



# **Vulture Multi-species Action Plan**

Middle East Regional Workshop – Sharjah, UAE



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## Critical/High threats Middle East

- Poisoning by poison baits
- Electrocutation
- Collision with energy infrastructure
- Availability of in situ food
- Disturbance
- Habitat loss (nesting sites)

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Species Action Plan

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B19 General awareness campaign

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	Actions	Category	Time-frame	Priority	Stakeholders
2	ve knowledge about culture populations				
3	Census 2017-2018 + census 2026-2027 all the 4 sp. Across the range and monitoring of breeding productivity	Research & Monitoring	1-10 years	High	NGOs and Governments
4	e poisoning with poison baits				
5	Review of legislation to make poison substances illegal (some countries)	Policy & Legislation	1-3 years	High	Governments
6	Review of legislation to create new punitive measures/sanctions	Policy & Legislation	1-3 years	High	Governments
7	Review of legislation to clarify competences (some countries)	Policy & Legislation	1-3 years	High	Governments
8	Use conventions (CMS + Bern-Tunis Action Plan) to pressure governments to follow/implement the guidelines	Policy & Legislation	1-3 years	High	Governments
9	Create capacities (training of law enforcement agencies, Training judges, prosecutors, anti-poisoning detection units, dogs, etc)	Action	1-3 years	High	Governments (with NGO support)
10	Secure adequate toxicological screening (protocols, etc)	Research & Monitoring	1-3 years	High	Governments (with NGO support)

## Action planning...



- **Research & Monitoring** – lots of actions, including on overlap between ungulates and vultures, rubbish dumps & vultures, tracking
- **Poisoning** – i) Legislation and regulations; ii) Capacity building and training (law enforcement agencies, judicial, field staff, wildlife centres, laboratory, rubbish dump); iii) Development and promotion of protocols for data collection and analysis; iv) Identification and support of anti-poison champions; iv) guidelines to solve the root causes – fox-feral dogs
- **Food** - supplementary feeding strategy-plan for the region key sites + promote reintroduction/restocking wild ungulates in key sites
- **Awareness** - several target groups, improve vulture image in the region & explain unique role and value in terms of ecosystem services

## Action Planning – Group 2

### Electrocution & Collisions with Energy Infrastructure

- COP7 Resolution 7.21
- Monitoring protocols and implementation
- Determine impact across the region
- Sensitivity mapping
- Planning and routing – EIA's
- Retrofitting and use of safe structures
- Making structures more visible
- Involving utilities – monitoring and implementation of measures
- Develop and promote cost-benefit models
- Investigate new technology with less impact on soaring birds – wind-turbines



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### Disturbance and Loss of Nesting Sites

- Identify and map sensitive sites for protection
- Implement and enforce appropriate legislation to protect sites – sensitive zoning/buffers
- Alternative methods – wood for fuel, shelter
- Create suitable habitat – planting of trees, grazing regimes
- Vultures considered in development planning – permitting in sensitive zones



## **Regional Coordination and MsAP Implementation**

- Any on-going project that overlap with MsAP?
- Synergies with existing CMS or other multilateral initiatives?
- Coordination structures
- How to engage to governments?
- Monitoring and evaluation.
- Fundraising? Any donors for actions listed?
- Communications.







Action Plans do not conserve  
species...

...ACTIONS do

Our Action Plan is just the  
beginning.....