



Vultures are an ecologically vital group of birds that face a range of threats in many areas that they occur. Populations of many species are under pressure and some species are facing extinction.

The International Vulture Awareness Day has grown from Vulture Awareness Days run by the Birds of Prey Working Group in South Africa and the Hawk Conservancy Trust in England, who decided to work together and expand the initiative into an international event.

It is now recognised that a co-ordinated international day will publicise the conservation of vultures to a wider audience and highlight the important work being carried out by the world's vulture conservationists.

On September 5th 2009, the aim is for each participating organisation was carry out their own activities that highlight vulture conservation and awareness. A website, established in July 2009, provided a central place for all participants to outline these activities and see the extent of vulture conservation across the world.

Additionally the website which sponsored the "day" is a valuable resource for vulture workers to learn about the activities of their colleagues and to perhaps develop new collaborations or exchange information.

But you don't have to be a zoo, bird park or conservation organisation to become involved. Our Awareness Day Virtual Event is open to everyone. Take a look at who was involved.

## Asian Organisations participating in 09

Angkor Centre for Conservation of Biodiversity, Cambodia

Bird Conservation Nepal, Nepal

Bird conservation society-gujrat-vulturecell, India

Bird Explorers, Thailand

Birds Bangladesh, Bangladesh

Cambodia Vulture Conservation Project, Cambodia

Centre for Natural Resource Management & Research, Bangladesh

Conservation Biology & Climate Change Research Unit, Bangladesh

Department of Zoology, University of Lucknow, India

Dhartee Development Society (DDS), Pakistan

Ecology Lab., Dept. of Zoology, University of Rajshahi, Rajshahi-6205, Bangladesh

Flamingo Nature Club, Mahuva, Gujarat, India

Gujarat Nature Conservation Foundation, India

Himalayan Nature, Nepal

KACHCHH NATURE CLUB, India

Khandesh Nature Conservation Society, Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India

Krantishing Nanapatil College Of Veterinary Science, India

Lakhota Nature Club, Jamnagar, India

Mahesh trivedi, India  
Mahseer Conservancy, India

Ministry of Environment's Pakistan Wetlands Programme, Pakistan

National Association for Welfare of Animals and Research (NAWAR), India

National College, India

Neyveli Lignite Corporation, India

Nirmal Foundation frd, India

Prakruti Jatan Parivar, Bhanvad, India

Rajputana Society of Natural History, India

The Himalayan Times National daily, Nepal

Vulture Research and Conservation Programme of Bangladesh

Wildlife Conservation and Study Centre, India

Wildlife Conservation Foundation, India

Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh, Bangladesh

WWF - Pakistan, Pakistan

Zoo News Digest, Thailand