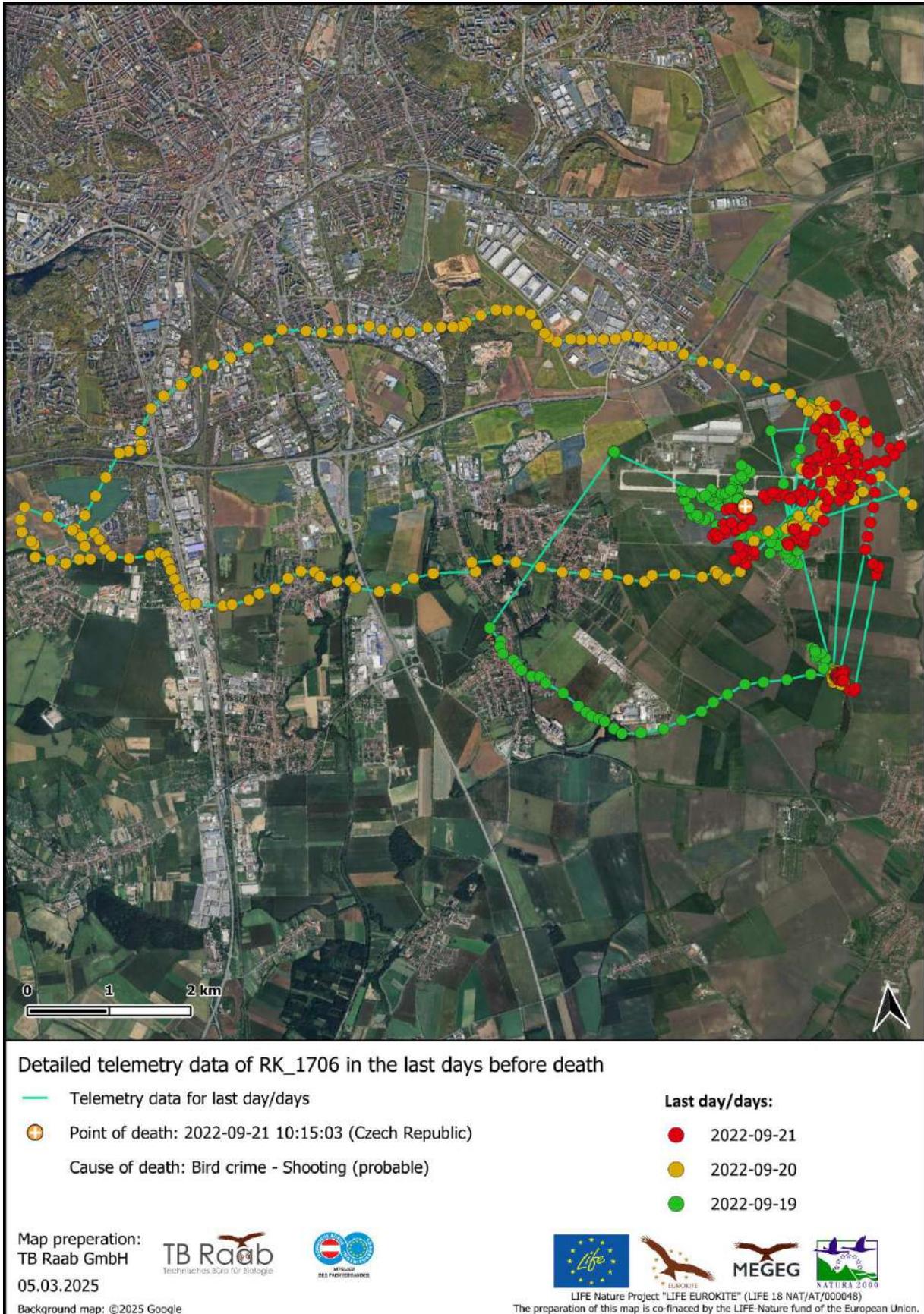


Figure 108: Detailed telemetry data of RK_1706 in the last days before death.

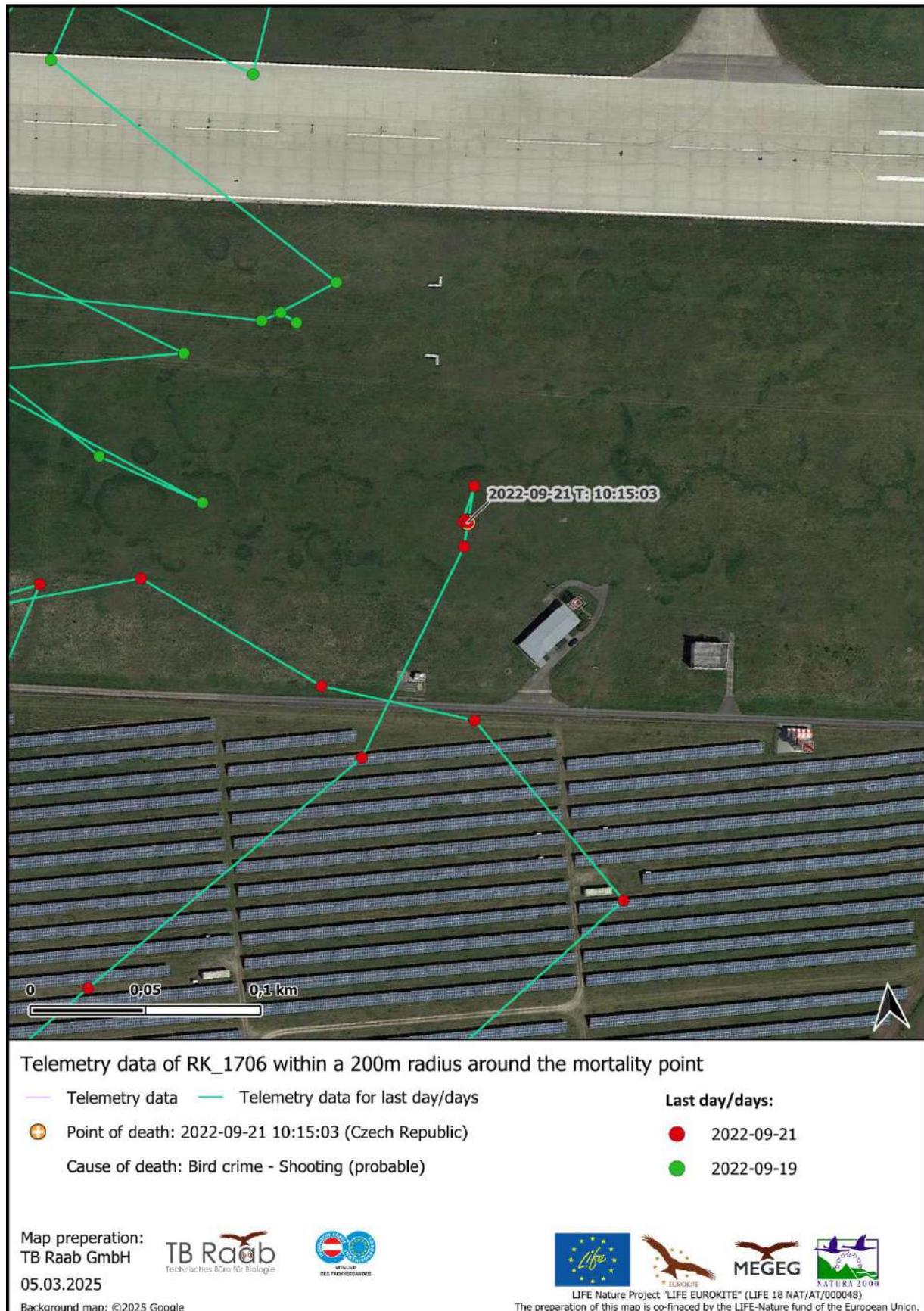


Figure 109: Telemetry data of RK_1706 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

RK_0025

General information about the bird

Name: Mikulov_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 15.04.2016

Place of tagging: Mikulov, Břeclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 05.06.2016

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 27 – AAA 17 kite

Ring number: CT1677

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Čejkovice, Jihomoravský, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,921281, 16,9463350

Date of bird crime: 26.10.2024, 6:00:00 PM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 3.116

Age at bird crime: 9. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: CSO

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Good

Bird crime: Shooting

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: Expert assessment (CSO). The bird was shot up close to head and both wings.

Investigation information

Last editing: 08.01.2025

Investigation: No information received

Police and/or authority investigation: Police and authority informed → No information received

Legal proceeding: No information received

Conviction: No information received

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No information received



Figure 110: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0025, deceased on 26.10.2024 in Čejkovice, Jihomoravský, Czech Republic. © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (CSO, Klara Hlubocka)

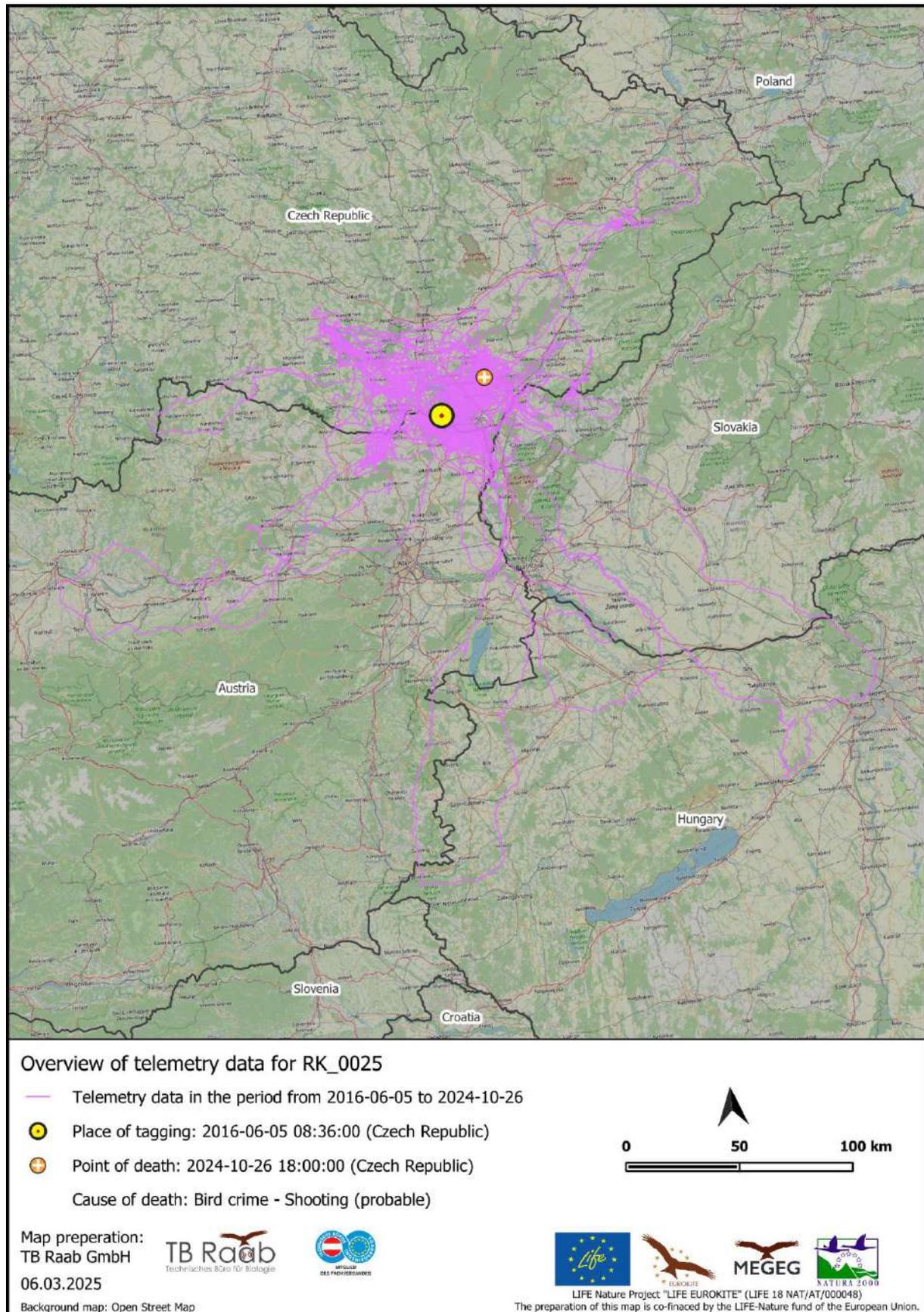


Figure 111: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0025.

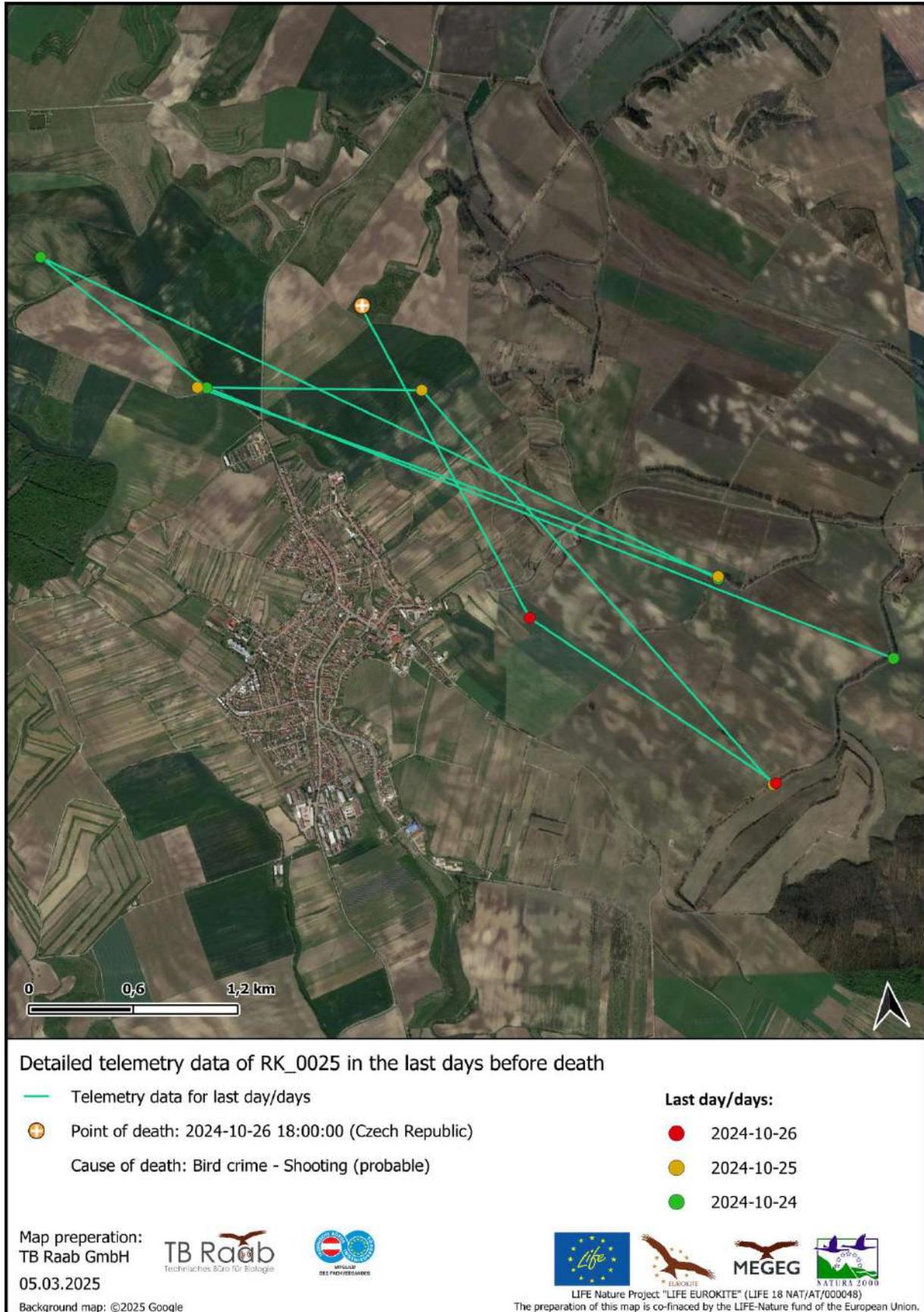


Figure 112: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0025 in the last days before death.

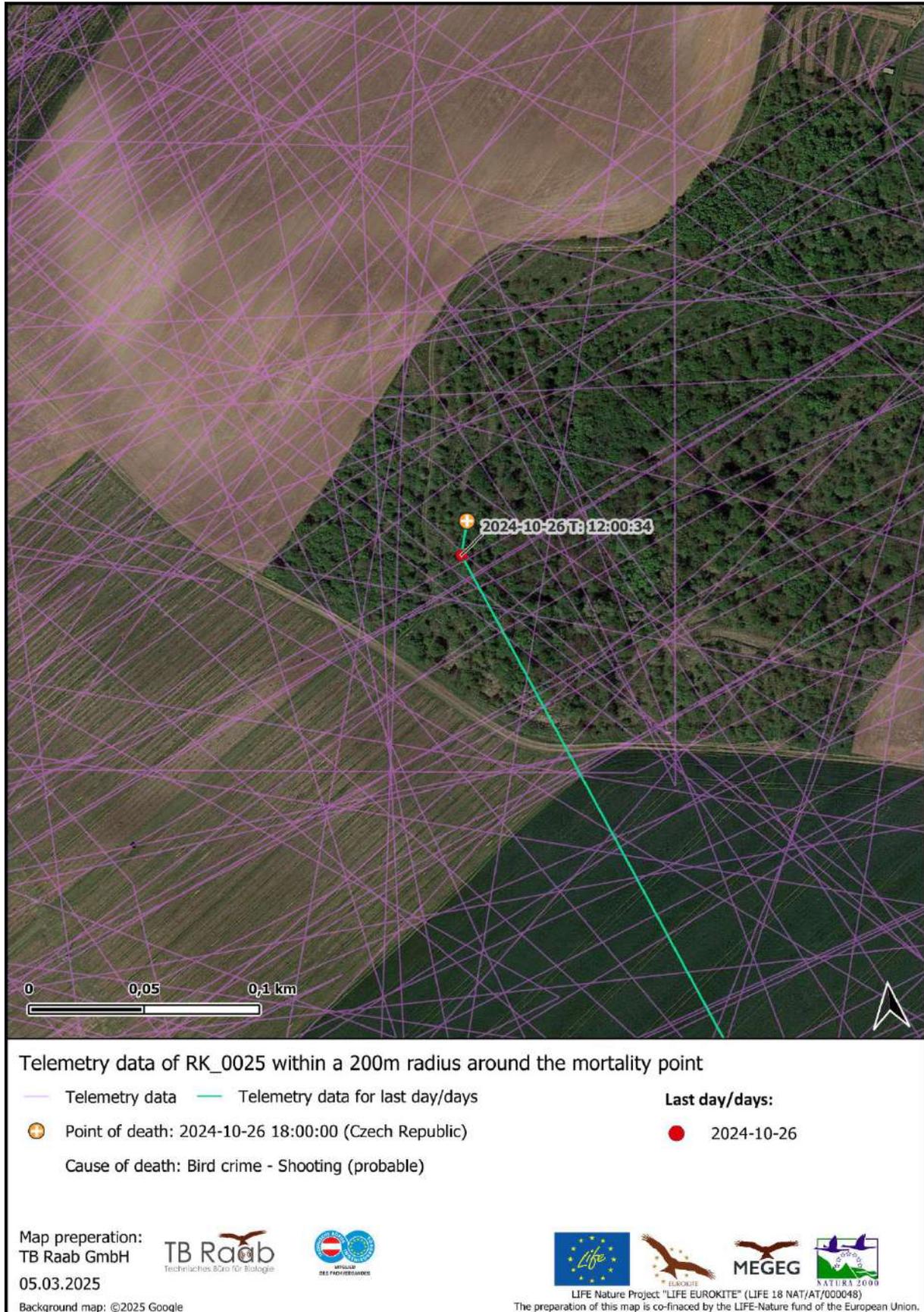


Figure 113: Telemetry data of RK_0025 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

3.3 Tagged individuals that have been trapped

The birds are listed in chronological order by Date of bird crime, commencing with the first recorded case.

RK_0115

General information about the bird

Name: Valtice_01

Species: Red kite

Birth date: 15.05.2017

Place of tagging: Valtice, Břeclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Date of tagging: 30.06.2017

Age at tagging: 1. CY

Origin of bird: Juvenile from nest

Ownership category: E_TBRAAB_1

Logger number: AUKI 40 – AAA 08 kite

Ring number: CT1911

Sex: Female

Bird crime information

Place of bird crime: Okres Břeclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic

Coordinates: 48,8448160, 16,7150329

Date of bird crime: 24.03.2021, 12:32:15 AM (UTC)

Age at bird crime (Days): 1.409

Age at bird crime: 5. CY

Responsible organization for the investigation: Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

Logger and/or bird found: Logger and bird found

Carcass state: Medium

Bird crime: Trapping

Certainty category: Probable

Additional information: Expert assessment (Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic). The bird probable killed by a person (perhaps with a machete according to its wounds) and the carrion was thrown at the place where it was found.

Investigation information

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Investigation: No

Police and/or authority investigation: No Police and authority informed

Legal proceeding: No

Conviction: No

If investigation stopped or no conviction was achieved, why?

No Police and authority informed



Figure 114: Above: Discovery situation of the red kite RK_0115, deceased on 24.03.2021 in Okres Břeclav, Jihovýchod, Czech Republic. Below: X-ray of the red kite RK_0115 © LIFE EUROKITE Archive (CSO)

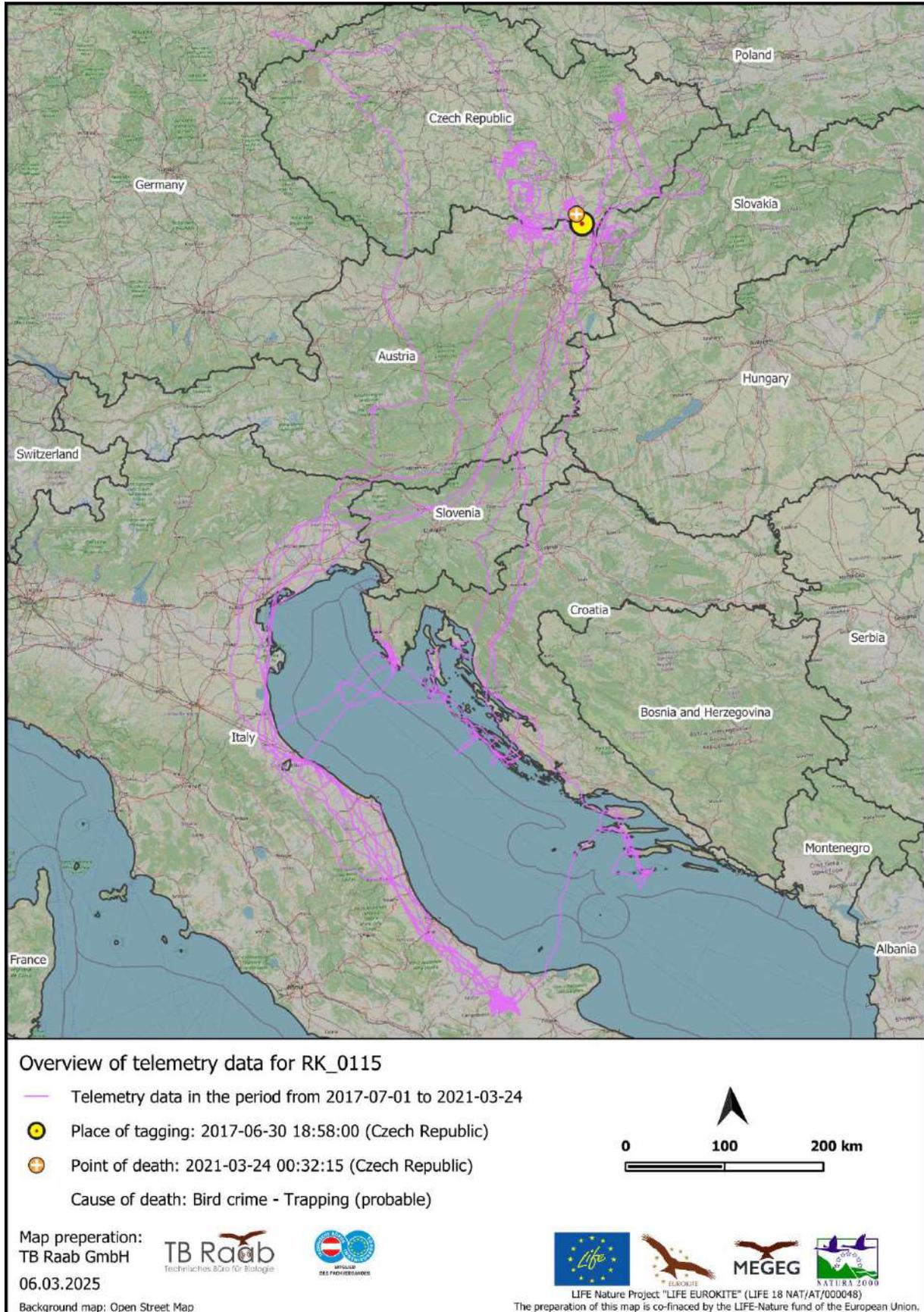


Figure 115: Overview of the telemetry data for RK_0115.

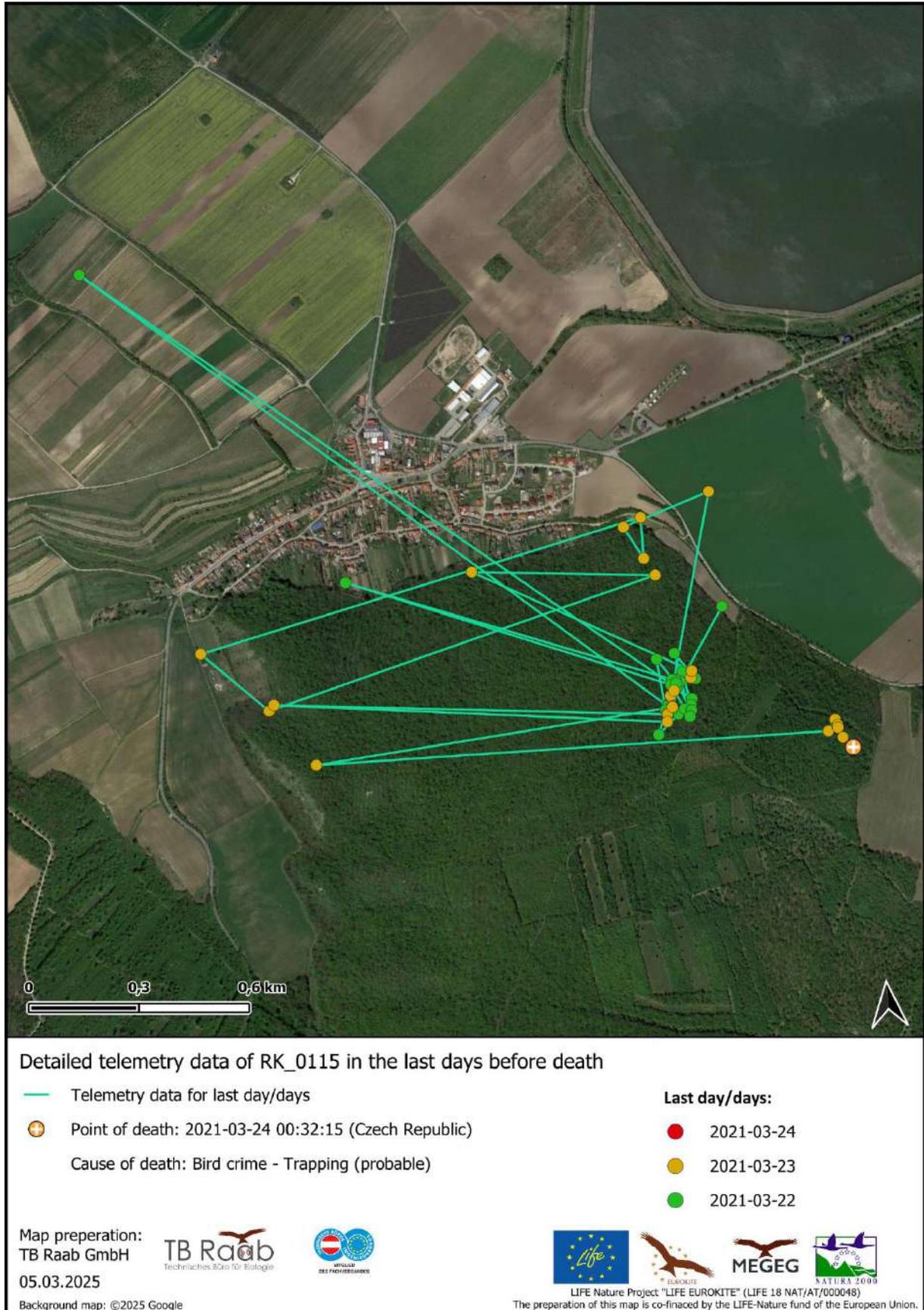


Figure 116: Detailed telemetry data of RK_0115 in the last days before death.

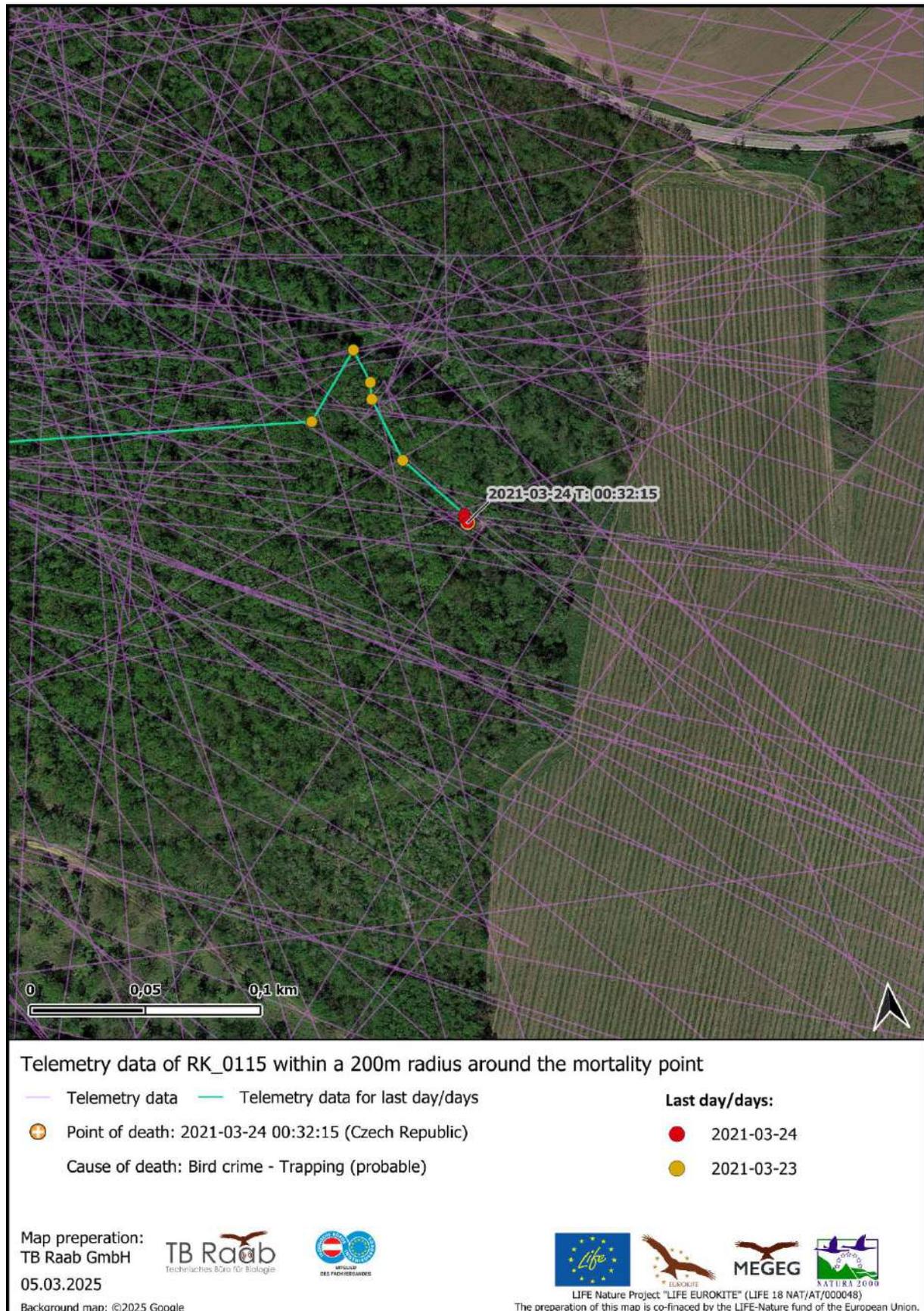


Figure 117: Telemetry data of RK_0115 within a 200m radius around the mortality point.

3.4 Summary of the Czech results

Please note, that due to different number of tagged birds per countries and especially the different density of red kites per country the results can differ significant per country. Therefore, these results do not provide any information about the statistical frequencies of illegal activities in the respective country.

The interim results of the LIFE EUROKITE (LIFE18 NAT/AT/000048) project 2020-2024 with additional results from 2013 onwards show, that in total 85 birds died in the Czech Republic. Of those, 31 tagged raptors (27 red kites, 2 imperial eagle and 2 white-tailed eagles) died due to illegal activities. Tagged individuals that died due to illegal activities were either poisoned (25), shot (5) or trapped (1) (Table 1 to Table 2 & Figure 121).

Table 1: Overview of the numbers of tagged birds which died due to bird crime in the Czech Republic.

Mortality reason	Imperial eagle	Red kite	White tailed eagle	Total
Bird crime - Shooting	-	5	-	5
Bird crime - Trapping	-	1	-	1
Bird crime - Poisoning	2	21	2	25
Total	2	27	2	31

Table 2: Overview of the districts where tagged birds died due to bird crime in the Czech Republic.

Federal State	Bird crime - Shooting	Bird crime - Trapping	Bird crime - Poisoning	Total
Central Bohemia Region (Střední Čechy)	-	-	4	4
Central Moravia Region (Střední Morava)	-	-	2	2
Northeast Region (Severovýchod)	1	-	4	5
South Moravia Region (Jihomoravský)	1	-	-	1
Southeast Region (Jihovýchod)	2	1	11	14
Southwest Region (Jihozápad)	1	-	2	3
Ústí nad Labem Region (Ústecký kraj)	-	-	1	1
Vysočina Region (Vysočina)	-	-	1	1
Total	5	1	25	31

Detected substances

Toxicological analysis of poisoned birds revealed the presence of 1 active substance. Carbofuran was detected in 12 out of 25 poisoned birds (Figure 118), the remaining 13 birds were either not analysed, or the detected substance was categorised as unknown.

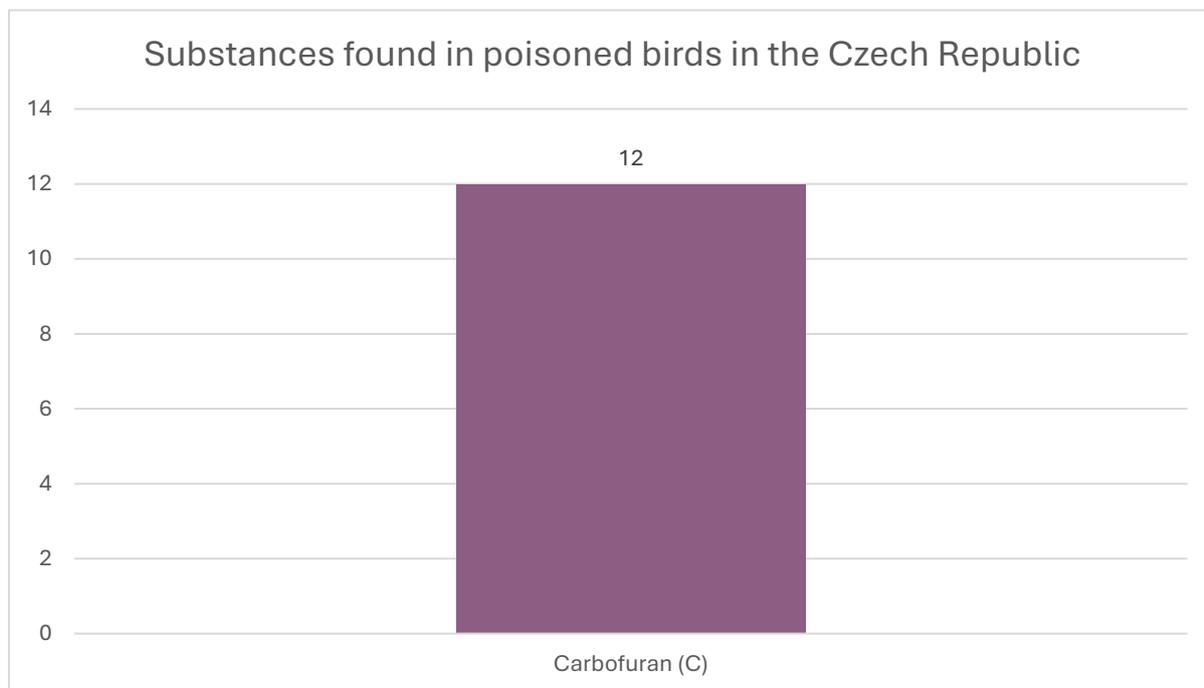


Figure 118: Substances detected (1 substance) in poisoned birds in the Czech Republic (12 toxicologically analysed birds with detected substances). In total, 25 birds were classified as poisoned based on field evidence and GPS data. Toxicological analyses were available for 12 individuals. The detected substance is classified into the following chemical groups: (C) carbamates.

Carbofuran is a carbamate which is not approved for use under current European legislation (European Parliament and Council of the European Union, 2009) (Table 3).

Table 3: Regulatory status and legal framework of not approved toxic substances detected in poisoned raptors in the Czech Republic tagged in the LIFE EUROKITE project (2013–2024) according to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and Council.

Substance	Status	Regulation	Legislation
Carbofuran	Not approved	Reg. (EC) No 1107/2009 (repealing Directive 91/414/EEC)	Reg. (EU) 2007/416

Substances confirmed as lethal

As mentioned above, most birds contained more than one toxic substance; however, not all detected toxins were identified as the direct cause of death. Toxicological analysis confirmed the presence of toxic substances in 12 birds, whereas in 13 cases poisoning was suspected but the responsible substance remained unknown. In 12 of the toxicologically analysed birds, toxicological threshold values were exceeded, allowing the lethal substance to be clearly identified. All 12 birds are confirmed to have died from Carbofuran exposure (Figure 119).

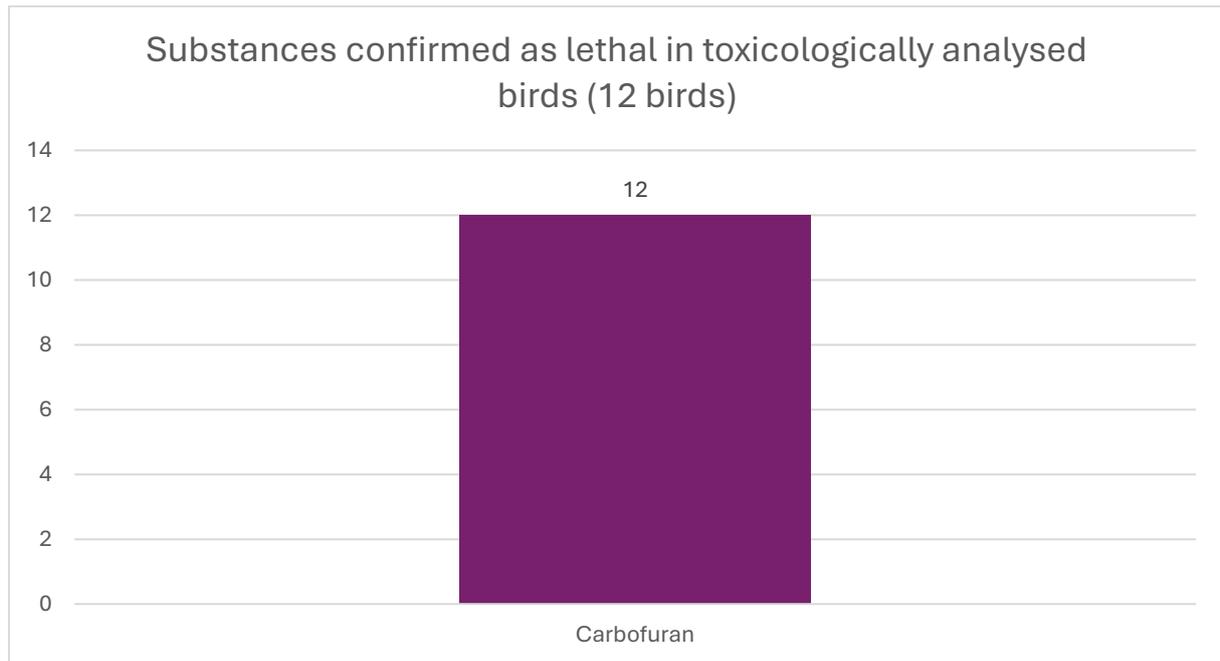


Figure 119: Toxic substances confirmed as lethal (1 substance) in poisoned birds in the Czech Republic. In total, 25 birds were classified as poisoned based on field evidence and GPS data. Toxicological analysis were available for 12 birds, all of which were confirmed to have died as a result of poisoning, with toxicological threshold values enabling the lethal substance to be clearly identified.

Assessment of intentional poisoning

Poisoning cases were evaluated using toxicological findings together with field observations. Birds were classified as intentionally poisoned when evidence clearly indicated deliberate poisoning, such as detection of substances banned in the European Union, discovery of poisoned bait near the carcass, the presence of multiple dead birds at the same site or when the perpetrator had been identified. When available evidence did not allow a clear determination of intentional poisoning, cases were classified as undefined. This group includes birds exposed to substances that are legally permitted in the EU (e.g. rodenticides, metaldehyde or cadmium), cases of secondary poisoning, birds recovered from landfill sites, and birds without toxicological examination. It also covers cases in which a detected substance was banned at the time of analysis but remained legally authorised when the poisoning event occurred. Overall, 12 of the 25

poisoned birds were classified as intentional poisoning cases, while 13 cases remained undefined.

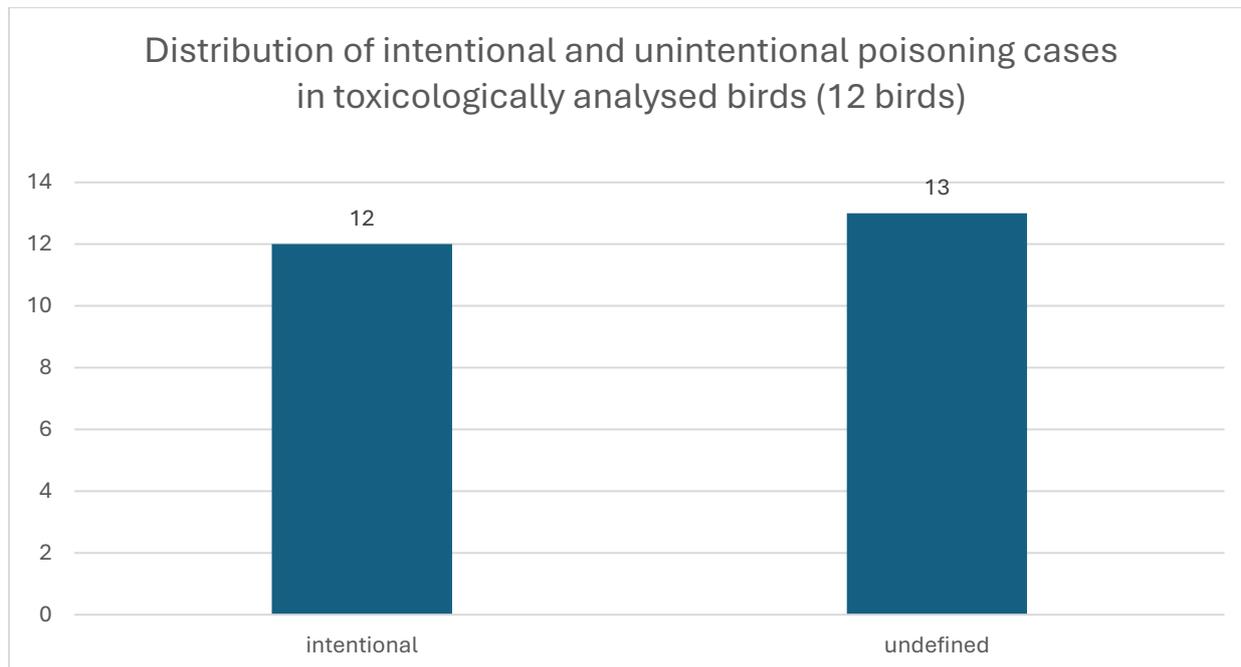


Figure 120: Number of poisoned birds classified as confirmed intentional poisoning or as cases with undetermined intent. Confirmed intentional poisoning includes cases involving toxic substances prohibited in the European Union, the presence of poisoned bait, multiple birds found dead at the same site or instances where the perpetrator has been identified. Cases with undetermined intent include birds exposed to legally permitted substances, secondary poisoning, landfill-related cases, or birds without toxicological analysis. Of the 25 poisoned birds in the Czech Republic, 12 were classified as confirmed intentional poisoning and 13 as cases with undetermined intent.

Results of the investigation

The results of the bird crime investigation and prosecution in the Czech Republic are presented below (Table 4, Table 5).

Table 4: Overview of Czech reporting of bird crimes to the police/authorities

Reporting to the police/authority	
Neither police nor authority informed	1
Police informed	14
Police and authority informed	6
No information received	10
Total	31

Table 5: Overview of the status of Czech investigation and prosecution measures for bird crime

	Investigation status	Prosecution status
No investigation/prosecution	1	8
Ongoing	3	1
Pending	-	2
Stopped	9	2
Completed	1	1
No information received	17	17
Total	31	31

In the Czech Republic only 1 case resulted in a conviction while in 30 cases, there was none. In the cases where no conviction occurred, sometimes neither the police nor an authority were informed, which may have impacted the legal process. For some cases, no information was received regarding the reason for the lack of conviction. In other cases, either no perpetrator could be identified or the reason for no conviction was due to too little evidence (Table 6).

In the one case, where a conviction was achieved, the following sentence was issued:

- 3-year sentence, which included 2 years of conditional postponement and a fine.

Table 6: Overview of the reasons, why there was no conviction of the bird crimes

Reason why there was no conviction	
Neither police nor authority informed	1
Too little evidence	1
No perpetrator identified	3
Legal proceeding ongoing	3
No information received	22
Total	30

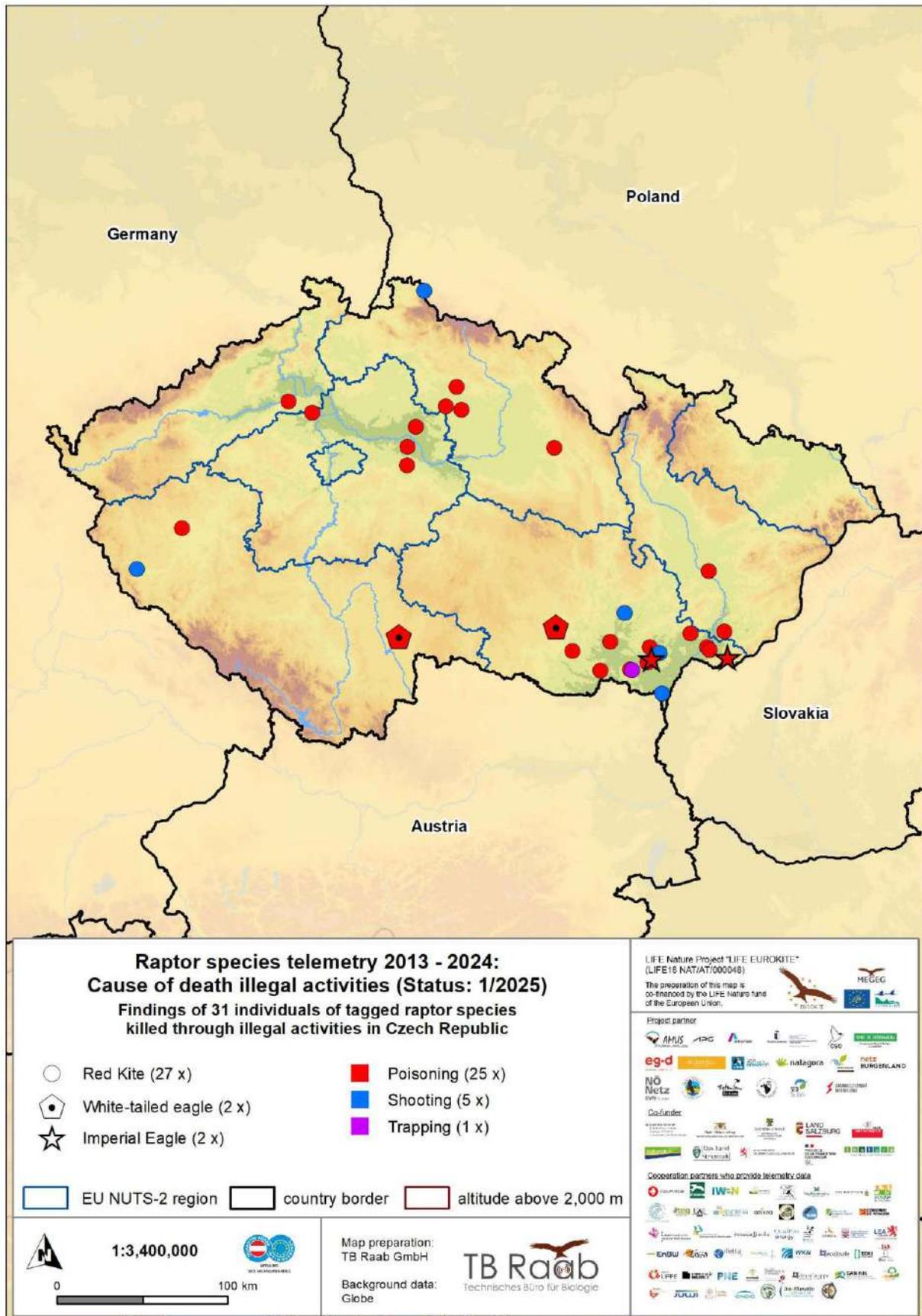


Figure 121: Map of tagged raptor species killed by illegal activities in the Czech Republic broken down by species, region and cause of death.

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5 List of tagged individuals which died in Czech Republic

Imperial Eagle

IE_0007.....	21
IE_0066.....	106

Red Kite

RK_0005.....	11
RK_0025.....	156
RK_0044.....	26
RK_0055.....	31
RK_0056.....	16
RK_0059.....	36
RK_0060.....	136
RK_0066.....	46
RK_0080.....	141
RK_0110.....	66
RK_0115.....	161
RK_0123.....	126
RK_0125.....	51
RK_0201.....	41
RK_0218.....	56
RK_0223.....	86
RK_0273.....	101
RK_0355.....	76
RK_0358.....	91
RK_0364.....	96
RK_0366.....	146
RK_0520.....	81
RK_0522.....	71
RK_1350.....	116
RK_1450.....	121
RK_1706.....	151
RK_1875.....	131

White-tailed eagle

WE_0008.....	111
WE_0013.....	61

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