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!