



Influence of Anthropogenic Activities on Avian Scavengers Conservation

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Message from the Guest Editor

Avian scavengers include one of the most threatened functional groups worldwide (vultures) as well as various more abundant and successful species depending on the geographical region. The main anthropogenic threats for these species include direct persecution by poisoning and shooting, collision and electrocution with electric infrastructures and wind-farms, dietary pollutants (e.g., veterinary drugs), environmental contamination, reduction and alteration of food resources, and health problems derived or influenced by these factors. The link between food resources, contamination, health, and mortality is clear in scavenger species because these threats may concur due to human activities. These and other current alterations of natural processes and ecosystems can have a profound influence on avian scavengers by driving demography, health, and key population parameters ultimately determining population dynamics and conservation.

Papers addressing the links between the above-cited anthropogenic threats and conservation of avian scavengers are invited for this Special Issue, especially those combining a high academic standard with a practical focus on providing management solutions.





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