



BALKAN VULTURE ACTION PLAN



■ Start: 2002





■ Management and coordination:

Black Vulture Conservation Foundation (BVCF)





Vulture Conservation Foundation (VCF)





COOPERATION and COORDINATION







Balkan Vulture Action Plan



- Fact finding;
- Anti-poison campaign;
- Natural food availability;
- Supplementary feeding programme;
- Monitoring
- Restocking and reintroduction;
- Habitat conservation;
- Public awareness & participation;
- Socio-economic development;
- Project administration & fundraising.



Balkan Vulture Action Plan









Poaching









Electrocution, Collision









Wind-farms







Habitat loss, Disturbance, Nest robbery





Monitoring







Feeding sites









Food availability and food quality







Illegal/Legal use of poison in the nature





Reasons for use of poison baits in natural

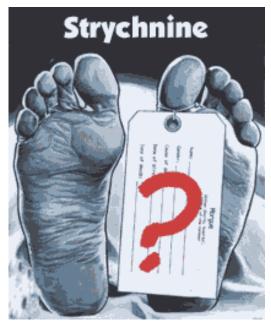


- Combat against carnivores (notably wolf, bear, jackal, fox) when conflicting with livestock breeders and game keepers;
- Feral and homeless dogs, that are unwanted in the area of the villages or towns;
- Shepherd dogs unwanted by hunters because kill their dogs;
- Hunting dogs as an action against the hunter owning the dog;
- Aggressive dogs in the villages or the towns, no matter if they are homeless or not;
- Feral and homeless cats are killed within the villages and the towns sometimes non-deliberately;
- Wild boar to avoid crop fields or vegetable gardens damage;
- Free ranging livestock (e.g. horses) to avoid crop fields or vegetable gardens damage,
- Birds of prey that hunt on domestic doves.



Poisons used





1940 - 1985

Carbamates and Organophosphates
Methomyl

Etilen glycol (antifreeze)



Legislation



 There is strong overlap among jurisdiction of the legal bodies regarding prevention, control and investigation of poison use

□ Bern convention 1990 - 1995

The Biodiversity Law and the Hunting Law forbid the use of poison baits to kill hunting species and protected species





Training seminar on toxicological and pathological analysis of presumably poisoned animals

24-25 February 2012

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" Skopje, Macedonia

Vetsper Polson

The event is organized by VCF in collaboration with the the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Skopje, Macedonia (FVMS), and the Macedonian Ecological Society (MES), organizational board: Jovan Andevski (VCF), Trpe Ristoski DVM, MSc, PhD (FVMS) and Metodija Velevski (MES).

















Prevention of livestock damages







Balkan Anti-poison Campain



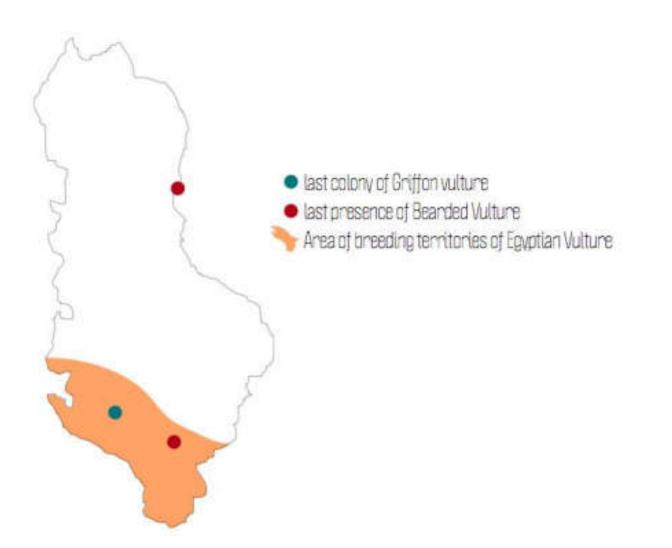
Anti-poisoning protocols and road-maps in the Balkans

- Balkan Anti-Poison Technical Protocols
- National Anti-poison Working Groups
- National Anti-Poison Road Map
- Development of government to government and transboundary collaboration in the Balkans
- Public Awareness PA



Albania



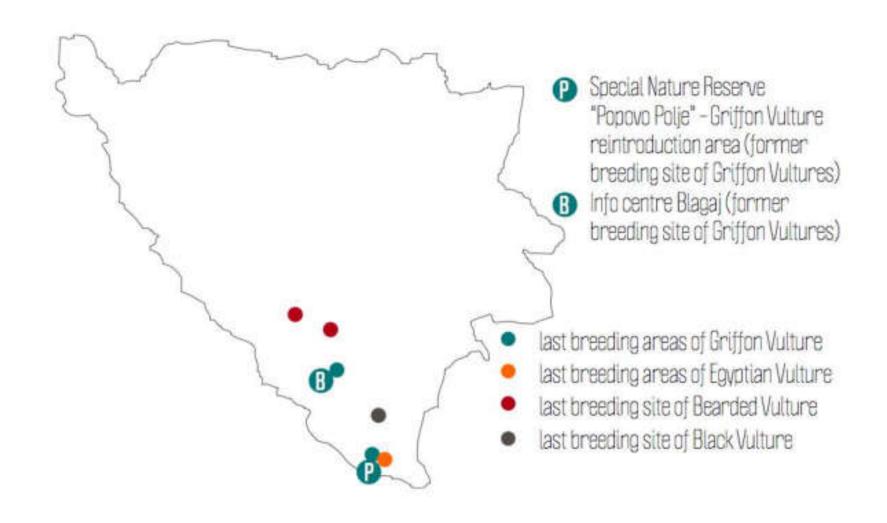


Egyptian Vulture 10-15 pair



Bosnia & Herzegovina

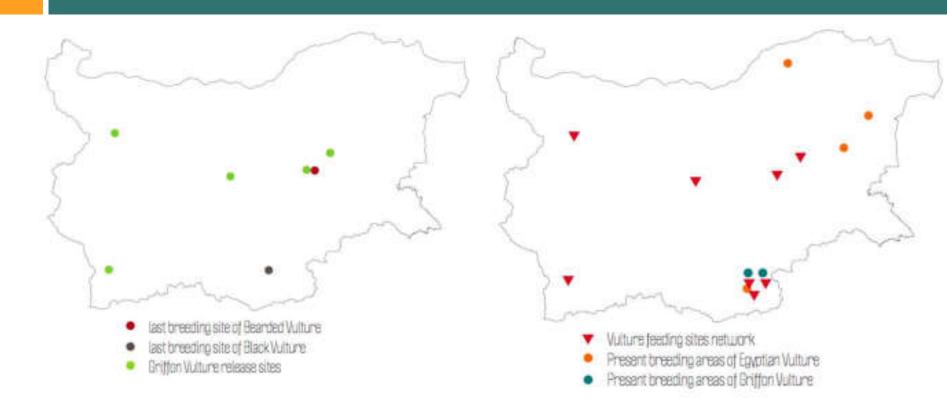






Bulgaria





- Egyptian vulture monitoring Life project
- Griffon vulture reintroduction Life project



Vultures Return in Bulgaria



Releases: total of 140 Griffon vultures

- Vrachanski Balkan site:
- Central Balkan site:
- □ Sinite kamani site:
- Kotel site:









Vulture transports



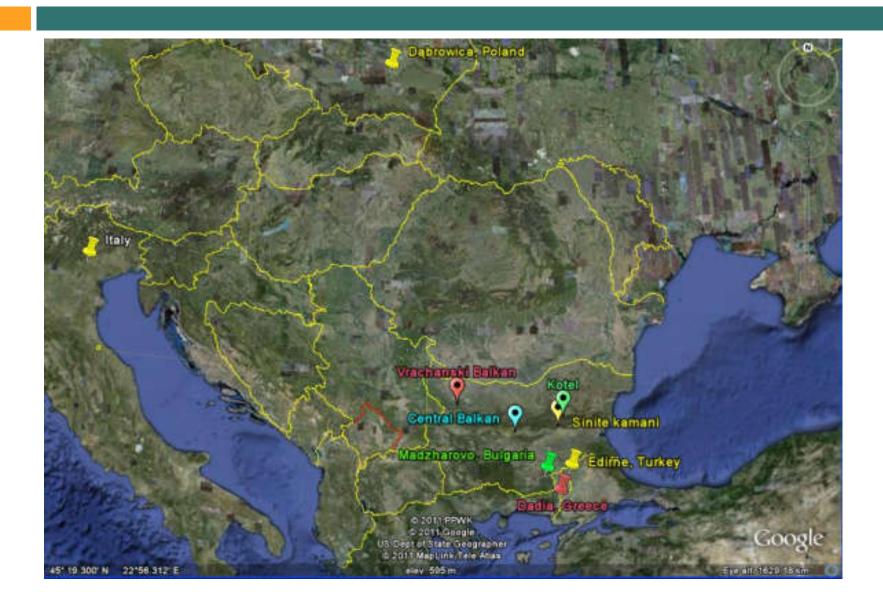
- 2010 2014: 180
- Spanish recovary centers
- French recovary centers
- EEP Griffon Vulture (European zoos)





Griffon Vulture Dispersal

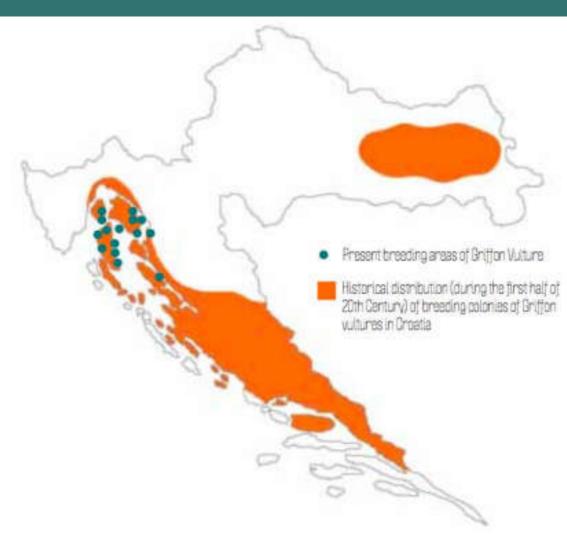






Croatia

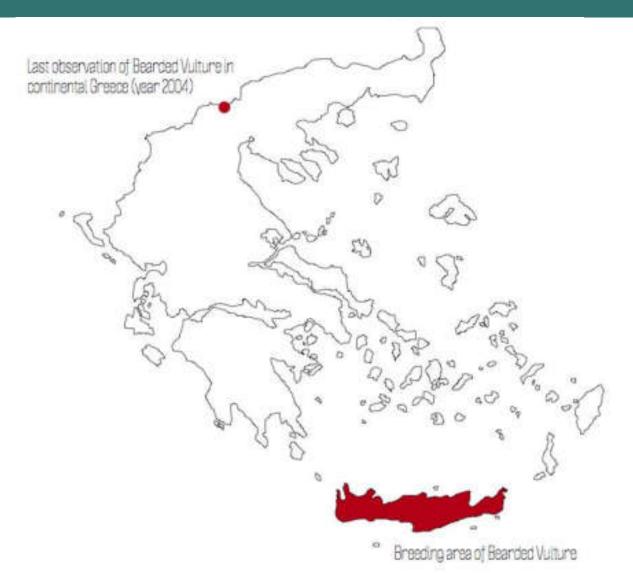






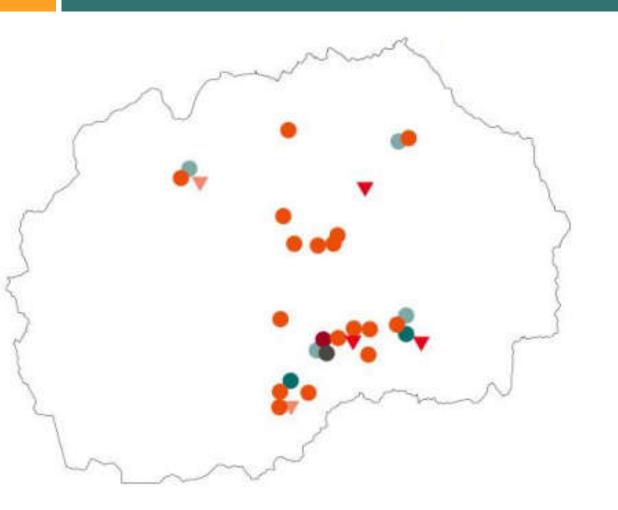
Greece









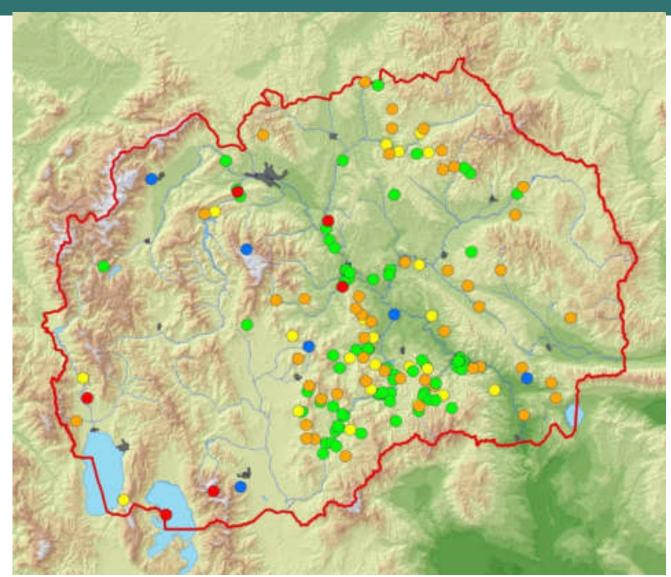


- Present breeding areas of Griffon Vulture
- Former breeding areas of Griffon Vulture
- Last breeding site of Bearded Vulture
- Last breeding site of Black Vulture
- Present breeding areas of Egyptian Vulture
- Present feeding sites
- Former feeding sites



Distribution in early 1990s

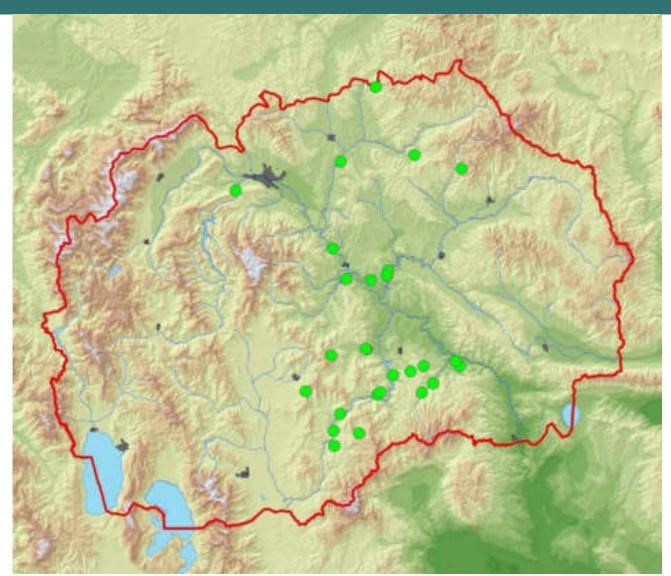






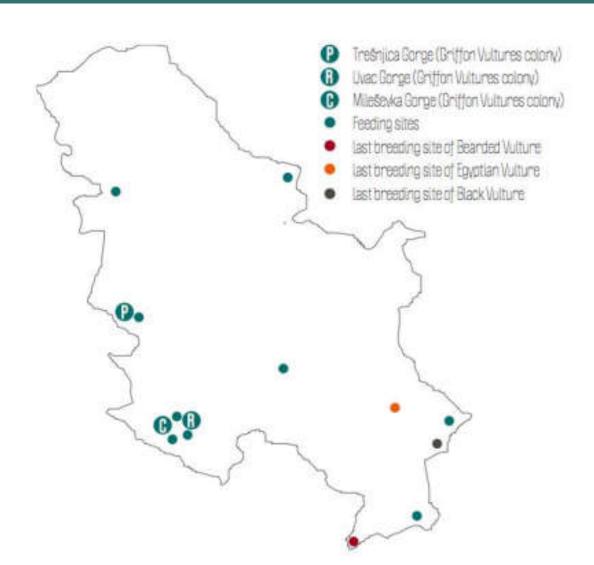
Distribution in 2010















- 78 PARTICIPANT
- 8 COUNTRIES
- 25 ORGANIZATIONS
- ASSESMENT (2006-10)
- PRIORITIES NEXT 4
 YEARS

HIGHLITED THREATS

- PISONING
- WIND-FARMS

TOPICS DUSCUSED

- FUNDRAISING
- MONITORING SCEAM

WORKING GROUPS

- POISON
- MARKING/RINGING
- EGYPTION VULTURE
- FEEDING PLACES NET



Bearded vulture







Black vulture

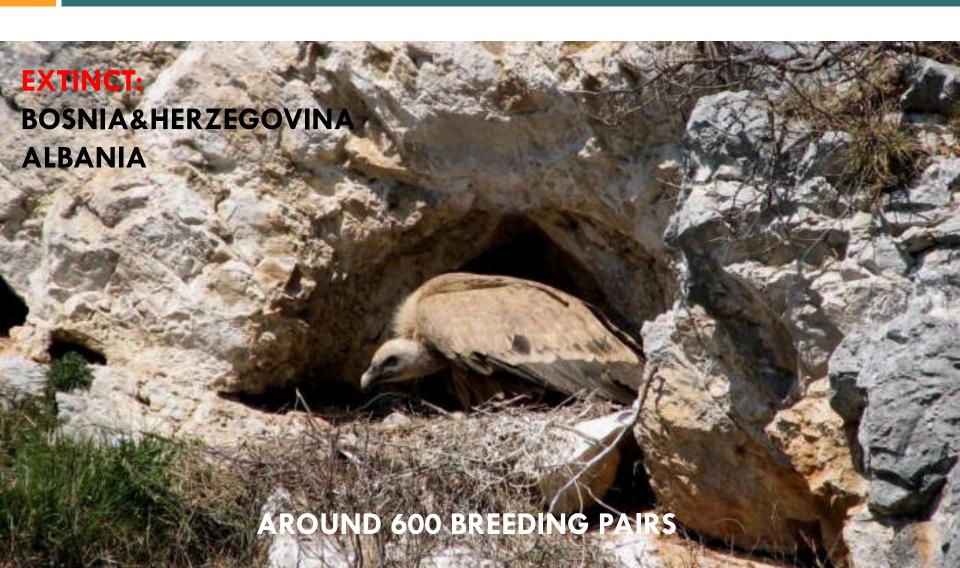






CF Griffon vulture







Egyptian vulture







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Bosnia and Herzegovina







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Thank you for your attention!





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