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THE FUTURE :WHAT MORE COULD BE DONE TO PROTECT THE VULTURES

In order to save the vultures for us to continue having their services and to keep the ecosystem well balanced we have to work together as communities, conservation efforts focus on establishing Vulture Safe Zones, implementing anti-poisoning measures, conducting surveys through education and engagement programs. The vulture safe zones these are areas where vultures are protected from threats like poisoning and habitat loss for example in Zimbabwe BirdLife Zimbabwe has established a vulture safe zone in the Gwayi Conservancy Zimbabwe. Surveys and monitoring must be done regularly to track vulture population and identify threats. Nests monitoring which involves monitoring of vulture nests help to assess breeding success and identify potential threats to nesting sites. Farmers who are still using renewable source of energy like use of wind turbines must install birds sensor and paint all the tubines to avoid collisions

There must be education and awareness compaigns ,raising awareness wereby organisations conduct educational compaigns to raise awareness about the importance of vultures and the threats they face for example at DE HOOPNATURE RESERVE tourist are educated about vultures insteady of people seeing them as ugly dirty birds they endup seeing good part of them,measures on electicity lines should be enforced for example the 5km rule whereby the electricity lines must be 5km away from a breeding colony,dams and highly populated bird areas,with the proper measure the other vulture colonies can be saved like of the Potberg mountains



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