



# Egyptian vulture, traditional knowledge and links to human culture



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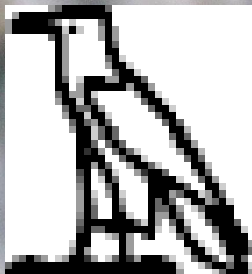
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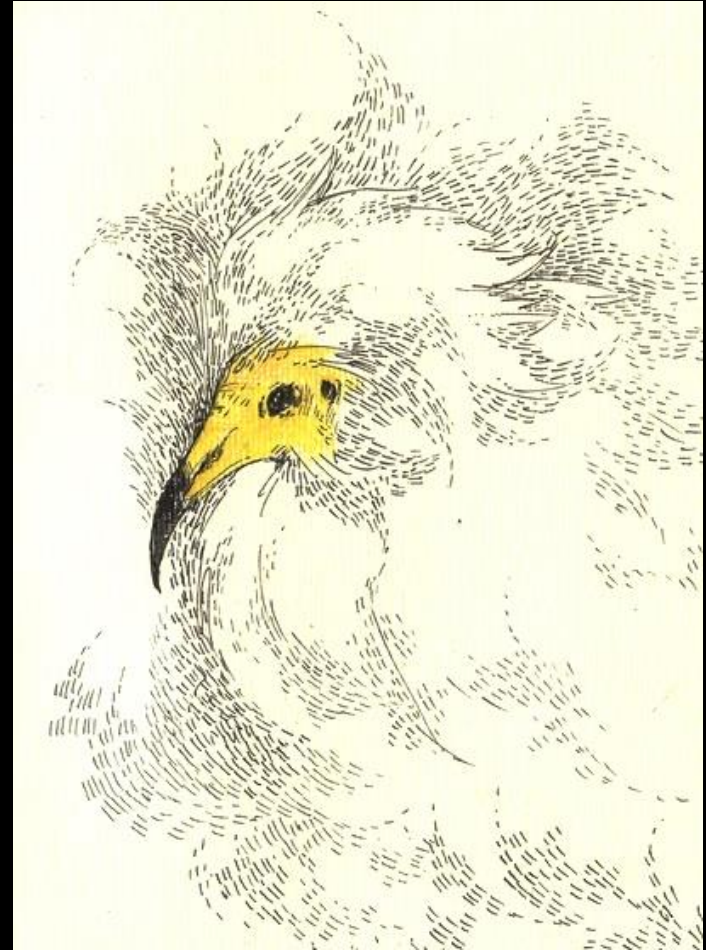
Cultural symbol or a living legend?



# Pharaoh's chicken?



# Egyptian vulture in Greek mythology

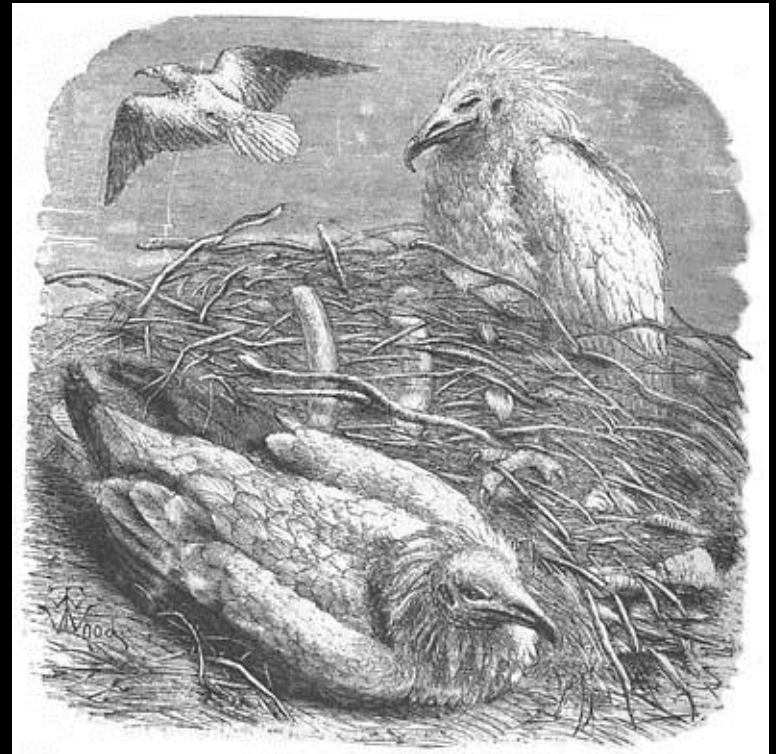


# Akbaba – symbol of wisdom and purity

In Turkish the Egyptian Vulture is commonly referred to akbaba, "white father". According to the legend he helped Mohammed and was rewarded with eternal life and gained its white plumage as a symbol of purity, wisdom, and bravery.



A temple in Tirukalukundram, India, is famous with the pair of vultures which come to nest here for centuries. Every day before noon the birds come to the temple to receive a daily gift of food from the monks. The holy men believe that if they do not show up in time there is a sinner among their midst who has to redeem their sins.



# Use of vultures in traditional medicine or for magic in Africa



- 2251 ind of 199 species were recorded in Nigeria in 1999. Ninety three vultures of 6 species – Egyptian (1), Hooded (18), White-backed (5), Ruppells (15), White-headed (1), Palm-nut Vulture (23). (*Nikolaus 2001*)

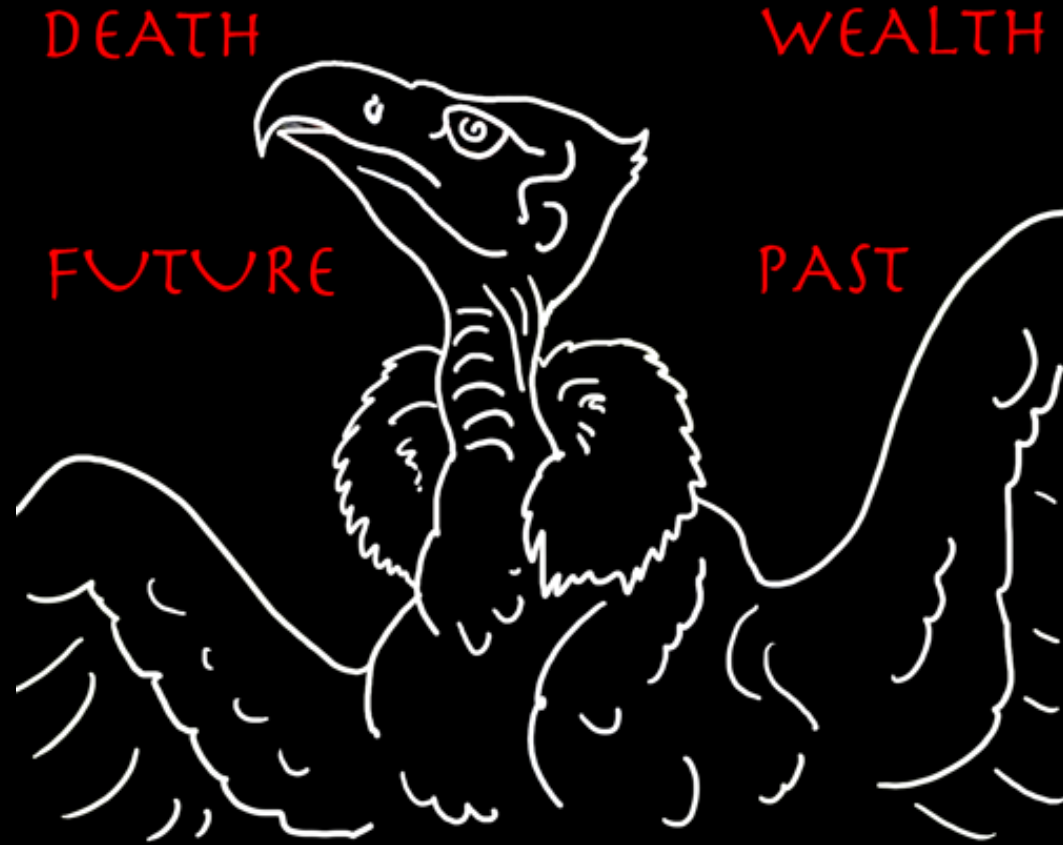


- Vultures are scarce now In Nigeria and they are imported from Chad, Cameroon and Niger to fulfill the growing demand



# What are vultures used for?

- Whole vultures are used for protection against evil influences or for women's fertility
- Hooded vultures are buried in the ground before a new house is built
- White-backed vulture's plumage is used for contacts with ancestors

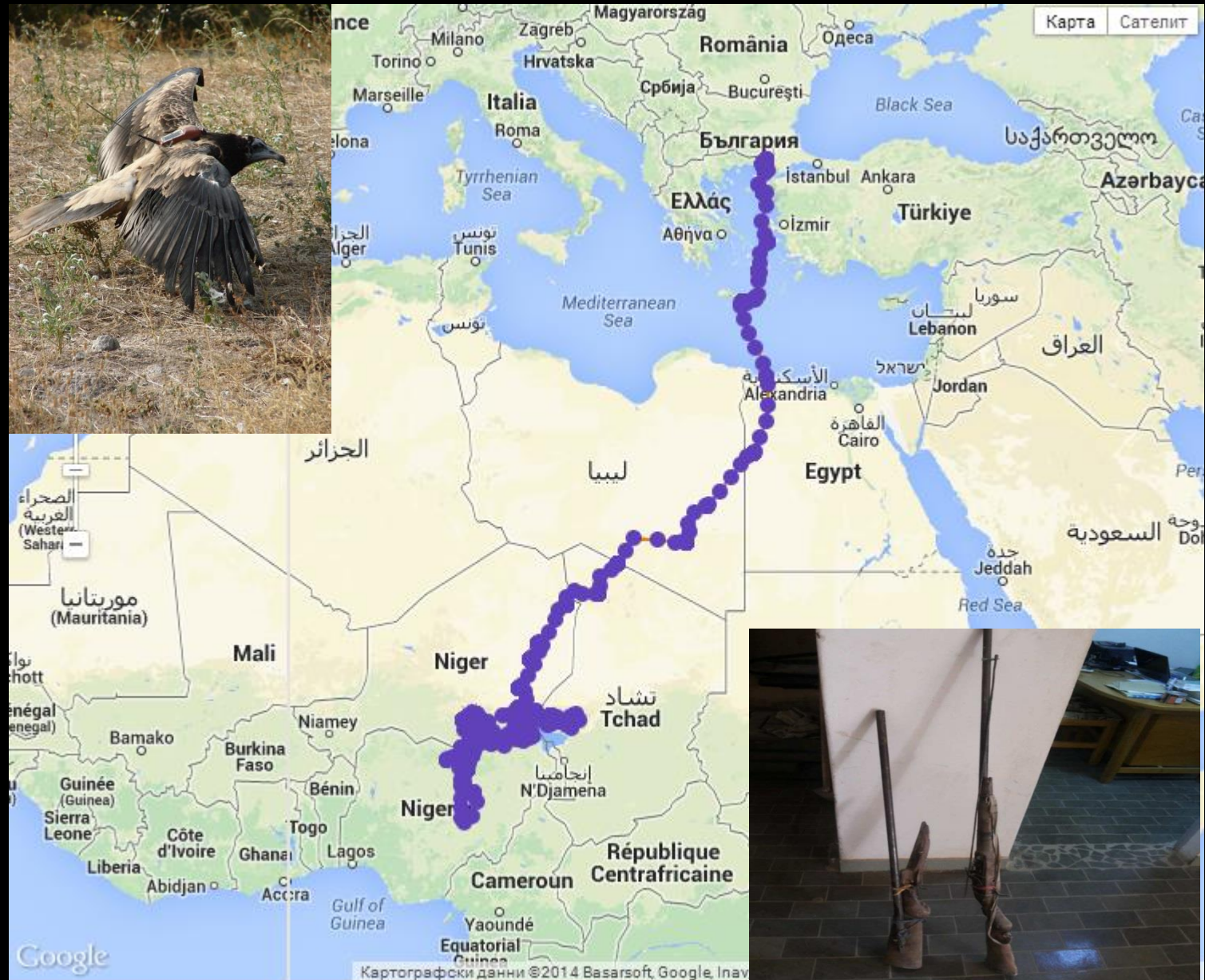


- Some tribes use parts of vultures to cure malaria
- Vulture's bones are used to cure headache and insomnia



- Vulture's brain is used for clairvoyance

# Story of Paschalis



# Pros and cons for EV conservation



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