



the return of the Neophron



Egyptian Vulture Flyway Action Plan

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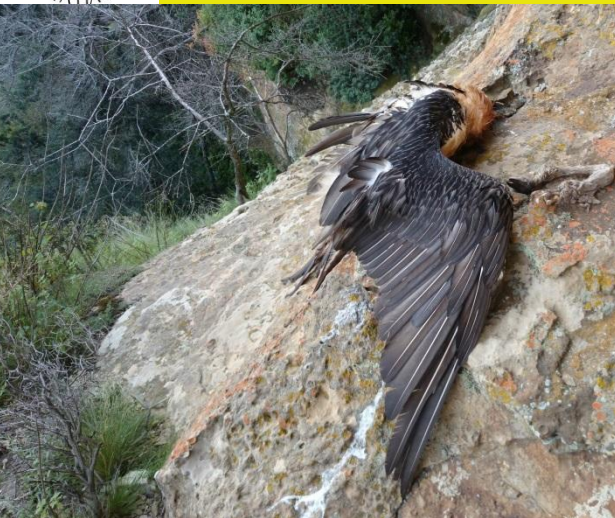
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„The Return of the Neophron“
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Once upon a time...



What is to be a vulture nowadays?

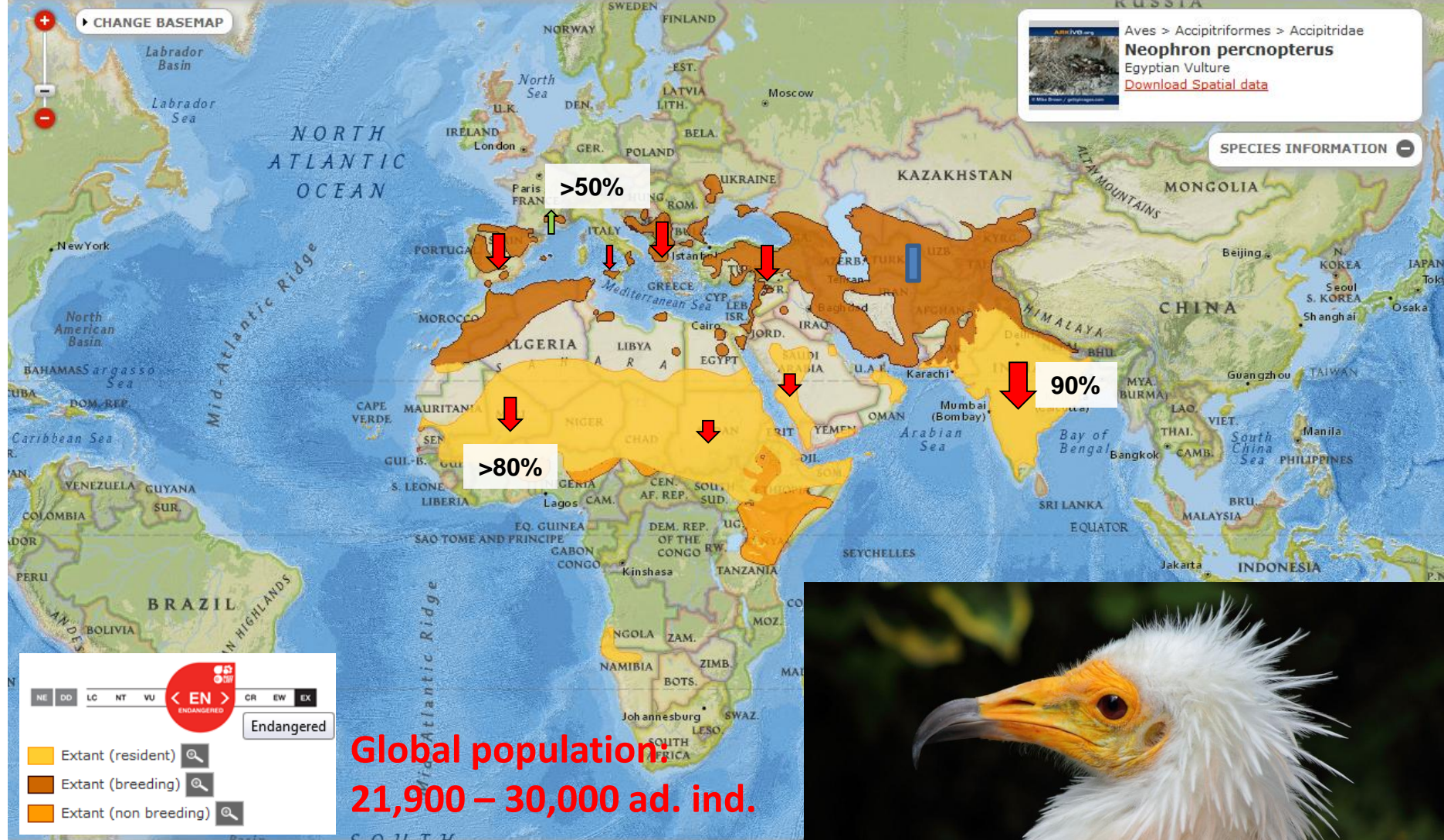


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At the edge of extinction



Aves > Accipitriformes > Accipitridae
Neophron percnopterus
 Egyptian Vulture
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SPECIES INFORMATION

Global population:
21,900 – 30,000 ad. ind.



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Период: 2011-2016

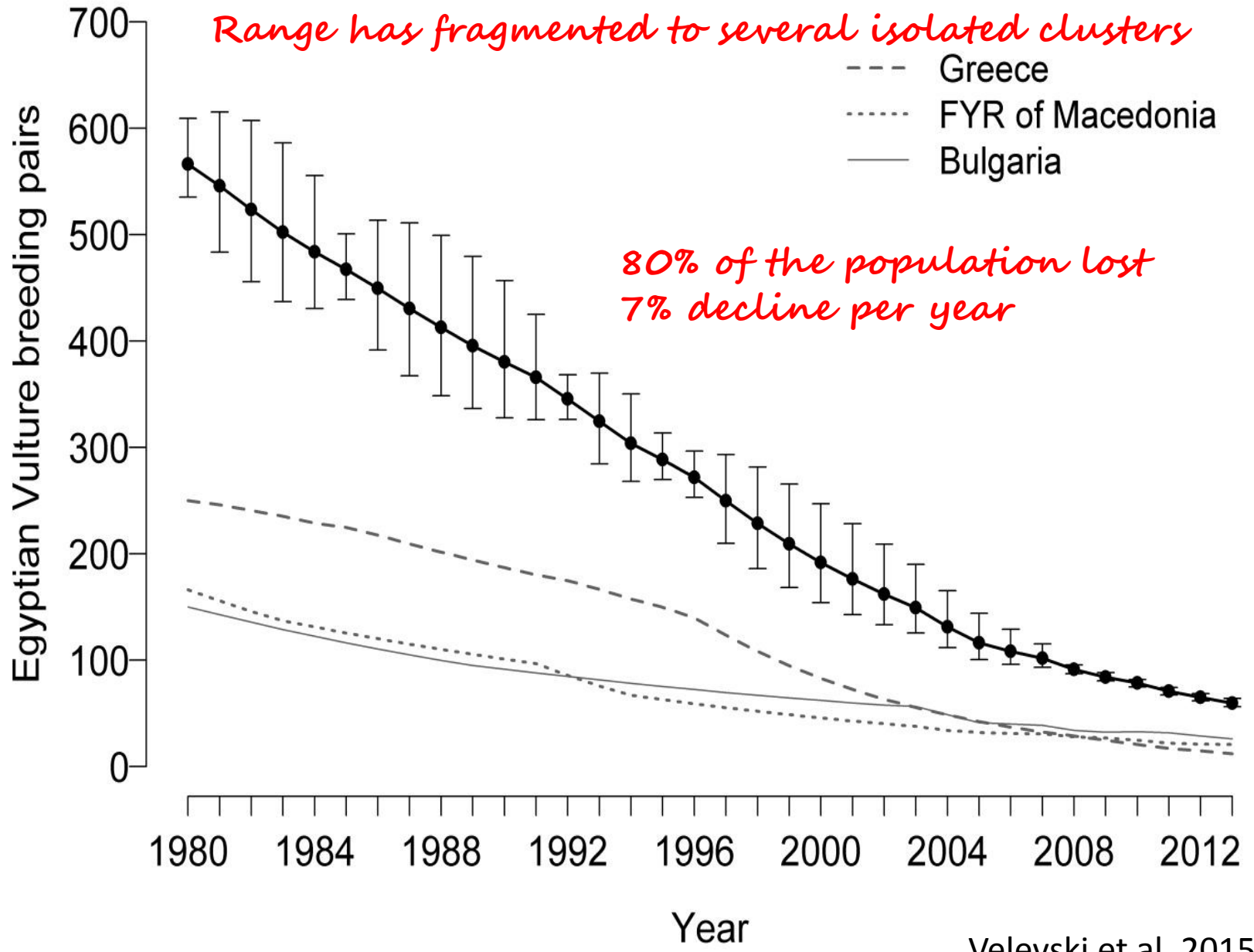
Партньори: БДЗП, НОС, WWF & RSPB

Цел: да предотврати изчезването на египетския лешояд от България и Гърция

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Status on the Balkans in the last 30 years





Hypotheses:

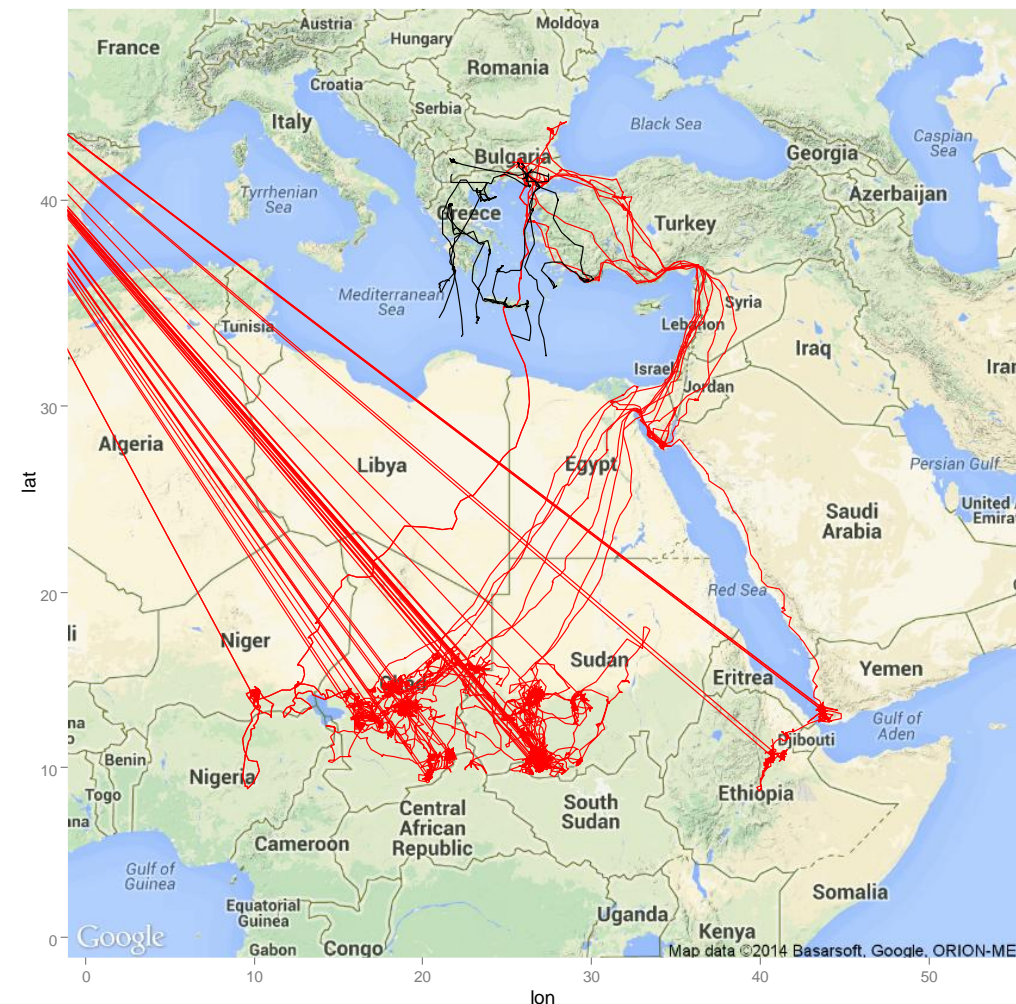
- Emigration? (low probability)
- Decreased productivity
- Increased mortality on breeding sites or along flyway

And what are the factors behind this?

What we have found?

- Productivity - similar to the mean in Europe
- Habitat model – there is no strong environmental factor effect on territory occupancy and breeding success
- Diet - no diet limitations on reproductive output
- Poisoning is threat No1 on the Balkans but has no systematic effect all over the range (while trends are similar)
- Toxicological and genetic studies did not find evidence for bad health condition of the population

NB: Population declines could be caused by adult and juvenile mortality away from breeding grounds



- **Natural barriers**
(the sea)
- **Poisoning**
(to control feral dogs;
and by poachers)
- **Electrocution**
- **Direct persecution**
(traditional medicine;
transmitters)



Range: Balkans, Central Asia, Middle East, Africa

Aim: draft the EVFAP

Attendees: 70 people from 33 countries





- **Methodology:** questionnaires, WG
- **Shared knowledge:** gaps, threats, priorities, actions
- **Declaration:** ensure fundraising for EVFAP, network sustainability and delivery of the conservation outcomes agreed
- **Coordinating group set:** 5 members (CU Raptors MoU coordinating)
- **EVFAP draft:** still under preparation



- ***EVFAP draft ready (October 2015)***
- ***Comments from stakeholders (November 2015)***
available at www.LifeNeophron.eu
- ***Comments from CMS (December 2015)***
- ***Final EVFAP draft ready*** and start of its distribution (**January 2016**)

Thank you for your attention!

Will our children know what is an Egyptian vulture?

THE RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ALL OF US!

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