

An overview of Policy Tools in Africa

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The Situation in Africa



- ❧ Varied levels of Awareness and interest in Vultures and related issues
- ❧ Varied legislative frameworks and
- ❧ Varied capacity and skills
- ❧ Limited knowledge of policy or legislative processes
- ❧ Apathy and ignorance in terms of existing policies and legislation
- ❧ Corruption

What policy tools are there available?

- ❧ Traditional or tribal laws
- ❧ Community and municipal regulations
- ❧ National and Provincial Legislation
- ❧ Regional Policies – SADC, EAC
- ❧ OAU – African Parliament
- ❧ Conventions – CMS, etc.
- ❧ CITES listing
- ❧ IUCN – SSC, PWG, etc.

What policies are relevant?



- ❧ Wildlife management legislation
- ❧ Trade in threatened species
- ❧ Public health
- ❧ Agriculture – use and disposal of chemicals
- ❧ Trade Standards – licensing of chemicals
- ❧ Veterinary medicine – licensing of NSAID's & others
- ❧ Judiciary – view poisoning as a serious crime and sentence accordingly

What can we do?



- ❧ Promote an awareness of the threat of poisoning to human health
- ❧ Promote an awareness of the threat of poisoning to Biodiversity
- ❧ Clearly illustrate the Ecosystem Services that can be compromised through poisoning and its impact
- ❧ Be aware of generic products that are imported and available – control
- ❧ Advocacy and lobbying at ALL levels

Thank you!

