

## Role and Commitments of BirdLife International to SAVE



BirdLife International has had a longstanding role for SAVE, and this has recently been formalised with BirdLife committing to the following:

- 1) Linking policy work (primarily concerning the threat of NSAIDs but also on poison-baits and energy infrastructure) from Asia to the BirdLife International Partnership in Europe and Africa.
- 2) Provides fundraising, technical and advocacy support for SAVE Partners' vulture work in Myanmar and Cambodia – taking special responsibility for fundraising for these two countries.
- 3) Provides wider support for vulture work and capacity in Myanmar, Cambodia, Nepal and India through the respective BirdLife International Partners which in each case are leading SAVE Partners for these key countries.
- 4) For India (central country to SAVE and Asian vulture conservation), BirdLife International plays a particularly key role in supporting fundraising for example for the Vulture Emergency Fund (VEF), through Neetu Mehta, as well as developing in-country fundraising capacity. It also participates in the governance of the VEF (through Vinayagan Dharmarajah).
- 5) In Cambodia, the Cambodia BirdLife International country office (currently listed as a SAVE Project Partner) has been the centrepiece for establishing the SAVE Core Partner CVWG, and Naiky Ny manages this on a daily basis. With the recent evolution and creation of NatureLife Cambodia, (which Naiky and the other BirdLife International office staff now work for directly) this means that BirdLife International will no longer have a named presence in SAVE. The assumption is that NatureLife Cambodia becomes SAVE Project Partner, subject to SAVE Board approval.
- 6) Asia's threatened vultures have been prioritized under BirdLife International's Preventing Extinctions Programme in Asia and they are promoted and communicated to supporters and donors across Asia.
- 7) Active engagement in SAVE FACC sub-committees - both Neetu Mehta and Vinayagan Dharmarajah are significant players for this.
- 8) Through global and regional offices outside Asia, the BirdLife Secretariat plays a key coordination and supporting role in linking SAVE work with conventions such as CMS, ensuring opportunities to advance the SAVE mission through intergovernmental mechanisms are not missed and that Convention networks (including Governmental focal points), programmes of work and action plans (e.g. the CMS Vulture MsAP) and guidance (e.g. on veterinary NSAIDs), support and are informed by SAVE's mission.
- 9) BirdLife International continues to promote vultures as part of its focus on creating a healthy natural environment (One Planet One Right) and promoting the health benefits of conservation in Asia. It also fully endorses the priorities agreed through the SAVE Blueprint.