



RAPTORS
MOU

MOS 3

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**Coming together for the
conservation of birds of prey**



REPORT OF THE COORDINATING UNIT

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Introduction

- Reporting period: Nov 2015 – May 2023
- Personnel
- Status of Signatories and National Contact Points
- National / Regional Conservation Strategies
- Review of the MOU Action Plan
- Support to TAG, Task Forces and Working Groups
- Other conservation initiatives
- Communication
- Proposed Workplan for the Coordinating Unit (2024-2026)

Personnel

- Lyle Glowka 2013 - 2022
- Rouba Abou-Atieh 2022 -

- Nick Williams 2011 - 2020
- Umberto Gallo-Orsi 2021 -

- Jenny Renell 2009 - 2019
- Sofi Hinchliffe 2020 - 2021
- Lauren Lopes 2022 -

- Rima Almubarak 2009 -



Signatories

56 → 61

2015: Croatia & Israel

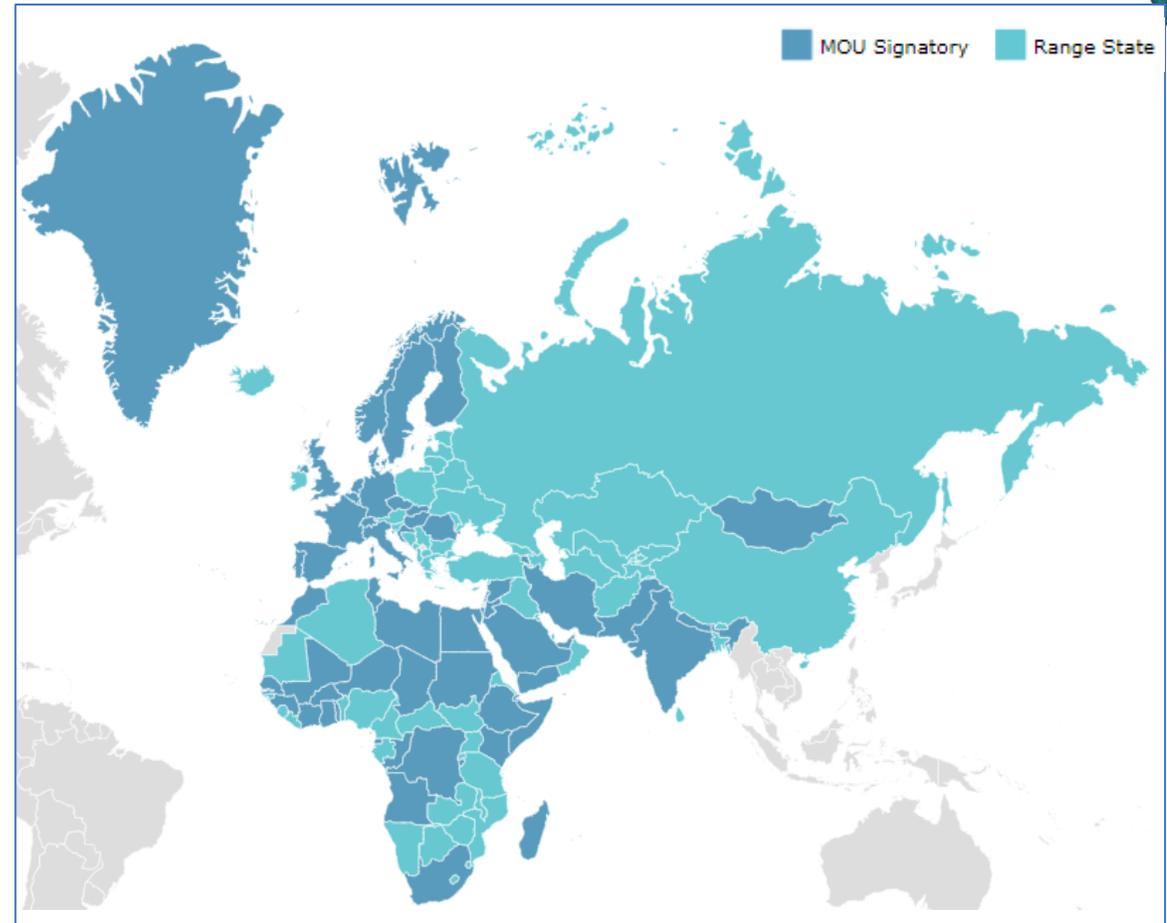
2016: India

2017: Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire
& Saudi Arabia

2019: Jordan

2020: Ethiopia

2023:



[Raptors MOU National Contact Points | Raptors \(cms.int\)](https://raptors.cms.int)
[How to become a Signatory | Raptors \(cms.int\)](https://raptors.cms.int)



Raptors Conservation Strategies

2018 – Postponement of MOS3
Updates on National Strategies

Support to Pakistan

Morocco

South Africa

Available Strategies / Action Plans

- European Union
- France
- India
- Luxembourg
- Madagascar
- Pakistan
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom



Review of the MOU Action Plan

- Should be revised two years before its expiration. A revised version should be submitted to Signatories for their approval.
- Review produced in 2020
- Amendments
 - MOU Text
 - Action Plan
 - Table 2 (Activities)

[UNEP/CMS/RAPTORS/MOS3/Doc.14.1](#)



Technical Advisory Group



Support to TAG Meetings

- 3rd Sempach 2018
- 4th online 2021
- 5th online 2022

Report from TAG (Agenda #10)

Revised TOR (#15.1)

New proposed membership (#15.2)

Workplan 2023-2026 (#15.3)

Saker Falcon Task Force

Support to 6 STF Meetings

- STF5 (June 2020) – STF11 (May 2023)
- Electrocution Discussion Group
- Adaptive Management Framework DG

Side Event at COP13

[Saker Falcon Task Force | Raptors
\(cms.int\)](https://www.cms.int)

Report from Saker TF (Agenda #10)



Vulture Multispecies Action Plan (MsAP)

- 2017 - CMS Resolution 12.10
 - Vulture Coordination Group
- 2020 - Strategic Implementation Plan
- 2020 - 2 Side events at COP14
- 2023/24 - Mid Term Implementation Review of the Vulture MsAP
- 2023 – Proposed Amendments to Res. 12.10
- 2023 – NSAID Factsheet

Strategic Implementation Plan (2020 – 2023)

For the Multi-species Action Plan to conserve African-Eurasian Vultures (Vulture MsAP), incorporating a report on implementation to date

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Egyptian Vulture New LIFE Project



- 2019 - Session on Vulture MsAP at European Vulture Conference (VCF)
- 2022 – Mid Term Implementation Review of the Egyptian Vulture Flyway Action Plan

West Africa Vulture Crisis

Advocacy and Conservation Planning

- 2022/23 - Development of a West African Vultures Conservation Action Plan

Cooperation with CITES

- 2020 - WCMC Review on Trade and Sentinel Poisoning in West Africa
- 2022 – Decision adopted at CITES COP19

Other species Initiatives

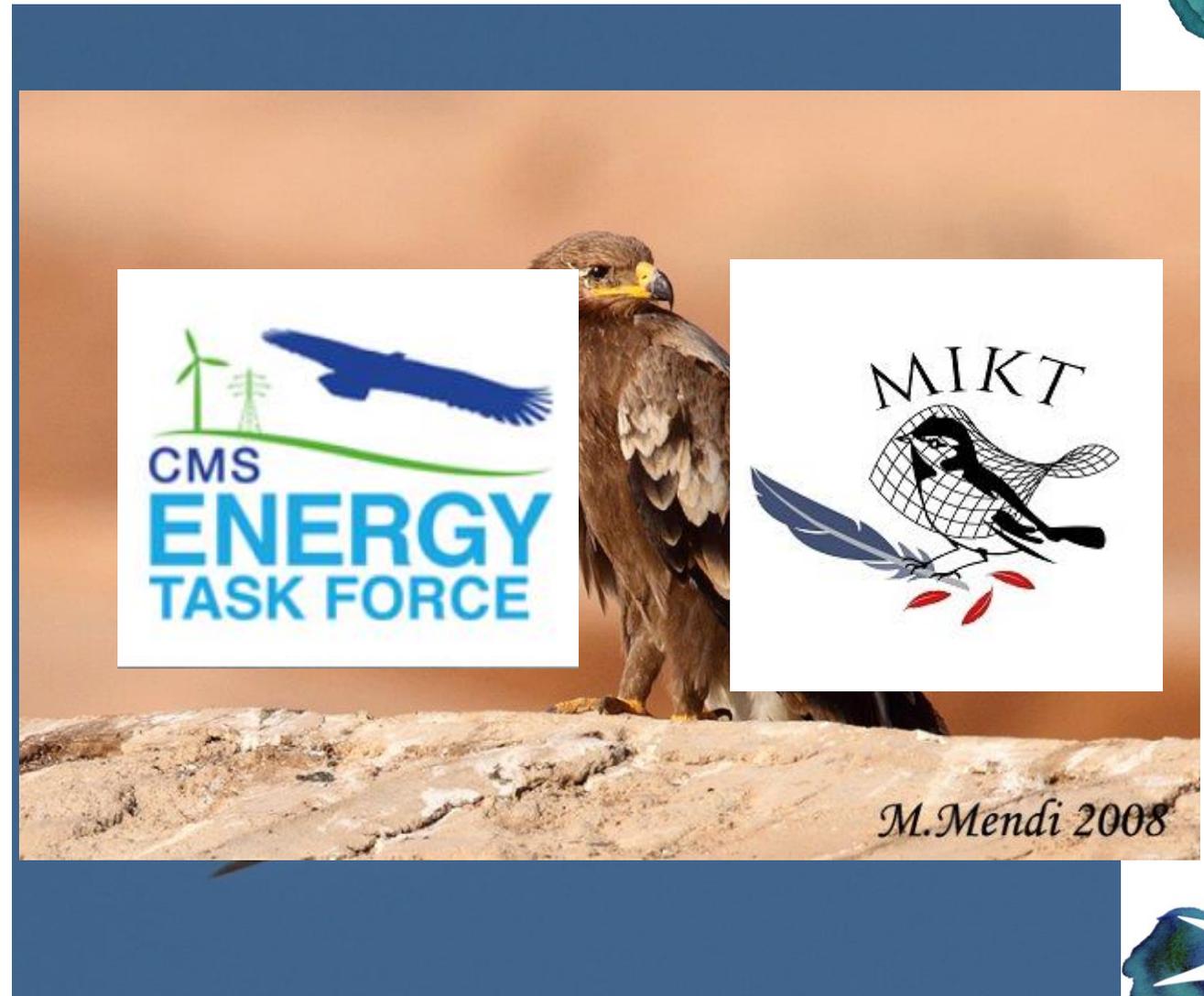
Sooty Falcon Action Plan

Steppe Eagle

Energy Task Force

Mediterranean Task Force
on Illegal Killing, Trapping
and Trade (MIKT)

South West Asian Task
Force on Illegal Hunting,
Trapping and Trade



Communication

Website up-to-date

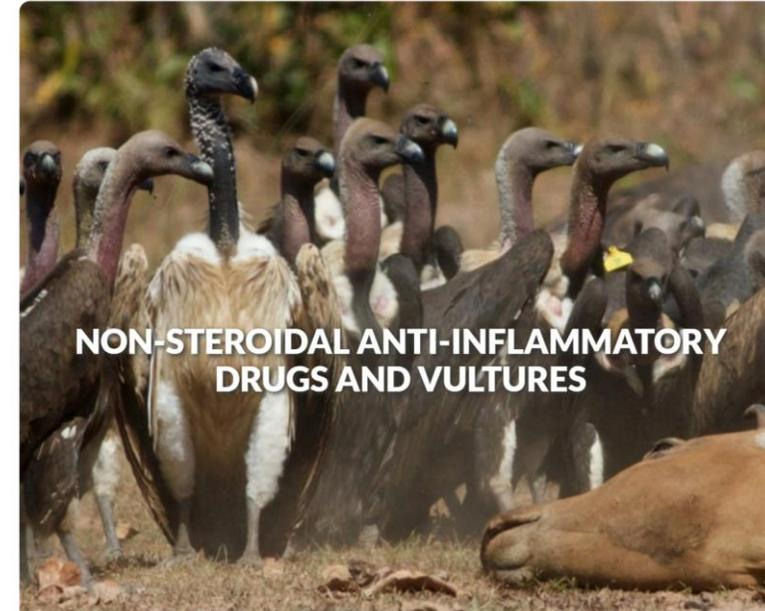
67 News Item (1/month)

NSAID Webpage

World Migratory Bird Day



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Diclofenac is a widely used anti-inflammatory and antipyretic drug. Its introduction into veterinary use in South Asia was the cause of the collapse of the population of vultures of the Genus *Gyps* occurred between the 1990s and the 2000s. Since the discovery of its toxicity, several other Non-steroidal Anti Inflammatory drugs used in veterinary practice in many countries have been proven to be toxic to vultures and other to other birds of prey.

- A group of common non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) used to treat livestock are known to be toxic to various scavenging raptor species, causing catastrophic declines in vulture populations of Asia.
- The drugs are toxic to the eight species of vultures of the genus *Gyps*, but some are known to be toxic also for other vulture species and eagles of the genus *Aquila*.
- Most licensed NSAIDs are currently untested for impacts on raptors
- All 15 migratory old world vulture species are threatened and listed in Appendix I or II of the CMS and most are globally threatened.
- Safe alternative drugs are available for livestock treatment and urgent action is needed to withdraw toxic NSAIDs for veterinary use and mitigate risks to raptors.



Coordinating Unit Workplan

Core activities

- Support Signatories (and non-signatories) to implement the Raptors MOU
- Support TAG, implementation of core Workplan
- (Technical) support Signatories on National Conservation Strategies
- Ensure Raptors are considered in the work of CMS and related bodies
- Finalization of the Vulture MsAP MTIR
- Fundraising

Funding dependent

- TAG meeting and Workplan implementation
- Vulture Coordination Group & VMSAP implementation
- Saker TF & SakerGAP update, implementation
- New Species Action Plans
- Document and assess existing raptor monitoring programmes
- Regional Raptor Monitoring Strategies
- Bottleneck Site Monitoring Network
- Priority Habitats Project

Actions requested

The Meeting is requested to:

- a. **Note the contents of this report** and seek any clarifications, as needed;
- b. Urge Signatories to inform the Coordinating Unit of any **updates in their NCPs** by filling out the form mentioned in paragraph 15 of the document and returning it to the Coordinating Unit;
- c. Encourage Signatories, Range States, Cooperating Partners and stakeholders to work collaboratively to **mobilize resources**, including through voluntary financial contributions to enable implementation of the key initiatives highlighted in this report.

Actions requested

The Meeting is requested to (continued) :

- d. Encourage Signatories, Cooperating Partners and other relevant stakeholders **to invite Range States** of migratory birds of prey **to join the Raptors MOU**.
- e. Alert the Coordinating Unit about any **additional activities** that may warrant inclusion in its Workplan 2024 - 2026, and **support** the Coordinating Unit in raising the resources to implement it.

Thank you for your attention

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