**CONTRACT OF ADHESION**

**to the implementation period 2022**

The re-introduction and monitoring of Bearded vultures in Europe is a unique international cooperation that has become a referent for conservationists all over the world in its 25 years of history. In this period, what seemed an impossible mission has turned into a reality, and the Bearded vulture is once again flying freely through the mountainous skies where they once ruled, and got extinct due to direct human persecution. Nevertheless, the work is far from done, and many years will still pass until the population is secure against the same causes that led to its former disappearance, which will only be achieved through the long-term collaboration and commitment of all the partners. This is the reason why the International Bearded vulture Monitoring (IBM) was established. A frame convention for the IBM was subsequently prepared, and tasks and responsibilities, and a financial structure, agreed between all the partners.

In the end of 2014, the manager of the IBM resigned. There have also been calls to reform the structure of the IBM, notably its funding modality, as partners were finding it increasingly difficult to justify the costs. In order to secure the continuity of the very important processes and functions of the IBM, the Vulture Conservation Foundation (VCF) submitted a proposal to assume the management of the IBM, to continue with the ongoing processes and to propose a new model for the medium-term future, including the financial sustainability and model of the IBM. For 2017 to 2019 the VCF secured co-funding for the IBM management. For 2021 to 2023 some small funding could be secured and the partner fee will remain the same for 2022: for partners which are releasing birds 1600 Euros and for all other partners 800 Euros.

This **contract** is supplementary and subjected to the **IBM Frame Convention.**

The annual fee should be paid by direct bank transaction (excluding transfer costs) according to the included invoice.

*Gran Paradiso National Park represented by the Director, dott. Bruno Bassano, hereby certify their adhesion to the implementation period 2022 of the project “International Bearded vulture Monitoring” (IBM). The undersigned hence consents with the contribution fee of this implementation period which amounts to a minimum base of 800 €.*

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