

# Newsletter

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#### Welcome,

To our fourth e-newsletter on the <u>Egyptian Vulture New LIFE</u> project. 2020 has been a difficult year for the whole world, not only for humans but also for endangered species. Get acquainted with the most interesting activities for the conservation of the Egyptian vulture of 20 partners from 14 countries and 3 continents for the period April 2020 – December 2020.

We wish humanity and nature a happy and healthy 2021! Egyptian vulture New LIFE team

# **NEOPHRONOLOGY**

#### Research



Ethnographic study along the flyway of an endangered migratory species: the Egyptian vulture

#### **MONITORING**

#### **Breeding**



Optimistic results from the monitoring of the Egyptian vulture in the Balkans in 2020.



A long-lasting mystery finally revealed in the Eastern Rhodopes!



Four new Egyptian
vulture's territories: three
in Bulgaria and one in
Greece!



Hope for the
endangered vultures of
Meteora - An immature
Egyptian vulture was
observed after many
years in the area!



The mobile application
SmartBirdsPro adapted
for the wildlife of
Albania.

# Migration



Sarimazi Raptor Count 2020



Raptor Count 2019 in Lebanon



Egyptian Vulture migration monitoring on Antikythira Island, Greece 2020.

# Wintering



<u>Congregations and threats for the migratory Egyptian vultures in Saudi Arabia</u>.

# **INVESTIGATION AND MITIGATION OF THREATS**

### **Poisons**



An Egyptian vulture's family died in the Eastern Rhodopes Mountain, Bulgaria.



An iconic Egyptian Vulture found its death in Chad.





Survey on the threats for the Egyptian vulture in Suez, Egypt.



<u>Public consultation of the national</u> <u>Antipoison strategy in Bulgaria</u>.



The impact of the use of pesticides in the Egyptian vulture in Bulgaria.



Results from the gap analysis report on the Albanian legislation and publicly available information regarding the agricultural chemicals.



Results of the desk-based study about the Veterinary Medical Products in Albania.



Results of The Desk-based Studies
Regarding the Legislation for
Veterinary Medical Products and
Pesticides in North Macedonia.



Pilot testing of fladry fencing to protect livestock animals.



<u>Pilot testing of fladry fencing and fox</u> <u>lights to protect livestock in Epirus</u>.



<u>Can a piece of rope with coloured</u> <u>flags stop a wolf?</u>



Egyptian vulture and poisoning in Albania: A destructive practice PPNEA is trying to address.



A short story, but a longlasting relationship: the "Savers of the Egyptian vulture" in Albania.

# **Energy infrastrucutre**



The heartbreaking story of 'Polya': A very promising future killed by electrocution.



<u>Crucial steps towards bird-safe</u> <u>energy infrastructure in Ethiopia</u>.



Hotspots for Bird Mortality due to Electric Infrastructure found in Saudi Arabia.



A preliminary survey to assess the Impact of electricity power grids post-construction on migratory soaring birds in the Rift Valley in Egypt.



Electrocution survey in Syria.



More dangerous for the vultures electric poles retrofitted in the Eastern Rhodopes Mountains, Bulgaria.

# **Direct persecution & trafficking**



<u>The incredible journey of Anahita, an Egyptian Vulture victim of a new pandemic: illegal killing.</u>



<u>GPS-tagged Egyptian Vulture 'Loma'</u> <u>lost in Iraq</u>.



<u>Taking Action against Illegal Wildlife</u> <u>Trade in Africa</u>.



<u>Illegal killing and use of vultures in traditional practices in Niger.</u>



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Develop the local capacity to combat illegal killing and trafficking of vultures in Niger.



CITES handbook, a strong tool to raise capacities and prevent bird crime phenomena in Albania.

# **Supplementary Feeding & Nest Guarding**



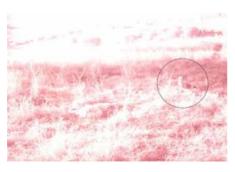
<u>New supplementary feeding station in Epirus provides Egyptian vultures with safe food.</u>



This year the vulture restaurant
Vitachevo, located in Republic of
North Macedonia is officially open for
business.



The success of supplementary feeding stations in Albania.



What happens with the new feeding site in the Eastern Rhodopes in 2020?



The nest guarding campaign during the cataclysmic 2020.



Action to save the juvenile of the new Egyptian vulture pair from Northern Bulgaria.

#### REINFORCEMENT PROGRAMME

# **Captive Breeding Pool**



A new member of the Egyptian vultures' group in the Rescue Centre!



An Egyptian vulture hatched at the Green Balkans Rescue Centre.



<u>Check-ups of the Egyptian vultures</u> in the Rescue Centre!

#### **Experimental Releasing**



The Restocking in the Balkans - Season 3



Three young Egyptian vultures are already flying freely in the skies of the Eastern Rhodopes.



Another Egyptian vulture with a mission to help its species through an experimental method.



<u>The young Egyptian Vulture Fer died</u> <u>in Turkey</u>.



The fifth hero that overcame the dangerous Mediterranean - the Egyptian vulture Simeon.

# A Mile for the Egyptian Vulture



The Great Ethiopian Run 2020 to support Bird Conservation Efforts in Ethiopia.



The team of the Egyptian Vulture at the international race "On the traces of heroes" in Greece.

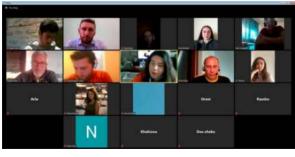


GjiroRun: A local marathon for the Egyptian vulture in Albania.

### **Environmental education**



Awareness Program Activities about Egyptian Vulture in Jordan.



AOS helps in formalizing the Egyptian Vulture Conservation Youth Club in Gjirokastra.



Wildlife conservation at a young age in Albania.



Continuation of awareness-raising activities for the young people of Kelle.



Giving life to the

Egyptian vulture: E
Learning and

conservation actions.

### **NETWORKING & SHARING EXPERIENCE**



The webinar: "The Magic of Migration: Actions that keep migratory birds flying across borders".



A webinar on Agriculture and
Conservation of Migratory Soaring
Birds along the Rift Valley/Red
Sea Flyway



Egyptian Vulture New LIFE project participated at the closing congress of the LIFE PLUTO Project.

#### **EVENTS**















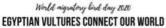
The "Egyptian Vulture New LIFE" project celebrated the International Vulture Awareness Day with an international webinar and events on three continents.



Raising Awareness on "Migratory Birds and their Flyways" in Celebration of WMBD.



World Migratory Bird Day 2020 -Birds Connect Our World.





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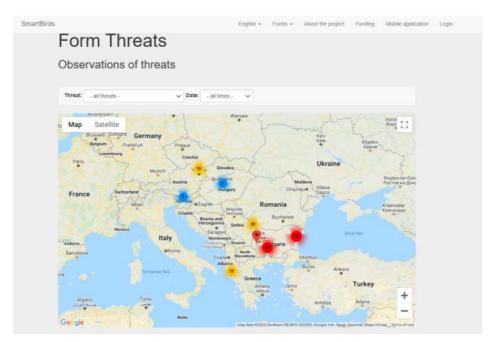


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#### THINGS TO SHARE



Do not miss the opportunity to follow the journey of our tagged Egyptian vultures in real-time: <a href="http://www.lifeneophron.eu/#transmitters">http://www.lifeneophron.eu/#transmitters</a>



<u>Check out our new map</u> about the threats for the Egyptian vulture and other birds of prey!



IVAD 2020 Egyptian Vulture webinar



WMBD 2020 Egyptian vulture New LIFE challenge: Can we outrun

real-time migrating Egyptian vultures?



WMBD 2020 webinar: "Community Based Approach to Conserve the Migratory Egyptian Vulture"



Nomads of the Bolkar Mountain, Turkey