



Vulture Multi-species Action Plan European Regional Workshop

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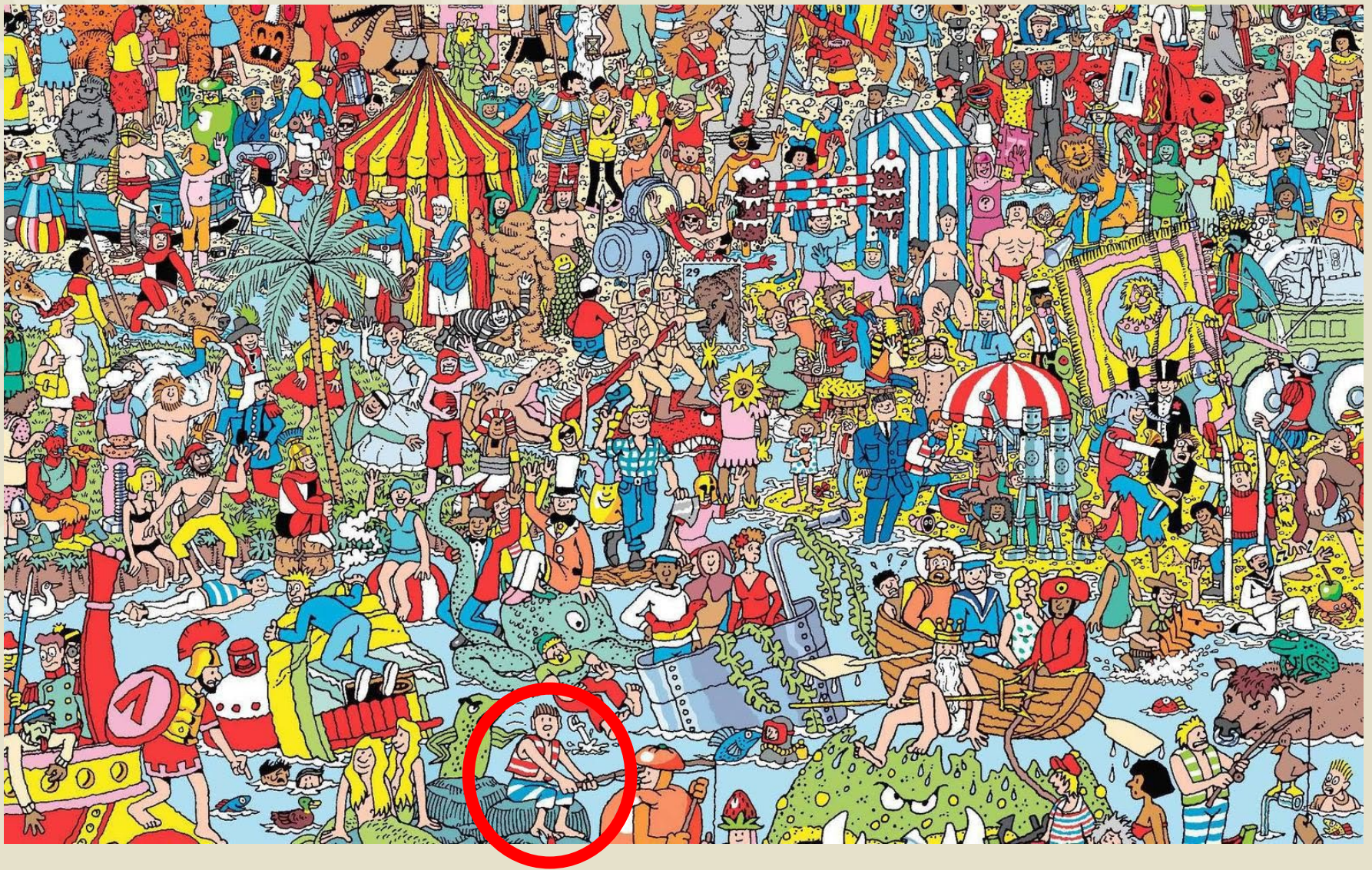


Workshop purpose, methodology and outcomes

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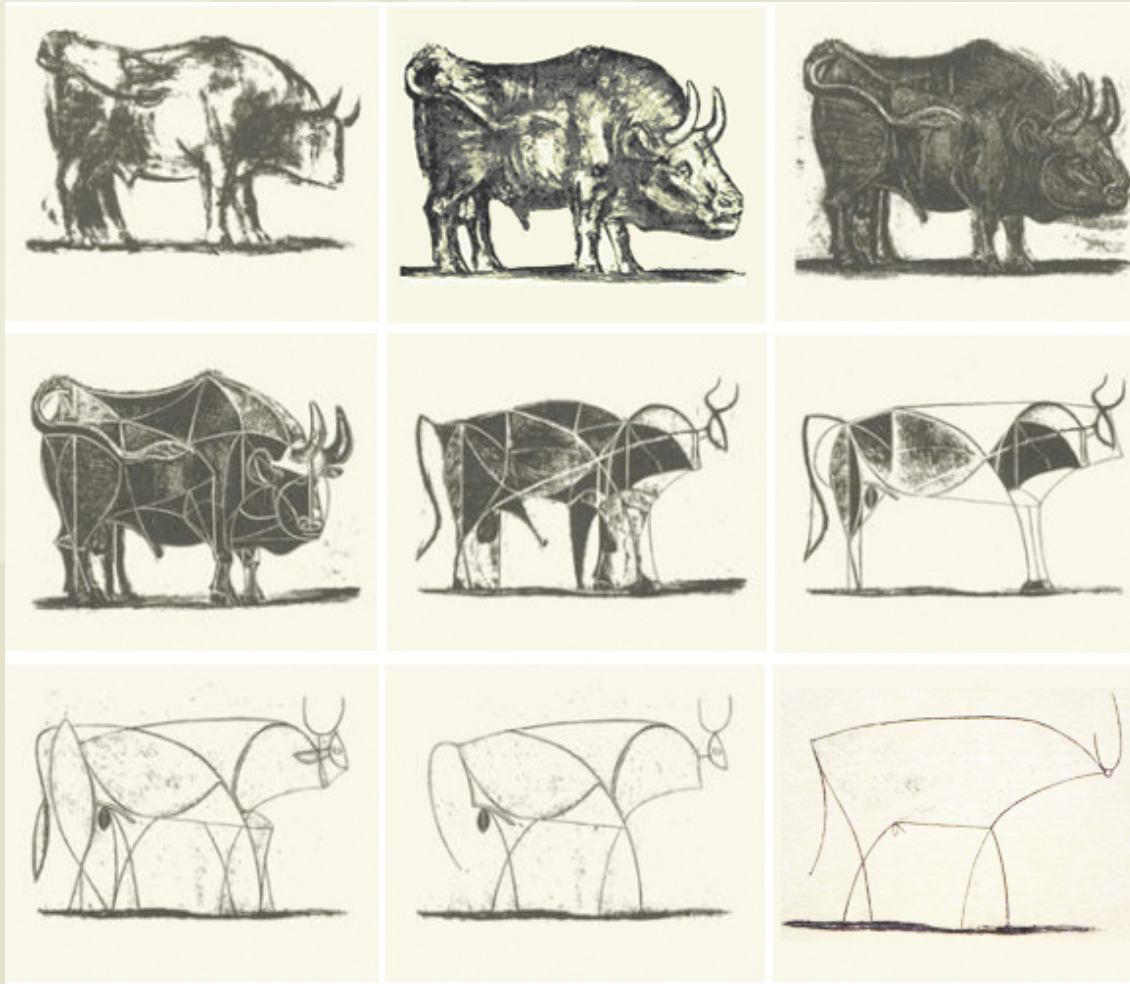
Introduction

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Where is Waldo?

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The Bull (Pablo Picasso 1945)

Workshop goal No. 1

Understand deeply: the reasons for vulture declines, and the possible mechanisms for recovery

1. Extract the essential information from a complex picture
2. Get to the core issues (grab the Bull by the horns)
3. Acknowledge bias – and filter it out

Objectivity = Open mind + \sum Evidence (Facts – Knowledge gaps)

Workshop goal No. 2

Develop and agree on a strategic and focused approach to vulture recovery work for the region

1. Generate a lot of ideas for actions, choose the key ones objectively
2. Take decisions on priority actions (grab the Bull by the horns)
3. Recognize and learn from mistakes, correct and improve current work

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to continue that counts.”
– **Winston Churchill**

Working process

Threats analysis

Clear definition
of threats

Threats
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Drivers, actors and
root causes

Strategy and focus
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Action planning

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(Population level)
Results
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Actions, time-
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Are objectives and
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The image features a light beige background with two bird silhouettes. One bird is in the foreground, shown in profile with its wings spread wide, facing right. A second bird is positioned behind it, also in flight. The word "Threats" is centered in a dark green, sans-serif font.

Threats

How are we going to analyze them?

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Group work

Poisoning (Jose Tavares)	Collison and electrocution (Ivan Ramirez)
Food and habitat loss (Boris Barov)	Other threats (Jovan Andevski)

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Recorders
Time keepers
Reporters

- Brainstorm – all ideas count
- Debate – focus on priorities
- Keep moving – don't get stuck on details, review
- Record accurately and in full detail
- Report to plenary

Threats categorization and analysis

- Clear and specific definition of each direct threat
- Rank by order of impact (scope, timing, severity)

THREATS (DIRECT)	SCOPE	SEVERITY	TIMING	IMPACT	RANK
Poisoning (persecution of predators)	3	3	3	9	I
Poisoning of scavengers	2	3	3	8	II
Veterinary drugs (intoxication)	3	1	3	7	II
Lead poisoning	3	2	3	8	I
Poisoning (secondary e.g. rodenticides)	2	3	1	6	II
Electrocution	3	2	2	7	II
Collision with windfarms	2	2	1	5	I

Threats categorization and analysis

- How do we know? (evidence and gaps)
- Integration across countries and species

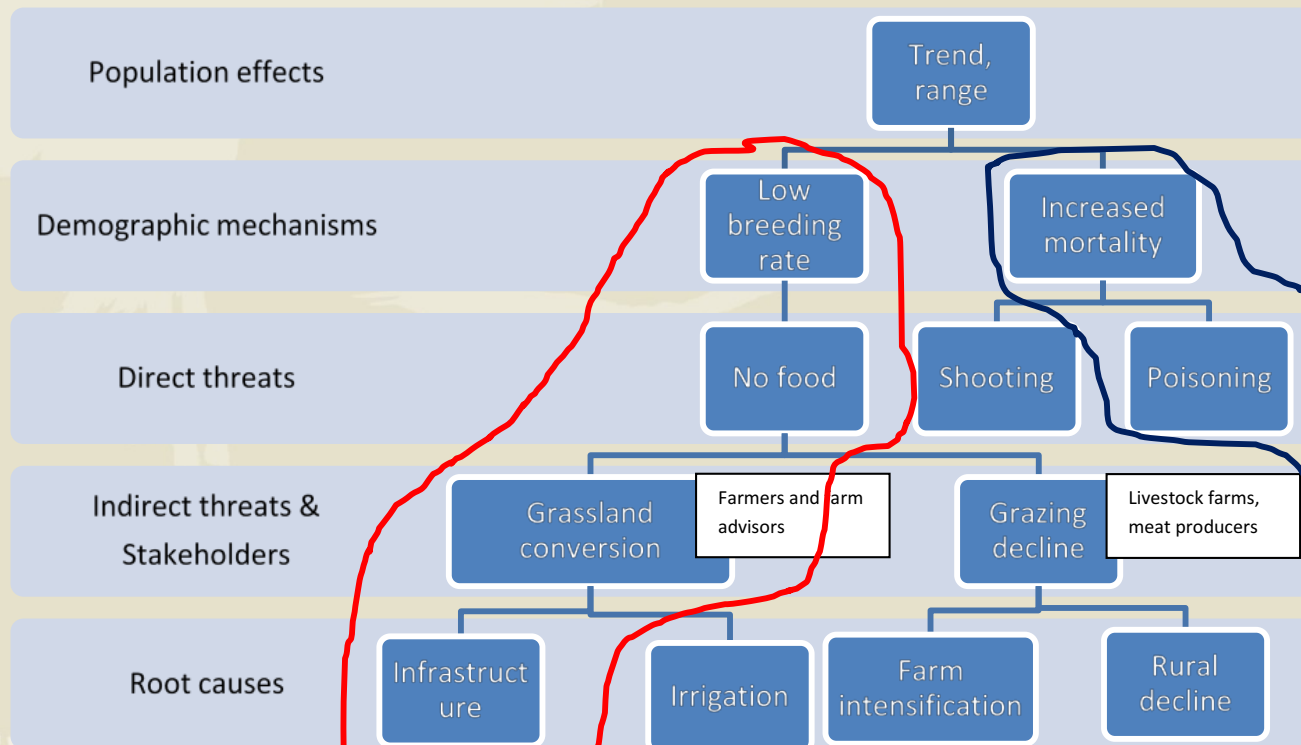
Threat definition:	Scope	Severity	Time	Overall impact	Rank	Evidence	Gaps
Poisoning baits (predator control)	2	3	3	Critical	1	Good	Reporting, investigations
Poisoning (rubbish dump sanitation)	1	2	3	High	2	Good	Legislation enforcement
Poisoning lead	1	1	3	Unknown	3	Little	Methodology

- Scope:
- a) In how many countries does the threat occur?
 - b) Are key populations affected?

Threats categorization and analysis

- Link to clear drivers and root causes
- Actors and reasons for behavior specified

=> **Decision on course of action based on the above**





Framework for action

From threats to realistic solutions

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Goals and objectives



General for MsAP

1. To rapidly halt current population declines in all species covered by the Vulture MsAP;
2. To reverse recent population trends to bring the conservation status of each species back to a favourable level; and
3. To provide conservation management guidelines applicable to all Range States covered by the Vulture MsAP



Specific for the region

Per species

- Egyptian Vulture: halt
- Black and bearded: increase, expand
- Griffon: maintain, consolidate

Per sub-region/country

- Coordination and focus
- Transfer capacity and knowledge
- Life-cycle and flyways

Per management issue

- Threat reduction
- Research
- Gap filling

Action Planning



- What is the result that you want to achieve in terms of each key threat?
- What specific actions are needed to address the threat?
- Within what timeframe should this be achieved?
- Who will be responsible for implementation?
- What indicators of success should be monitored and evaluated and when?

Action Time-frame



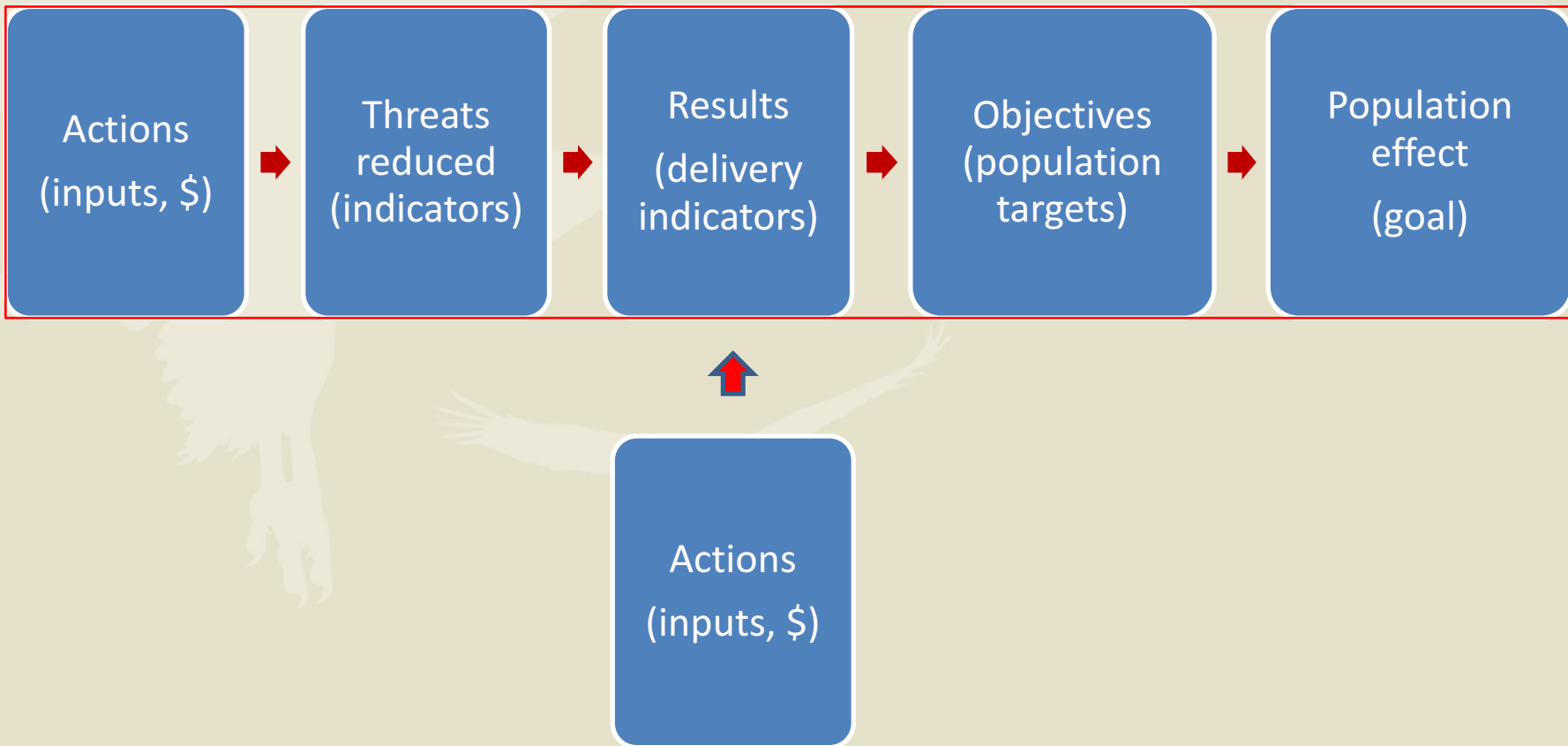
- General MsAP time-frame – 10 years
- Adoption at COP12 – October 2017
- Implementation – 2018-2027
- Timescale to use:
 - Short term – 1-3 years
 - Medium term – 4-6 years
 - Long term – 7-10 years

Action prioritization

- Linked to threat priority
- Categories to use:
 - Essential – impossible without it
 - High importance – wide effect
 - Focused – targets a specific issue/population
 - Generic – applies to all species
- Take into account feasibility
- Integration across countries and species concerned



Intervention logic



Action framework

Objectives	Objective 1 (Objectively verifiable indicator)		
Results	Result 1		
Actions	Action 1	Action 2	Action 3
Time-frame	Short term	Medium term	Long term
Scope	Country A, B, C ...	Species A	e.g. European Union
Responsible organisation(s)	Local environment authorities	Organisation X	European Commission
Inputs	Funding X, XX, XXX? Sources?	Research on Y, Monitoring data annually	Support by member state governments

Multi-species vs. Single species action plans

- Synergies and complementarity of actions
 - Clustering and focus on common issues of great importance
 - More efficient use of resources and coordination
 - Address common drivers of threats
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- Maintain overview
 - Keep track of differences and specifics



“If everyone is moving forward together,
then success takes care of itself.”

- **Henry Ford**

“Take time to deliberate; but when the time
for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.”

- **Napoleon Bonaparte**

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