

Diclofenac: a Vulture killer ?

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Diclofenac is an anti-inflammatory drug whose veterinary use has been the main cause of the catastrophic 99% decline of several species of vultures in South Asia. Despite this tragic experience and while alternative safe drugs exist, it has now been confirmed that the vulture-killer drug is commercially available for veterinary purposes in at least two EU countries; Italy and Spain.

This new video commissioned by BirdLife and the [Vulture Conservation Foundation](#) and produced by Ran Levy-Yamamori presents the case, linking the threat in Europe with the Asian catastrophe, and appeals for urgent action. It also shows vulture species in the way that they should be portrayed; as vital, majestic birds who keep the balance in our delicate ecological cycle.

BirdLife, its Partners in Italy ([LIPU](#)) and Spain ([SEO/BirdLife](#)) and the Vulture Conservation Foundation have recently launched a campaign calling on the EU to ban veterinary diclofenac. [Support our call now!](#)

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