

CONSERVATION OF VULTURES

There are two classifications of Vultures, Old World and New World. The New World Vultures are from the Americas and are classified secure, safe, not under threat. The Old World Vultures from Europe, Asia, and Africa, in most cases, are classified as endangered. Over the last 40 years in Asia, Vulture numbers have crashed by over 95%. One of the main contributors to this decline was the use of Diclofenac as a veterinary medicine in livestock. Vultures are allergic to Diclofenac. As a consequence of the decline of Vulture populations, wild dog populations have exploded, as have cases of rabies in humans. Over half a million people have died as a result.



Vulture poisoned by Diclofenac in Asia



Mass poisoning of Vultures by poachers in Africa

In Africa, the main cause of decline is poisoning by poachers. Elephants are prized for the ivory, and Rhino for the horn, both feeding the demand in the far-East. Poachers will poison their victim's carcass, to bring it down, and, to kill any Vultures which could reveal the kill-site. In South Africa there is an organisation which works tirelessly to rescue, rehabilitate, and release Vultures. Working on the front-line, Vulpro will travel hundreds of miles to rescue a Vulture. They have set up Vulture Restaurants, initiated breeding programmes, and are collaborating with like organisations in the fight to save Vultures in Africa. We are supporting them in their efforts to build and equip their Vulture Hospital by fundraising on their behalf.

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