

# BAN DEADLY DICLOFENAC



Nowhere has the absence of vultures been felt more than in India.

Asian vulture populations crashed following the use of a fatal drug, diclofenac. Now banned in India,

it is still in use in parts of Europe and Africa today.

Diclofenac is lethal to vultures – ban its veterinary use now.

# NO TO TOXIC NSAIDs

## Don't repeat past mistakes

- Veterinary use of a common anti-inflammatory drug, *diclofenac*, has wiped out 40 million vultures across Asia.
- Thankfully such use was banned by governments across India, Pakistan & Nepal in 2006, and more recently in Bangladesh, Iran and Cambodia.
- The **CMS Vulture Multi-species Action Plan** lists minimising Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drug (NSAID)-related vulture mortality as a priority conservation action.
- Yet *diclofenac* has recently been licensed in several European countries, and is likely being widely used across Africa.

## Save vultures from extinction

- Effective, cheap and vulture-safe alternatives including *meloxicam* and probably *tolfenamic acid* are easily available.
- **Ensure** vulture safety-testing is carried out for veterinary NSAIDs ahead of them being licenced.
- **Withdraw** licencing for the veterinary use of vulture-toxic NSAIDs (incl. *diclofenac*, *flunixin*, *ketoprofen*, *nimesulide*, *aceclofenac*, *carprofen*) within vulture range states, to save vultures, maintaining their role in cleaning the environment.
- **Implement** resolution included in UNEP/CMS/COP13/ Doc.26.1.3 - Preventing Poisoning of Migratory Birds.

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