Project Update: June 2018

Starting from April 2018, our team has resumed the feeding of vultures at three sites in the Ustyurt Nature Reserve (Kazakhstan).

The camera traps at feeding sites have already recorded the presence of Egyptian vultures *Neophron percnopterus*, ravens *Corvus corax* and caracal *Caracal caracal* (!!!). Among the random visitors – Ustyurt urial *Ovis vignei arkal*.

Vulture nest counting survey in the reserve was carried out – four inhabited nests were revealed. Interviewing of target groups of the local population was implemented to identify vulture-nesting sites outside the reserve.

Pocket calendars with original photos of vultures have been published, which are used to popularize our project and for interviewing of local communities. Work on the project is ongoing.

Caracal on the feeding site is a great success. This species of wild cats is very rare and listed in the Red book of Kazakhstan.

Egyptian vulture on the site. The species is listed by the IUCN Red List as Endangered (EN) and in the Red book of Kazakhstan.
The Ustyurt urials were accidentally recorded by a camera trap. The species is listed by the IUCN Red List as Vulnerable (VU) and in the Red Book of Kazakhstan.