

# CMS/Raptors MoU Vulture Working Group



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# IUCN Red list status of the Africa's vultures (Mundy, 2012)

	1979	1985	1994	2000	2001	2011	2014	2015
Cape Griffon	VU	Rare <sup>1</sup>	Rare	VU		VU	VU	EN
Ruppell's Griffon						NT	EN	CE
Eurasian Griffon								
African W-b Vulture						NT	EN	CE
Hooded Vulture						EN	EN	CE
Lappet-faced Vulture				VU		VU	VU	EN
White-headed Vulture						VU	VU	CE
Cinereous Vulture			VU	NT		NT	NT	
Bearded Vulture							LC (Africa?)	NT
Egyptian Vulture						EN	EN	CE
Palm-nut Vulture							LC	

1. Rare- "small world population..not at present EN or VU, but are at risk"







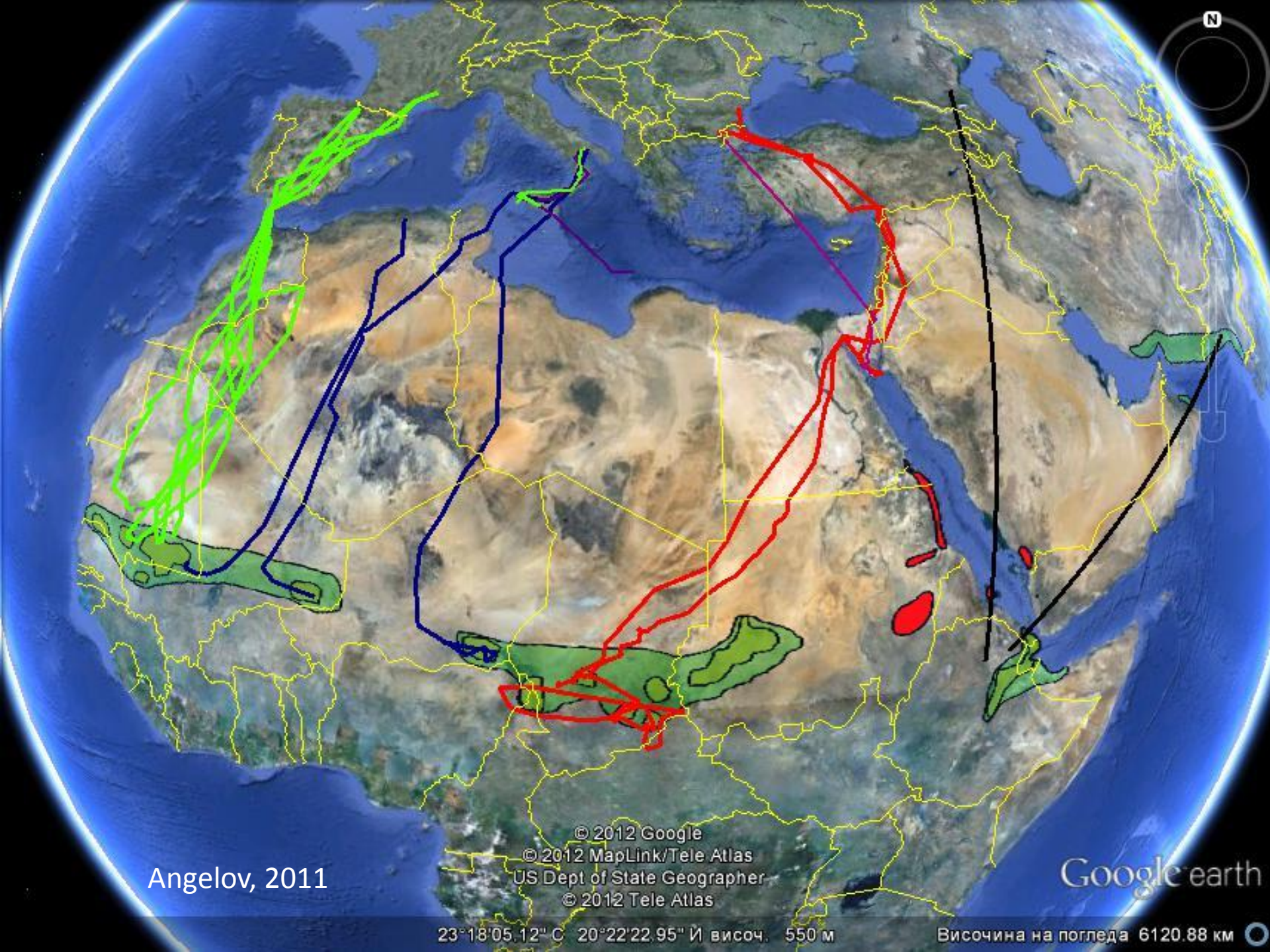
# Other lethal chemical substances



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Angelov, 2011

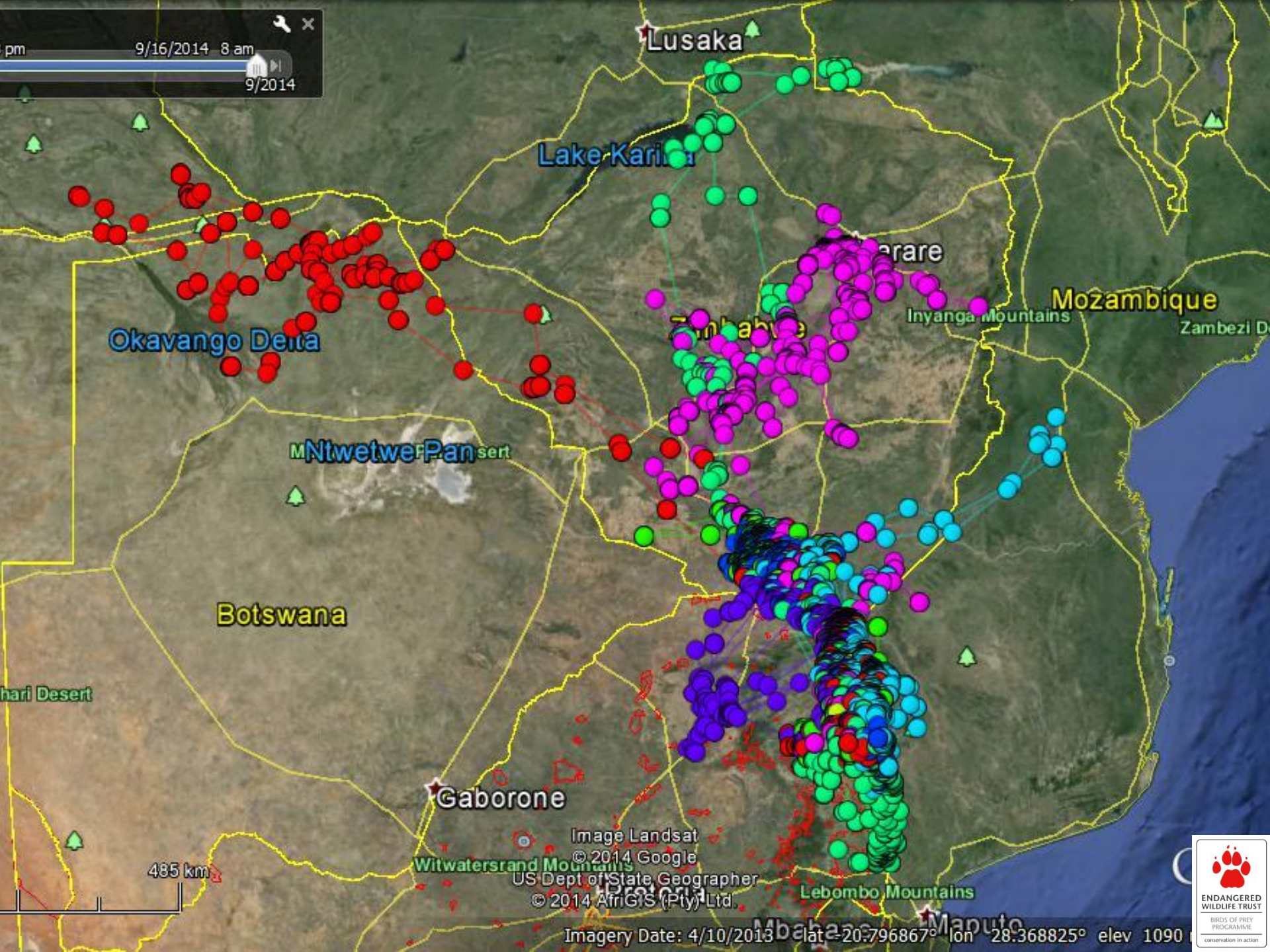
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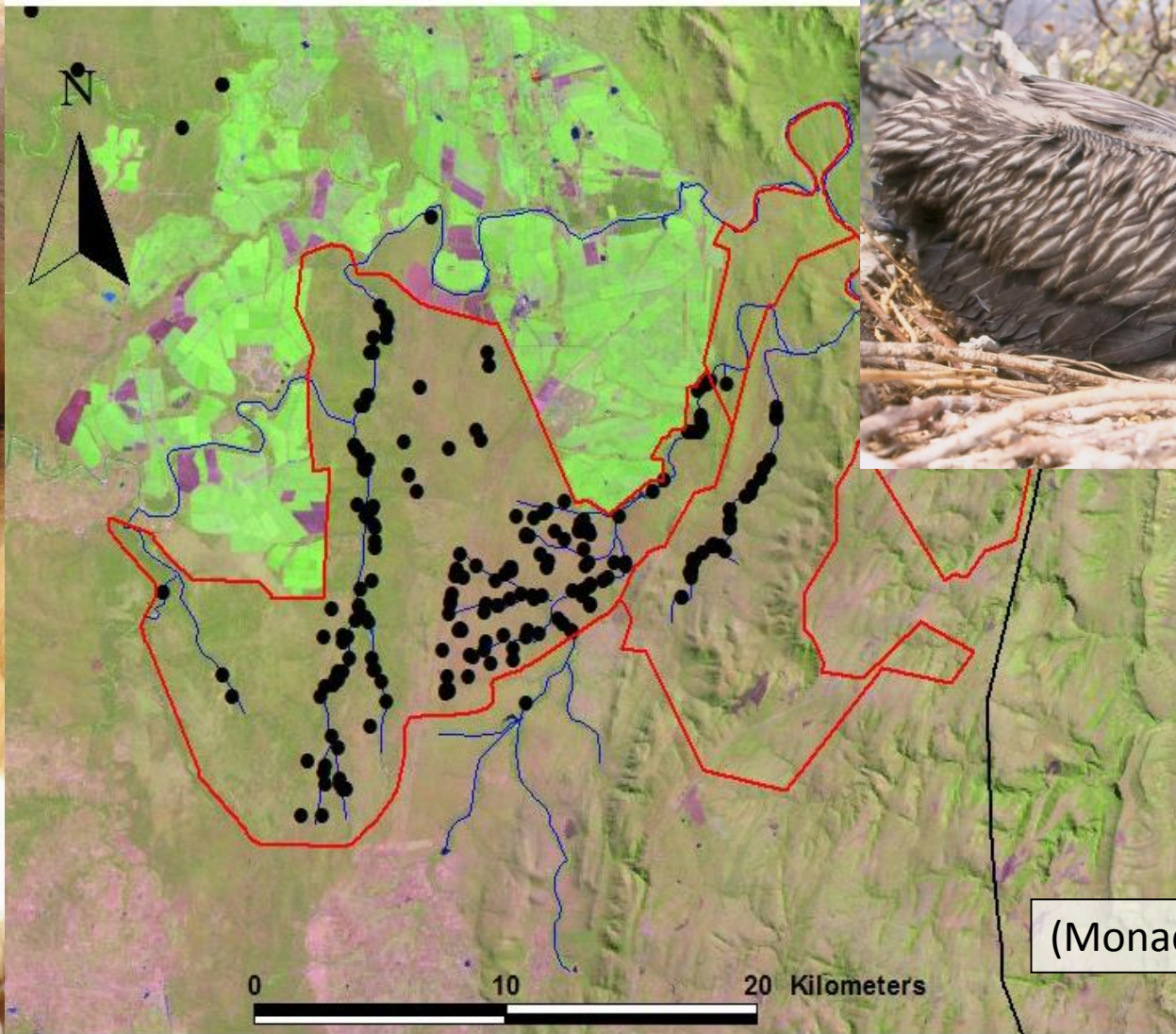




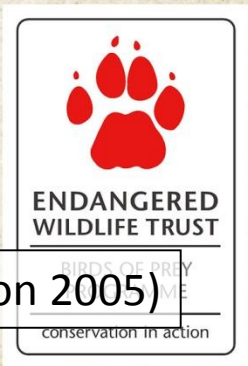


# Protected Areas

Vulture nests in Swaziland



(Monadjem & Garcelon 2005)






# Many challenges!

- Scope of the Initiative
- Gaps
- Geographical representivity
- General apathy and lack of knowledge
- Buy-in from key decision-makers and organisations
- Governmental and broader political support





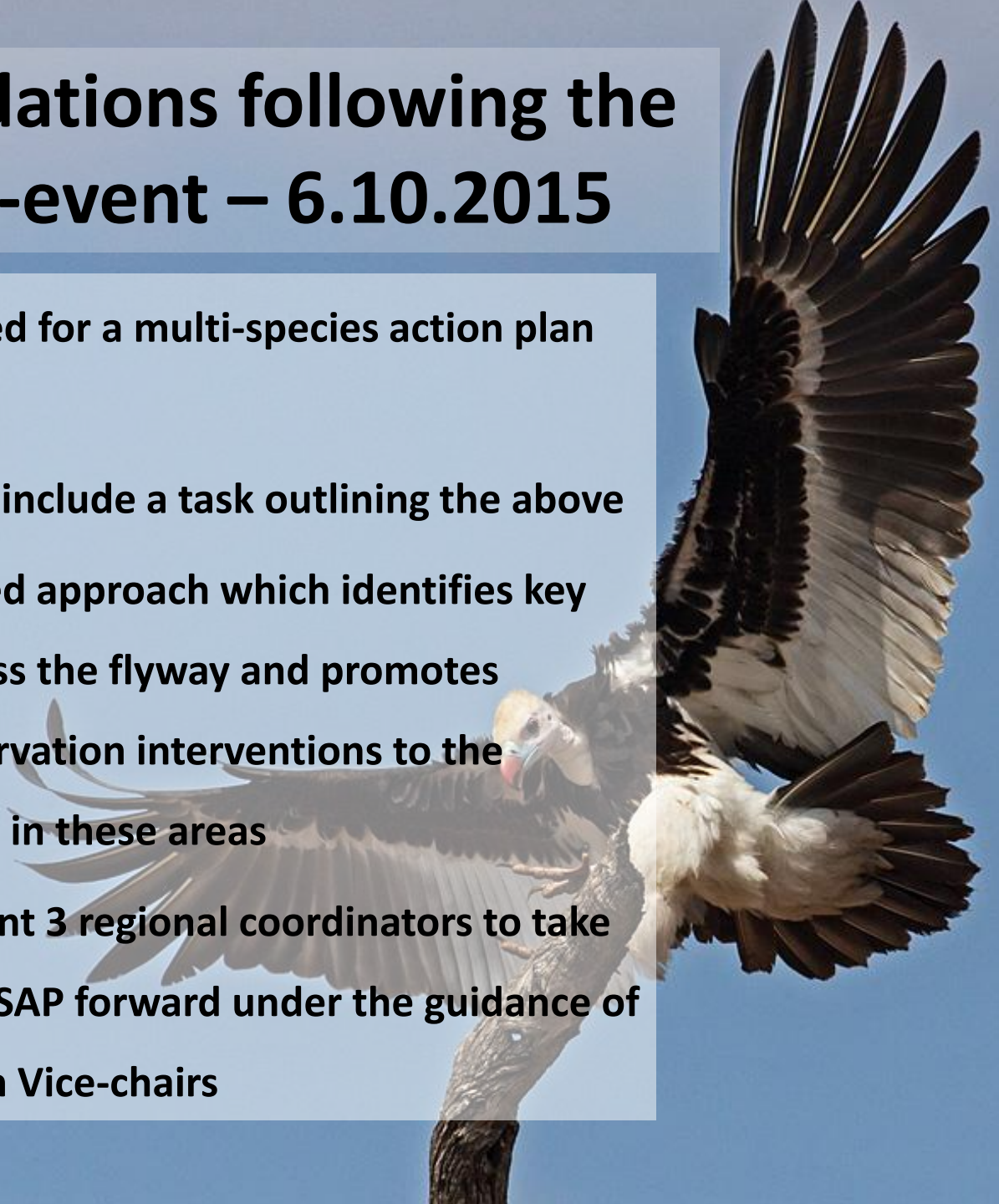
# Potential added value of African-Eurasian Vulture Multi-species Action Plan

- Agree priorities and course of action among wide range of stakeholders
- Agree division of labour among stakeholders
- Ensure sharing of knowledge/experience between regions and species
- Collaborative efforts between regions and species (eg diclofenac)
- Raise up political agenda
- Raise public awareness
- Attract donors (mega-bids)



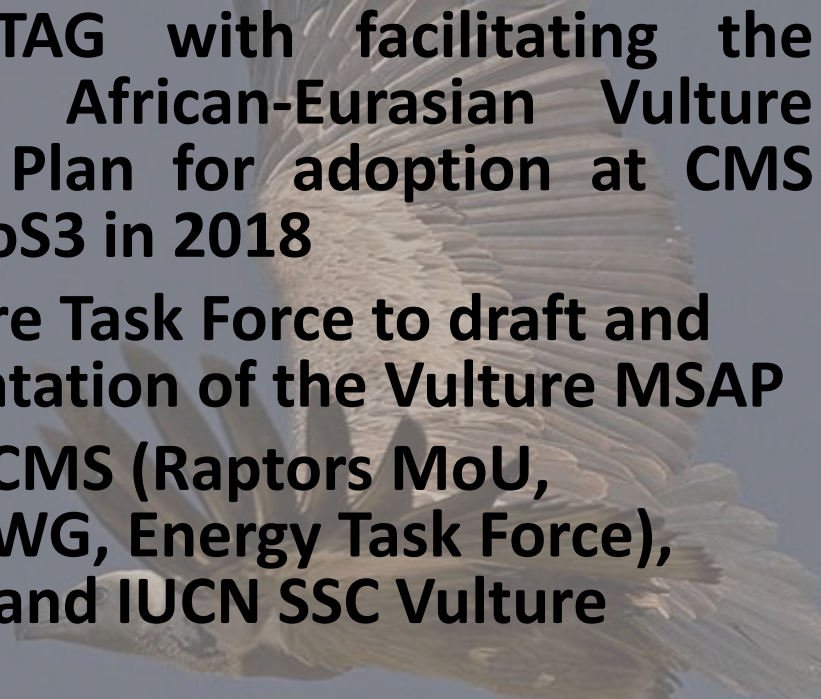
# Recommendations following the Vulture side-event – 6.10.2015

1. Confirmed the need for a multi-species action plan (MSAP)
2. ToR of TAG should include a task outlining the above
3. Include a site-based approach which identifies key vulture areas across the flyway and promotes appropriate conservation interventions to the benefit of vultures in these areas
4. Identify and appoint 3 regional coordinators to take the work of the MSAP forward under the guidance of a Chairperson with Vice-chairs



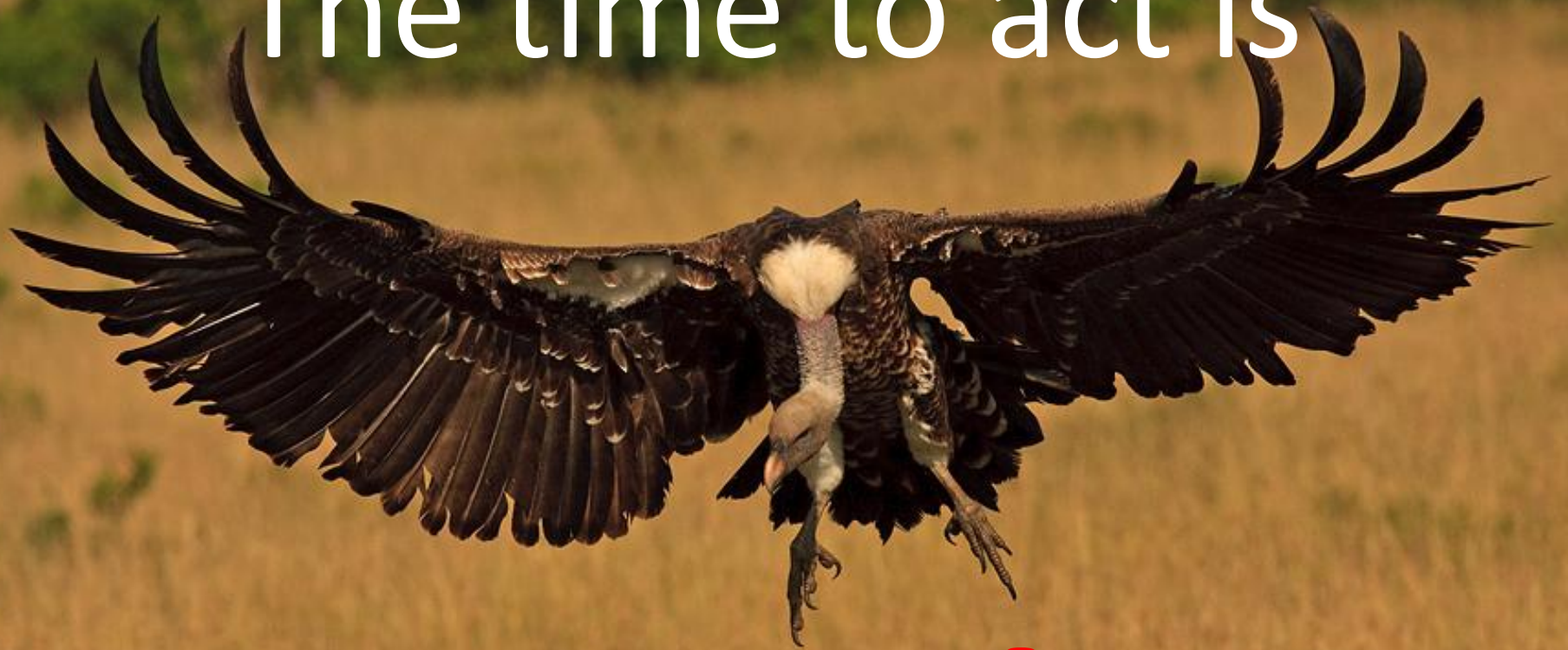


# The Way Forward

- MoS2 tasked the TAG with facilitating the development of an African-Eurasian Vulture Multi-species Action Plan for adoption at CMS COP12 in 2017 and MoS3 in 2018
  - Establish a CMS Vulture Task Force to draft and oversee the implementation of the Vulture MSAP
  - Partnership between CMS (Raptors MoU, Preventing Poisoning WG, Energy Task Force), BirdLife International and IUCN SSC Vulture Specialist Group
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The time to act is



**NOW!**

