



LIFE RE-Vultures

Conservation of Black and Griffon vultures in the cross-border Rhodopes mountains



LIFE 14 NAT/NL/000901

19th & 20th of February, 2019 – Dadia, Greece

International Workshop on Vultures & Veterinary Drugs

INTRODUCTION

This Workshop will be organized within the Life Project: [RE-Vultures \(LIFE14 NAT/NL/000901\)](#), Action E13 by the [Vulture Conservation Foundation, VCF](#) in close collaboration with [WWF Greece](#), and the rest of the project partners.

Workshop objectives

- To inform about current research projects and recent findings on negative effects to vultures of veterinary products (current Life Projects and best practice experience from Spain and France).
- To identify widely used veterinary products with potentially harmful effects to vultures across the project area (Bulgaria and Greece). Name of products and uses.
- To review the current sampling and analyses protocols, guidance, practice and resources, identify gaps and make recommendations for improvements.
- To inform LIFE Re-Vultures After-Life plan about this subject and include recommendations and action to wider vulture conservation plans and policies

Working language: English

WORKSHOP AGENDA

DAY 1 - 19/02/19		
9:00	Welcome notes and programme	VCF & WWF Greece
Session I – Background and Context		
9:30	Vulture conservation activities in Thrace, NE Greece	Skartsi Theodora, WWF Greece
9:45	Taking up the baton of vulture monitoring and conservation in the Dadia National Park and adjacent SPAs	Sylvia Zakkak, Management Body of National Park of the Dadia-Lefkimi-Soufli forest
10:00	Scene setting – literature review on known impacts of vet medicines and vultures	L. Phipps - VCF
10:20	Diclofenac in Europe. Where are we?	J. Tavares - VCF
10:35	Questions and short discussion	
10:45	Coffee break	
Session II – National Screening Programmes		
11:15	Toxicity to vultures from veterinary drugs used in farm animals, the overview from France	F. Roque – CNITV (National Information Center of Veterinary Toxicology)
11: 35	The use of veterinary drugs and their potential toxicity to vultures and avian scavengers in Spain, an update from research projects	I. Marco Sánchez – UAB (Autonomous University of Barcelona)



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11:55	The situation in Bulgaria – brief testimony	I. Asenova Lazarova & G. Nikolova Balieva - Vet Faculty, Bulgaria
12:05	The situation in Greece – brief testimony	E. Kastellanou, Directorate of Animal Protection and Veterinary Drugs, MRDF, Greece
12:15	Comparison between countries - discussion	
13:00	Light lunch	
Session III – Actions and Results from LIFE and Other Projects		
14:30	Screening vet medicines within LIFE Re-Vultures	Dobromir Dobrev, BSPB
14:45	Screening vet medicines within Vultures Back To Life	Ivelin Ivanov, Green Balkans
15:00	Screening vet medicines within Life Return of the Neophron and New Egyptian Vulture Life	Volen Arkumarev, BSPB
15:15	Screening vet medicines within LIFE Under Griffon Vulture Wings – Sardinia	D. Secci - Forestas (Forestry Service)
15:30	Screening vet medicines within LIFE Rupis	Jovan Andevski, VCF
15:40	COST – European Raptor Biomonitoring – Sampling Protocols	Jovan Andevski, VCF
15:50	Discussion	
16:00	Coffee	
16:30	Baseline methodology and recommendations for development of research projects for the screening of veterinary drug residues in avian scavengers	I. Marco Sánchez - UAB (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
16:45	Discussion – identification of gaps in Bulgaria and Greece	
17:30	End of day one	
20:00	Dinner	

DAY 2 - 20/02/19

9:00	Summary conclusions from Day 1 and short discussion	
Session IV – Discussions		
9:30	List of target vet drugs dangerous or presumably dangerous to vultures	
10:30	Screening methods and existing capacities in Bulgaria and Greece (labs, toxicologist and funding)	
11:00	Coffee break	
Session V – Conclusions		
11:30-12:00	Conclusions	
12:00	Field visit to Dadia and lunch	


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