



Review of the problem in the rest of the Balkans



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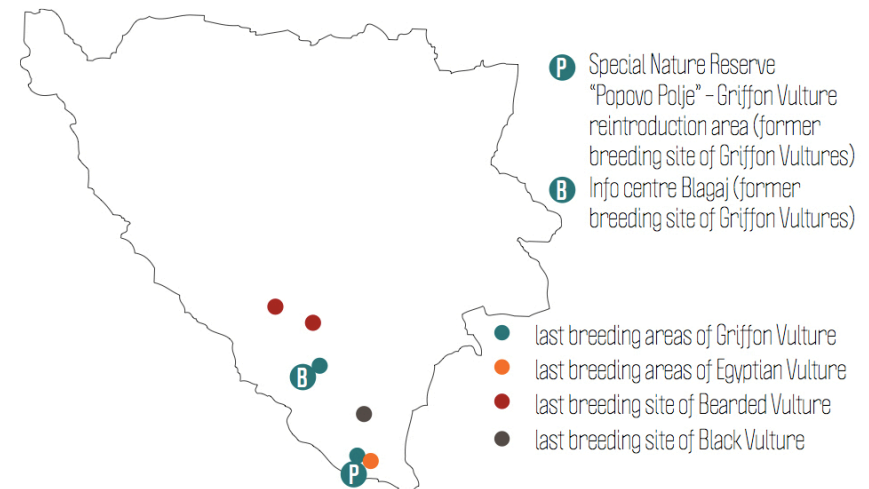
Strychnine extensively used for the control of wolves populations 1950s

1980-1990

40-80 Griffon Vulture

Last case of poisoning in Blagaj 1991

No cases of vulture poisonings
are recorded in the last 20 years!



Croatia

Legal method against wolves and foxes since 1950s

- banned in 1972

1980s hunters brought wild boars in the islandas

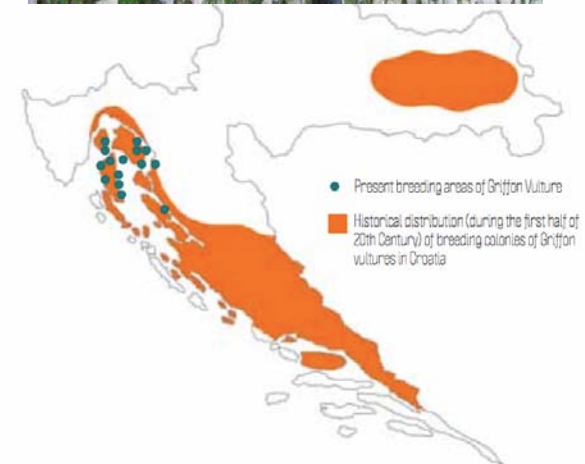
- Jackals and bears

Carbamates and organophosphates

- (Carbofuran, Methomyl, Deltamethrin)

300-500 Griffon vultures poisoned in the last 50 years

- 159-190 records in the period 1985-2013





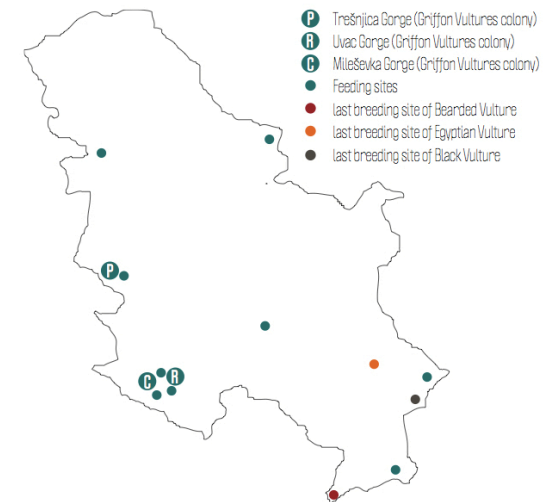
Serbia

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Strychnine against wolf and other carnivores -
1947-1975.

Banned in 1972

In present used for feral dogs, wolves and sporadically
wild boar



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General conclusion

- Poison is the single most important threat to vultures in the Balkans
 - has contributed to the regional extinction of Black and Bearded Vulture
 - main cause of decline for Griffon and Egyptian Vultures
 - current limiting factor for their recovery in the region
- At present using poison baits is illegal in the Balkans, but it is still in use by local people as a quick “solution” for resolving the conflicts with the predators.
 - Wolves manly

Anti-poison Work Constraints

Lack of capacities?...

- **Low awareness**
- **Insufficient engagement of the relevant governmental institutions, enforcement agencies (police)**
- **Often vague and/or weak legislation.**

Work with the relevant governmental institutions!

Anti-poison Work Basics

- National and regional strategy against the use of poison
- Search for poison baits in the nature
- Judicial investigation and consequences – poisoning cases
- Education of local people on the effects of poisoning on wildlife, domestic animals and human health
- Must work together: government agencies, NGO's and local communities

Future Balkan Anti-poison Work...

Goal: Attract real and continued engagement of the relevant national authorities against illegal poisoning and increase their capacity to counteract it.

- Balkan Anti-Poison Technical Protocols
- National Anti-poison Working Groups
- National Anti-Poison Road Map
- Development of government to government and trans-boundary collaboration in the Balkans
- Public Awareness

Thank you for your attention!



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