Balkan Anti-Poisoning Project – BAPP  
*(summary document)*

**Project period:** 2018-2020  
**Project area:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece and Macedonia (FYR).  
**Project leader:** Vulture Conservation Foundation, VCF.  
**Project partners:** Albanian Ornithological Society-AOS, Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania-PPNEA, Ornithological Society “Naše ptice”, Association BIOM, Hellenic Ornithological Society-HOS, Macedonian Ecological Society-MES.

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**Action 1. Development and Implementation of Balkan anti-poisoning awareness campaign: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece and Macedonia.**

**Description:**
During the duration of the project, national and regional media will be informed about the project development and implementation. Regional communication plan will be prepared and delivered by the VCF. Publicity materials will be designed and produced (poster/flier/sticker/video) by the VCF and national partners in their respective languages. Most of the publicity materials will be translated into different Balkan languages. The activities of the project will be promoted at the VCF website and social media accounts in order to reach several target groups. The relevant publicity materials have to be produced within the first year of the project.

**Deliverables:**
Publicity materials produced by the end of 2018 (type of materials and quantities produced will be defined during the course of the project).

**Responsible body:**
Project partner; VCF

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**Action 2. Preparation of Balkan Anti-Poison Technical Protocols (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece and Macedonia).**

**Description:**
A series of short technical documents will be prepared by the VCF (report templates, National Roadmaps/strategy template and guidelines), based on the specific issues occurring in the Balkan region, and benefiting from the Spanish experience and best practice on how to deal with poisoning incidents in a legal-judiciary framework, and distributed to national partners. Also, a Balkan Poisoning Study will be completed based on information provided by national partners on the specific poisoning problems.
and related issues occurring in the Balkan region and their respective countries. Spanish experience and best practices on how to deal with the issue of wildlife poisoning will be used in order to provide and develop specific recommendations for each country. The VCF will produce these documents in collaboration with national partners, local experts and government agencies and with anti-poisoning experts from Spain within the first year of the project development.

**Deliverables:**
Protocols and study completed by July 2018.

**Responsible body:**
VCF

### Action 3. Establishment of National Anti-poison Working Groups (NAWG) and organizing one meeting in each of the project countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece and Macedonia

**Description:**
National partners together with the VCF will identify all national stakeholders, relevant to the issue of wildlife poisoning, in each target country. Based on this, national partners will create national working groups. These groups should include representatives of the relevant national authorities and decision makers, who would meet in order to identify gaps, discuss priorities and ultimately develop a road map for combating poisoning issues in their respective countries. These working groups will be led by a national organization (group chair). A meeting of the NAWG will be organized by each national partner. The VCF Project Coordinator and BAPP officer will also attend these national meetings. Action is to be implemented within the first three months of the project implementation.

**Deliverables:**
Established NAWG by May 2018.
NAWG meetings organized by June 2018.
Meeting reports produced by July 2018.

**Responsible body:**
Project partner.

### Action 4. National Anti-Poison Road Map/Strategies in place

**Description:**
Each NAWG will draft a National Anti-Poison Roadmap, using, among others, the protocols developed by the VCF (Action 2), outcomes of the NAWG meetings and thorough a discussion on poison issues and legislation in each country. This draft road-map should lead towards an effective National Anti-Poison Action Plan. This document will identify the main reasons for the use of poison, critical periods of the year and hotspot areas in the country. It will explain the current legislation and responsibilities
of each national institution, will develop a road map with changes needed (in legislation and/or operations) and describe protocols on how to proceed when poison incidents occur.

**Deliverables:**
1st drafts of National road-maps prepared by October 2018.
2nd drafts of the National road-maps finalized by January 2019.

**Responsible body:**
Project partner.

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### Action 5. Training of national enforcement teams

**Description:**
Only after the implementation of Actions 1 to 4 a regional training course(s) about active and passive poison search, identification and collection of samples, necropsy, toxicology and juridical prosecution will be organized for national enforcement teams (governmental bodies). The regional training course(s) will be carried out by representatives of relevant Spanish governmental institutions, with over 15 years of experience in dealing with these issues, and facilitated by VCF. Action is to be implemented by the VCF with collaboration of national project partners (in identification of relevant participants) in 2019.

**Deliverables:**
Regional training course(s) organized by April 2019.

**Responsible body:**
VCF

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### Action 6. Anti-poison Balkan Workshop

**Description:**
Workshop for about 60 participants will be held by spring or fall of 2019, with multiple anti-poisoning themes in the agenda and attending participants from the Balkan region. This workshop will be organized by VCF and will serve as an opportunity for the national partners to present their already prepared national anti-poisoning road-maps.

**Deliverables:**
Regional workshop organized by April 2019.
Workshop reports produced by May 2019.

**Responsible body:**
VCF; Project partner

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### Action 7. Establish the Balkan Anti-poison small grant programme

**Description:**
A small grant programme will be established in late 2018 which will focus on the implementation of the already prepared national anti-poisoning road-maps.

**Deliverables:**

Call for application published by January 2019.

**Responsible body:**

VCF