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## BACKGROUND

The IUCN Vulture Specialist Group (VSG), part of the Species Survival Commission, is an international organisation devoted to Accipitrid and Cathartid vulture conservation, research and education.

The VSG was founded in 2011 and is made up of biologists, conservationists and people from other areas of expertise that work with or have an interest in vultures. The conservation philosophy is based on the concept that groups of concerned people can take a group of threatened species under their protection and assume responsibility for their survival.

*Vulture News* is the journal of the IUCN Vulture Specialist Group. It was originally the journal of the Vulture Study Group, which was formed in 1973 in southern Africa and became part of the Endangered Wildlife Trust's Birds of Prey Programme.

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