

Title: Effecting behaviour change in relation to the utilization of vultures for magical purposes

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University: To be confirmed

Level: Doctoral

Additional information:

The Scientific Authority has determined that local trade in vultures is unsustainable at current harvest levels, and several species may go extinct within 15 to 30 years if current trends are not reversed. The white-backed, white-headed and lappet-faced vulture populations could be locally extinct in as little as 11 years or less should research have underestimated the intensity of use. A report submitted to the Scientific Authority revealed that vulture populations in eastern South Africa are rapidly declining. Vultures are used traditionally for a range of purposes, primarily for clairvoyant powers

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