

Project Title: Saving Africa's Vulture

Regions and Country: Kenya, Zimbabwe, Botswana

Donor: Fondation Segre

Focal Area:

Botswana: Chobe District

Kenya: Masai Mara National Reserve and its surroundings

Zimbabwe: Hwange National Park and its surroundings

Duration: 2016-2018

Amount of Financing: EUR 157'494

Collaborators:

- BirdLife Botswana
- Nature Kenya
- The Peregrine Fund
- BirdLife Zimbabwe
- BirdLife International

Project Description:

Goal 1

Poison related vulture deaths in three African vulture 'hotspots' reduced, as a contribution towards the halting and long-term reversal of vulture declines in Africa.

Objective:

Illegal use of agro-chemicals and other toxic compounds known to poison vultures is reduced by 25% in each pilot site in Kenya, Botswana and Zimbabwe.

Activities:

- a) Coordinated mechanisms established for detecting, registering, collecting evidence, managing and monitoring vulture poisoning incidents
- b) Policy and legislation strengthened to protect vultures and other wildlife
- c) Local communities engaged in tackling vulture poisoning
- d) Public are more aware of the value of vultures, the threats they face, and the need for their conservation

Goal 2

Poison related vulture deaths in three African vulture 'hotspots' reduced, as a contribution towards the halting and long-term reversal of vulture declines in Africa.

Objective:

Illegal use of agro-chemicals and other toxic compounds known to poison vultures is reduced by 25% (on baseline levels, by end of project) in each of three pilot sites in Kenya, Botswana and Zimbabwe respectively.

Activities:

- a) Coordinated mechanisms established for detecting, registering, collecting evidence, managing and monitoring vulture poisoning incidents
- b) Policy and legislation influenced to protect vultures and other wildlife from poisoning in the 3 focal countries
- c) Law enforcement agencies and policy and legislative institutions supported to enhance compliance to regulations against vulture poisoning
- d) Local communities engaged in tackling vulture poisoning
- e) Public are more aware of the value of vultures, the threats they face, and the need for their conservation

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