

# IAF PORTALS PROJECTS



**with UNEP-CMS Raptor MOU and  
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust  
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# Addressing three issues

1. Conservation and Sustainable Use of Raptors
2. Conservation and Sustainable Use of Prey
3. Falconry and Conservation through Sustainable Use (of Raptors, Prey and Habitats) are threatened.

Encouraging action by Falconers, Farmers, Shooters and all other beneficiaries of wild resources to restore and cherish those resources for the future.

Building understanding by governments and public.

# SakerGAP Flagship Project: [www.Sakernet.org](http://www.Sakernet.org)

Sakers and Falconry

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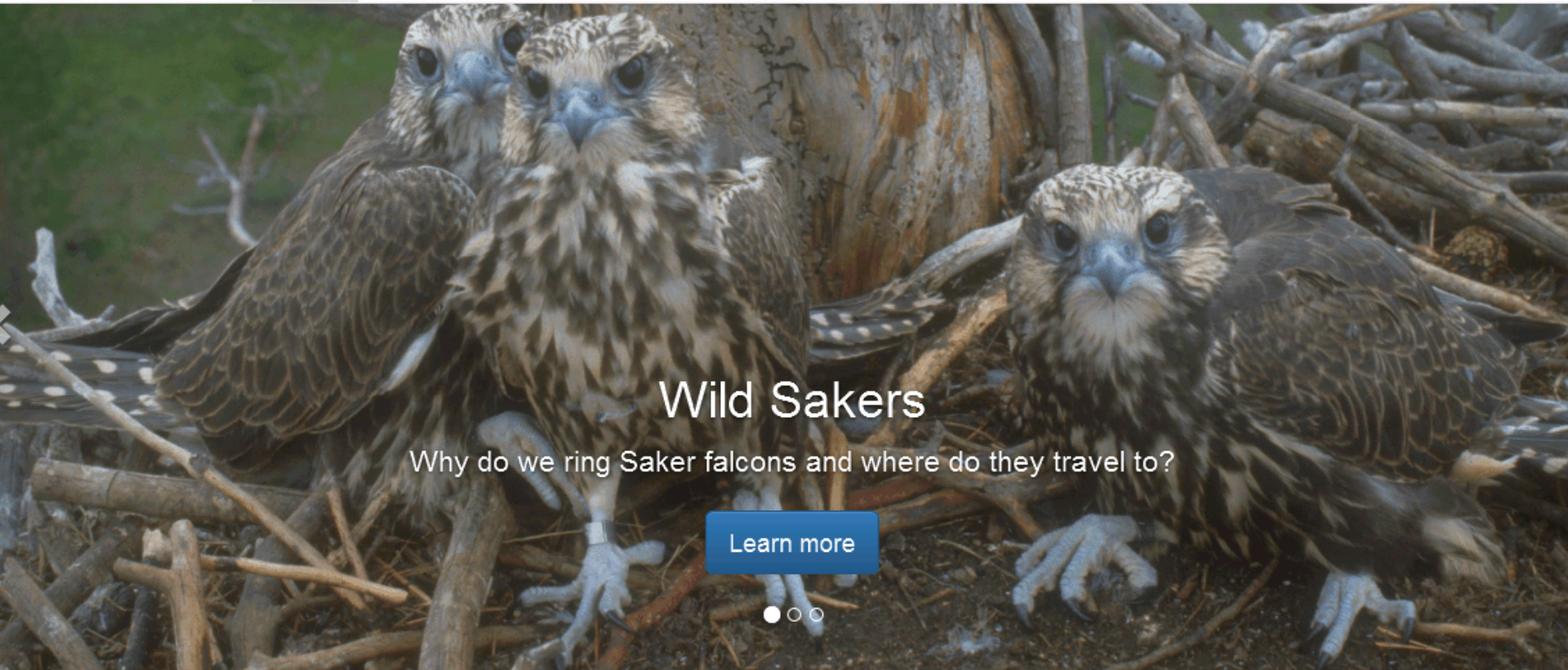
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## Wild Sakers

Why do we ring Saker falcons and where do they travel to?

[Learn more](#)



### Get update alerts

We will send you news of when we update the site with new information about Sakers, falconry and conservation. Your registration will be separated from the survey, so that survey information is anonymous.

[Register here](#)

### Do the survey

Please help us by completing the survey. Information that you give in the survey is important for management to maintain Saker numbers in the wild, and thus will help both trappers and falconers to sustain their activities.

[Do the survey](#)

### See the survey results

Results of the survey will be presented as simple diagrams. The first diagrams from a previous survey done two years ago will be replaced as your information is added.

[Survey results](#)

# Saker Staging Editor

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**ar:** سيتم عرض نتائج المسح (الدراسة الإستقصائية) كرسوم بيانية مبسطة عندما يكون لدينا عدد كبير من المسجلات.

**fa:** در صورت دریافت تعداد متناسبی گزارش معیبر، نتایج تحقیق بصورت دیاگرامهای ساده ارائه خواهند شد.

**ru:** Результаты опроса будут представлены в виде простых

**Language to translate into:**

Arabic (ar)

**Translation:**

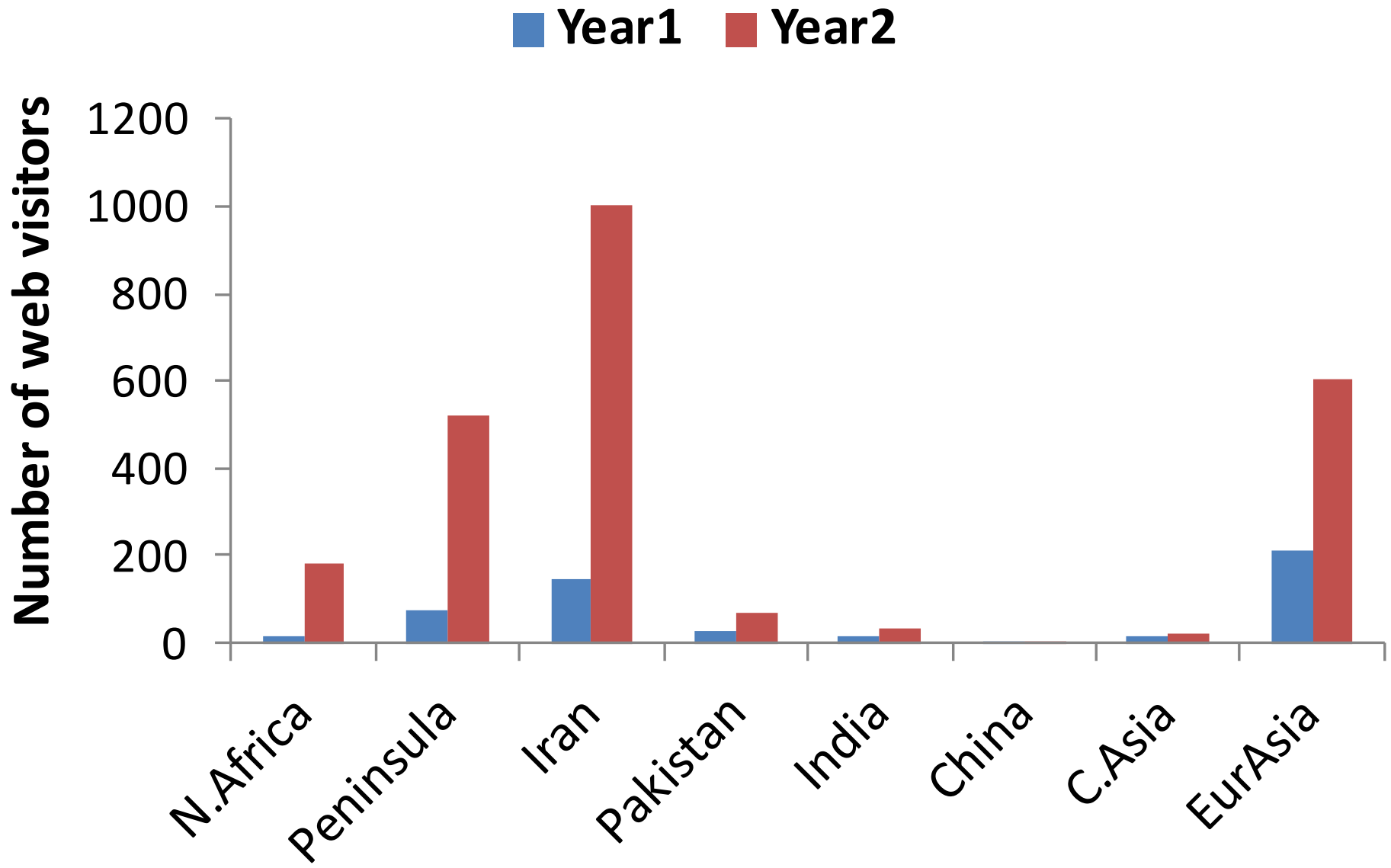
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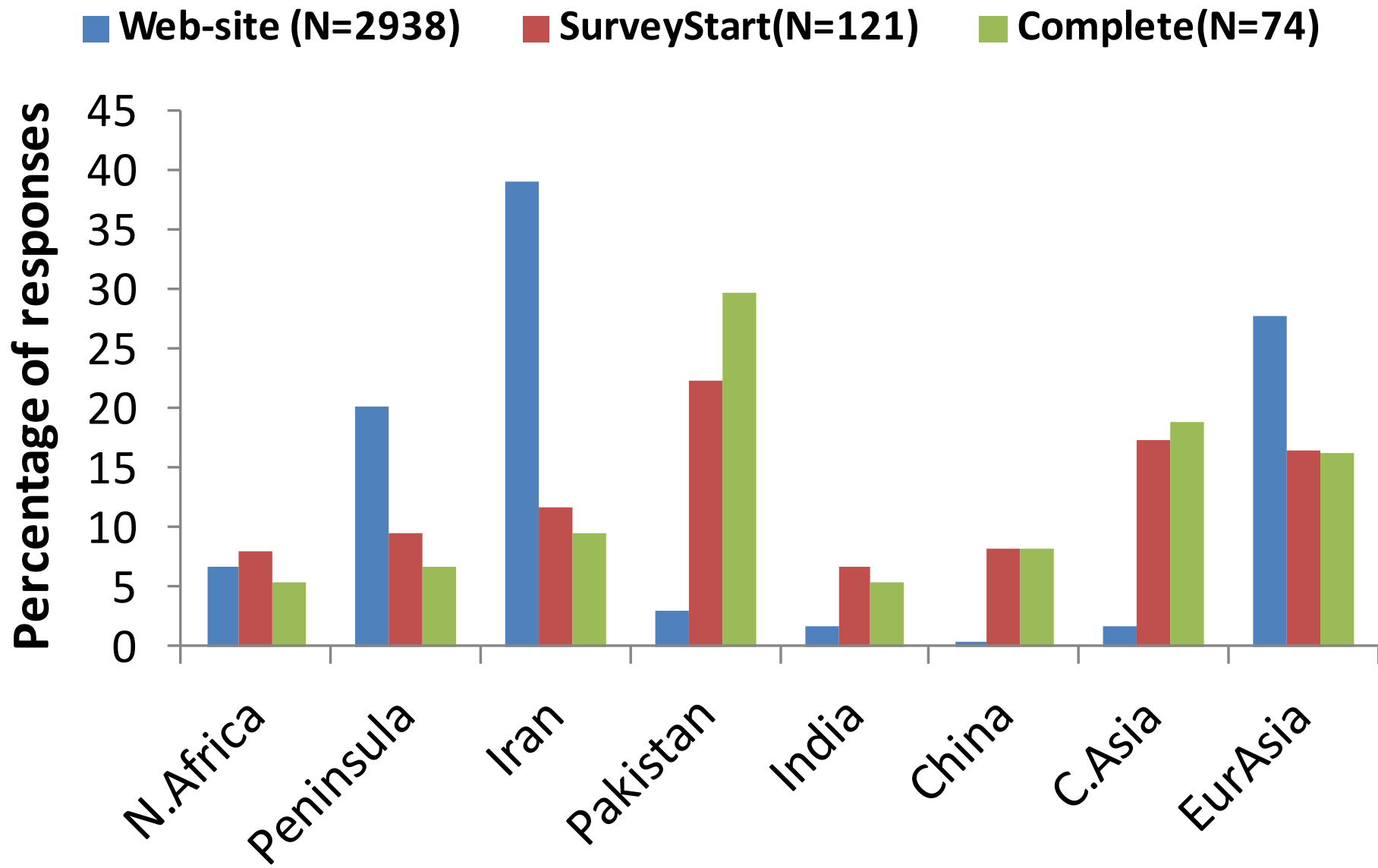
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# Survey results for two years



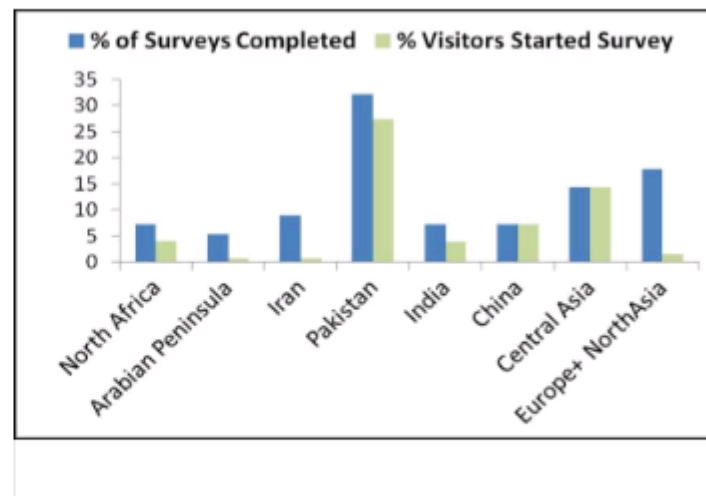
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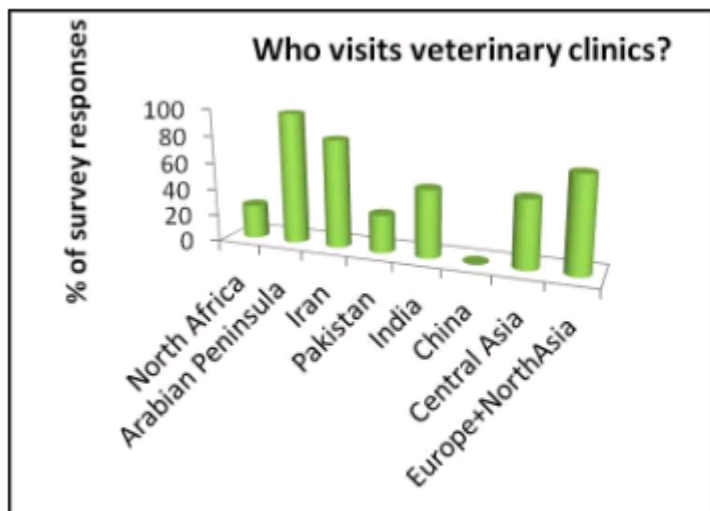
# Results of the latest survey

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the survey last year. The first three diagrams on this page show results from the data which you provided. More information, including an Introduction and Summary of the First Year Report, is provided in documents available to you at the bottom of this page.

The first diagram shows that most replies last year came from Pakistan, and that most people who visited the web-site there undertook the survey. As a result, two names for Pakistan were drawn as winners of survey prizes, with the second prize in the United Arab Emirates and the fourth in Turkmenistan. If you were unable to contribute last year, please do the New Survey and have a chance to win a prize this year.



The second diagram shows that almost all falconers and trappers on the Arabian Peninsula take their falcons to veterinary clinics to check their health. Perhaps that is why the last diagram on this page shows long lives for birds in the first survey from the Arabian Peninsula. More falcon clinics seem to be needed to help the falconers and trappers in China and North Africa and Pakistan.



The third diagram shows that falconers in South-Central Asia and China mostly release wild Sakers after hunting with them. They still follow the traditional cultural practices that go back very many generations.



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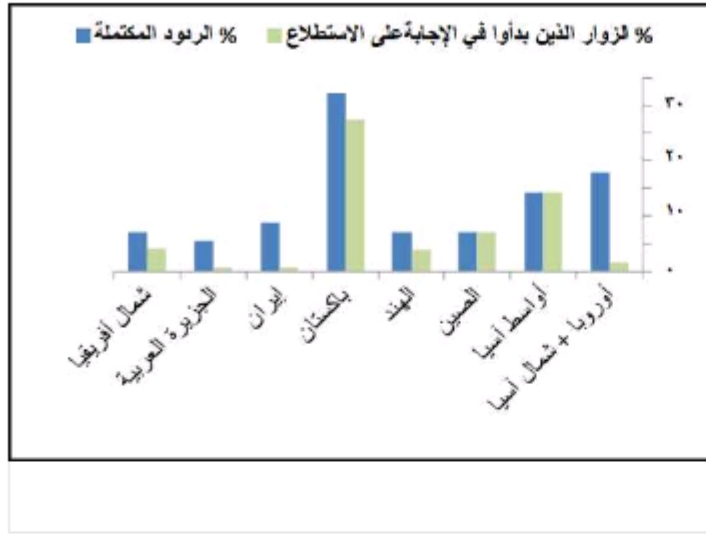
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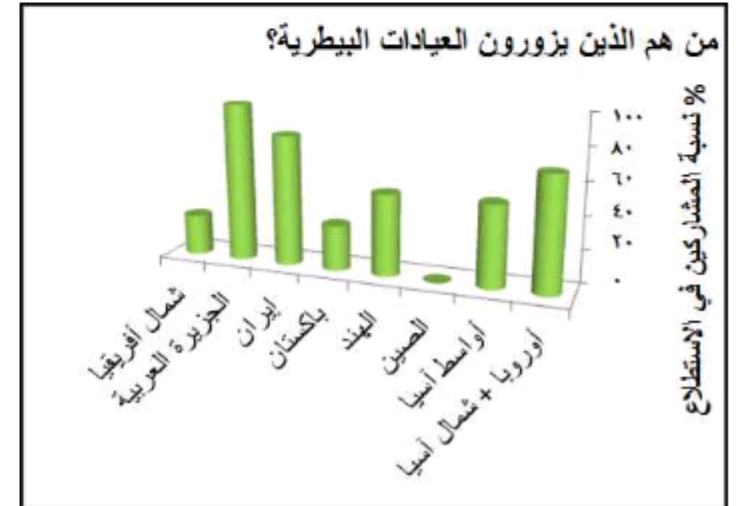
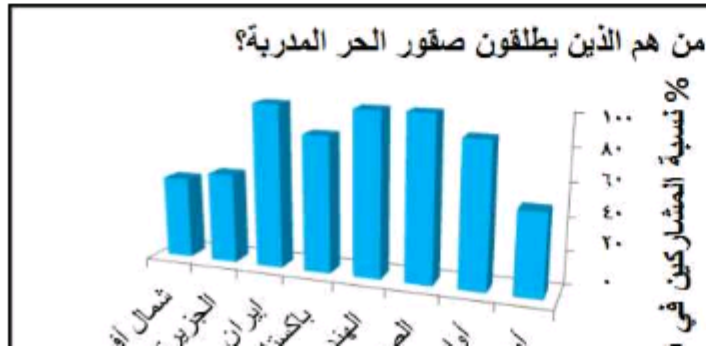
الشكر الجزيل لجميع من ساهم في استطلاع العام الماضي. الرسوم البيانية الثلاثة الأولى في هذه الصفحة توضح نتائج البيانات التي تفضلتم بتوفيرها. وقد تم توفير المزيد من المعلومات، بما في ذلك مقدمة وموجز تقرير السنة الأولى في الوثائق المتاحة في الجزء السفلي من هذه الصفحة.

ويوضح الرسم البياني الأول أن معظم مشاركات العام الماضي جاءت من باكستان. فشارك معظم الأشخاص الذين زاروا الموقع على شبكة الإنترنت من تلك الدولة في الاستطلاع. ونتيجة لذلك، تم سحب اسمين لفائزين من باكستان بجوائز الاستطلاع، مع ذهاب الجائزة الثانية إلى دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة، والجائزة الرابعة إلى دولة أوزبكستان. إذا لم تستطع المشاركة في استطلاع العام الماضي، يمكنك المشاركة في الاستطلاع الجديد، حيث توجد فرصة لك للفوز بواحدة من جوائز هذا العام.



ويظهر الرسم البياني الثاني أن معظم الصقارين والصيادين في شبه الجزيرة العربية يأخذون صقورهم إلى العيادات البيطرية للتأكد من سلامتها وصحتها. ولعل هذا هو السبب في طول أعمال الصقور، كما يشير إلى ذلك الرسم البياني الأخير في هذه الصفحة، والمأخوذ من أول استطلاع من شبه الجزيرة العربية. ويبدو أن هنالك حاجة لمزيد من عيادات الصقور لمساعدة الصقارين والصيادين في الصين وشمال أفريقيا وباكستان.

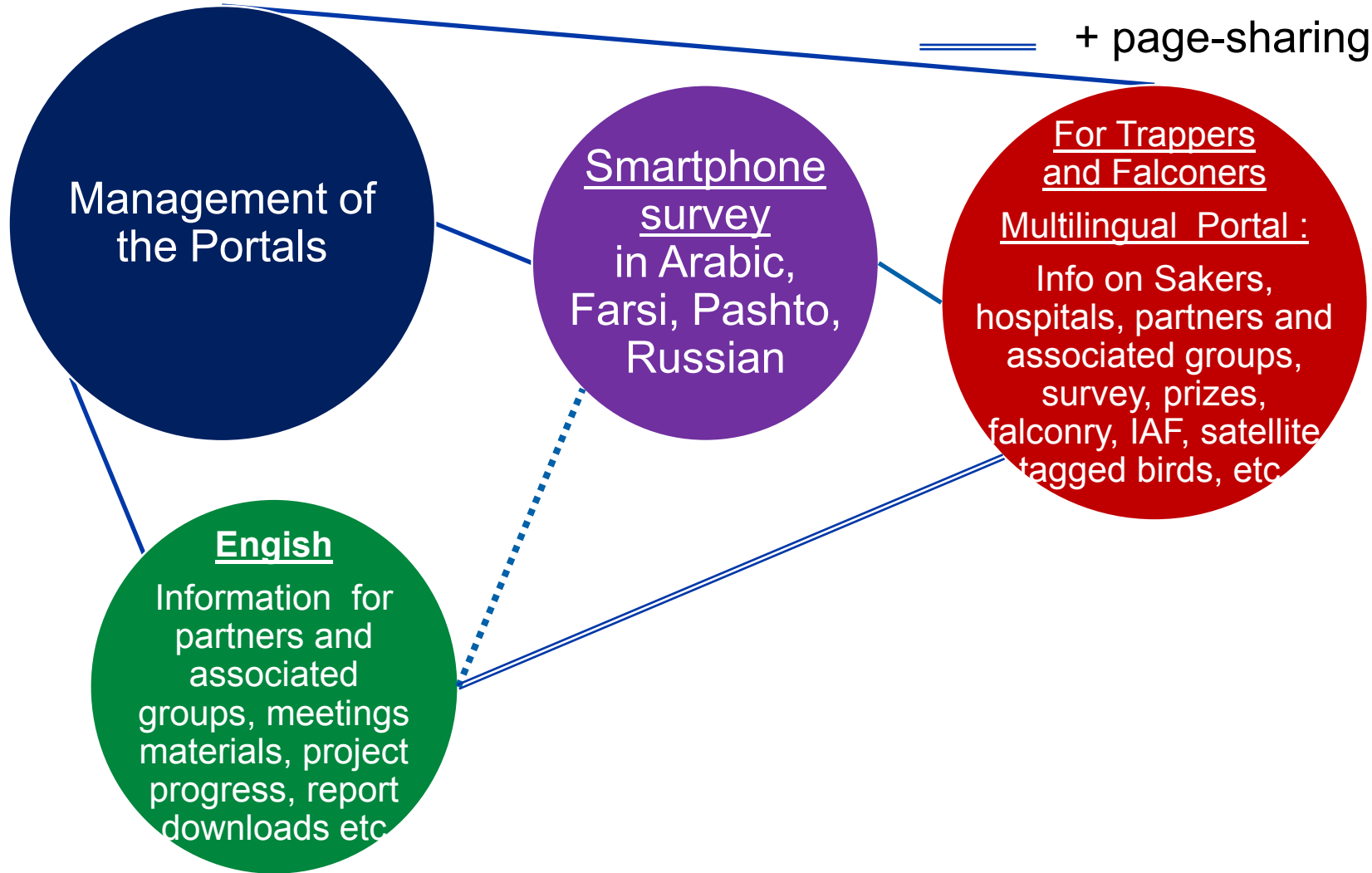
ويبين الرسم الثالث أن معظم الصقارين في جنوب ووسط آسيا والصين يطلقون صقور الحر البرية بعد الصيد بها. فهم لا يزالون يتبعون الممارسات التراثية التقليدية التي تعود إلى العديد من الأجيال الماضية.



# Survey conclusions (two years)

	Interview in person	Website	Web-survey
<b>Substantial falconers</b>	Untested	Uncertain	None
<b>Single falconers</b>	Almost all agreed	More than 3,000 visits	Often <2%, up to 100%
<b>Trappers</b>	Almost all agreed	Many were trappers	Probably similar
<b>Falcon veterinarians</b>	All agreed	Some had visited	Untested
	<b>Good response</b>	<b>Some response</b>	<b>Poor response</b>

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## Saker Net

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## Saker Conservation and Falconry

This is web-site for the Saker Task Force ([STF](#)) set up under the Raptors MOU of the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species ([CMS](#)). The site is run by the International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey ([IAF](#)), working together with CMS, [Birdlife International](#) and [IUCN](#).



During 2012-14, the CMS-STF worked with researchers, falconers and other conservationists to draft a Saker Falcon Global Action Plan ([SakerGAP](#)), which was adopted by the CMS conference of parties at Quito, Ecuador in November 2014. The SakerGAP proposed flagship projects for managing and monitoring the species. This site, which provides information in English for researchers, veterinarians and other practitioners, is part of the first project. It [links here](#) in English to another part of this portal project, which is in Arabic, Pashto, Persian and Russian, for falconers, trappers and local land managers in Saker breeding areas. That site will carry the results of a survey which has now started to embrace in management and monitoring all those whose passion and livelihoods involve the Saker Falcon.

The site is also a resource for those wishing for links to Saker project information, to partners in this project and to reports and scientific articles on the Saker Falcon, including a [bibliography of 844 papers](#). There is also a [2-page factsheet](#) that gives a useful overview of the SakerGAP.

### News

09 Oct 2016 **Middle East & North African IAF Members at ADIHEX**

01 Sep 2016 **Year 2 Survey is Live**

17 Apr 2016 **Portals Year 1 Report Published**

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Falconers restored tree-nesting Peregrine Falcons

IAF and IUCN are also working with BirdLife International and the Convention of Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) on multilingual portals for local people across Asia to conserve the Saker Falcon. This work prompted the thought "How about sites to provide information on restoring natural richness across Europe too? Could this help all local communities across Europe engage in the improvement of their local environment and services from nature?" Let's see!

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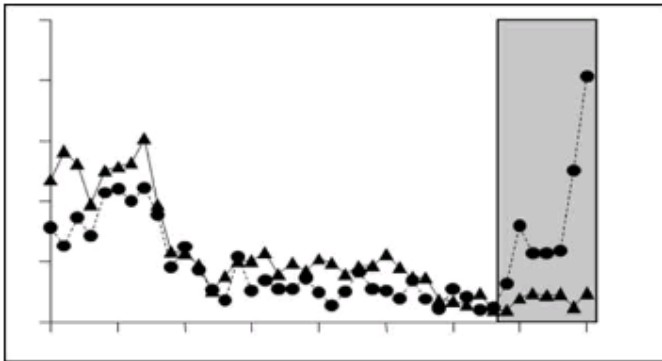
### Help us!

Do please spread the word about this site, which is intended for everyone who wishes to see not only Grey Partridges, but also wildflowers, butterflies, bees and many creatures thrive where partridges are found. To restore the riches of nature across Europe will need all of us to maintain and restore the field margins, road verges, parks and even gardens than can support such wildlife.

### It can be done!

The diagram shows restoration of a wild Grey Partridges on a Sussex estate through management based on GWCT research. The long-term decline in the area was completely reversed, while numbers remained low on a comparable area nearby.

To discover more about what we need to do, please look at the pages on this site about managing habitats and other species that affect Grey Partridges.



Measurements 2004-2010 (grey) for partridge pairs in area managed for grey partridge conservation (circles) vs control (triangles). (© GWCT)

### On the web

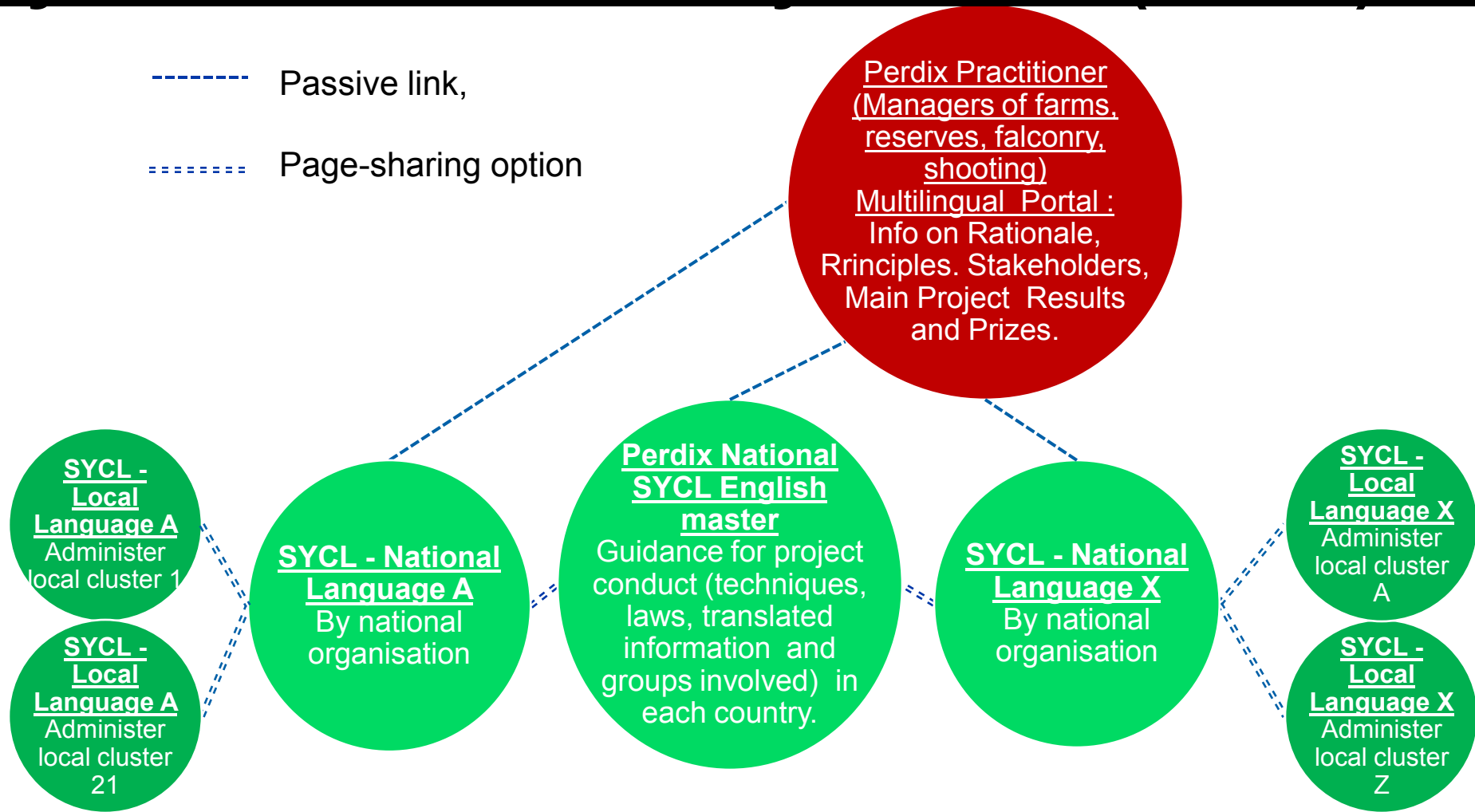
[Read more about the Sussex success story mentioned above \(English\)](#)

The website of the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust has much useful information on partridges and other species.

[Click here to see what is happening in your country.](#)

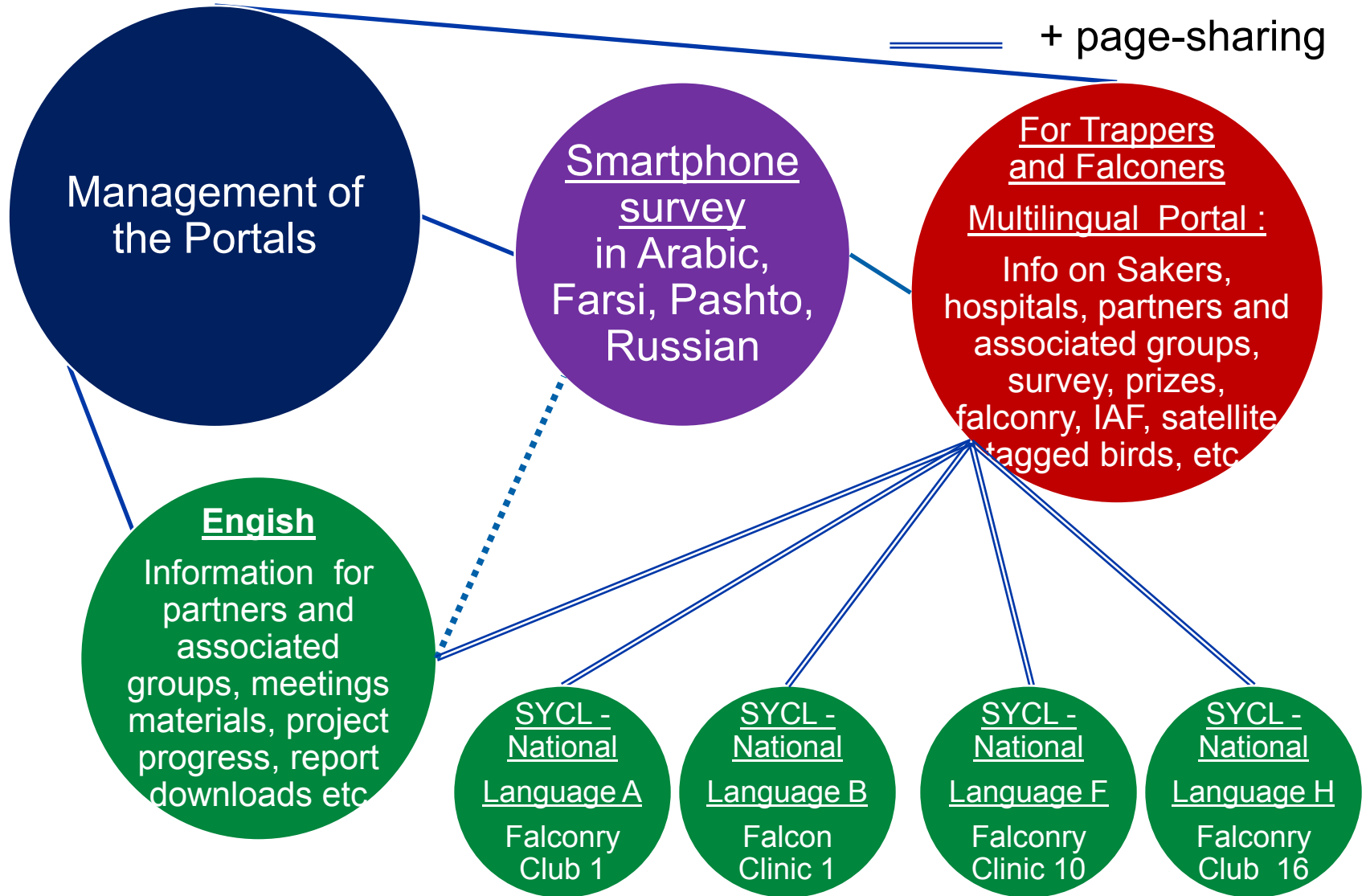
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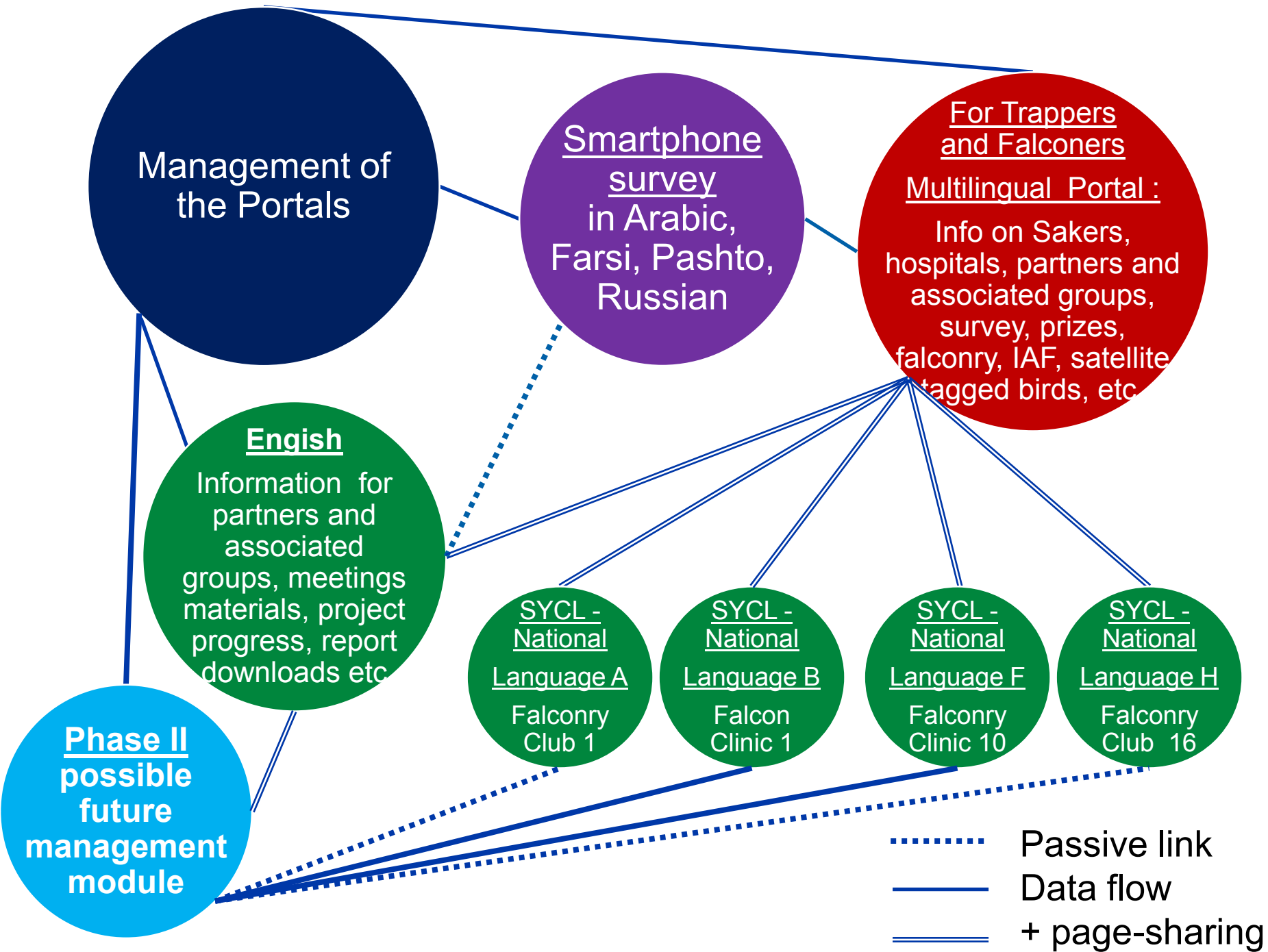
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## Mark-recapture for:

1. Harvest rates through trappers & falcon hospitals: in 1990s, thanks to British Trust for Ornithology for rings and to falcon hospitals in the Gulf States for recording transponders, 13 of 171 falcons marked in Kazakhstan during 1993-7 were recorded as trapped. That represents a minimum harvest of 8%.
2. Population sizes from records at veterinary hospitals: Riddle & Remple (1994) estimated that 2,750 falcons were being obtained in the Gulf States annually in the late 1980s. With the 8% harvest rate, these would have represented about 36,000 young, or progeny from 12,000 laying pairs with 3 young/clutch.

# Mark-Recapture + Mark-Bank

1. Gives population sizes (as now done for goshawks & sakers) & harvest rates (as done for sakers).
2. Genetics give tamper-proof identification of legal birds: deposit (bank) a feather when bird marked.

# Marking wild saker, Kazakhstan, 1993



# Mark-Recapture + Mark-Bank = eMS

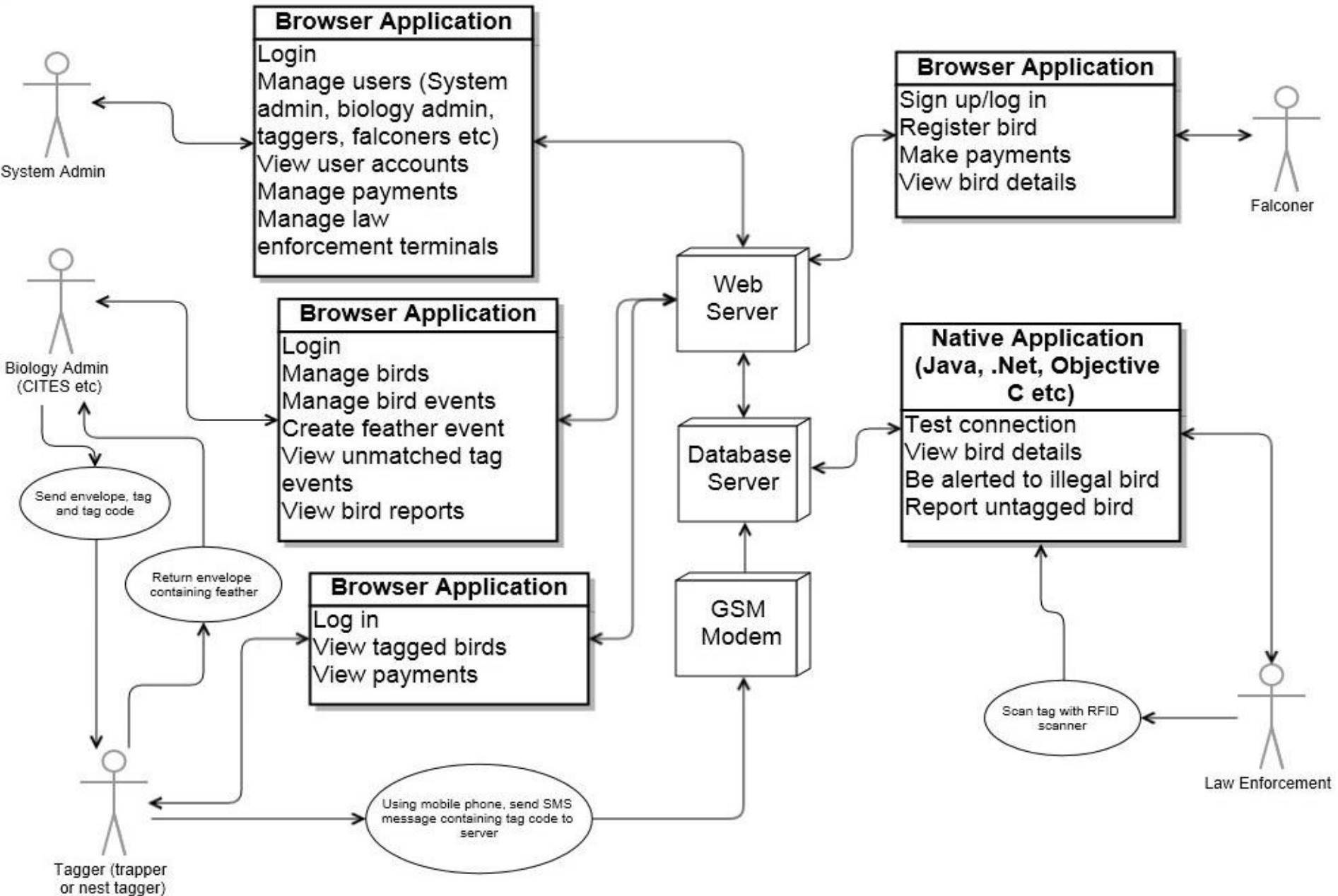
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3. **Saker e-Management System (eMS) could combine mark-recapture estimation of populations, for sustainability regulation with mark-bank monitoring of compliance with regulation.**

## Potentially rewarding:

- local people in breeding areas for marking
- trappers for data on captures and capture effort
- falcon hospitals for their observations

**Not just for sakers but wild use elsewhere too.**

# Electronic passports (2013 report)



# Conclusions

- Sakernet outreach is successful but now needs managing in the Gulf to build engagement.
- IAF could build electronic passporting for trade and population monitoring with falcon hospitals.
- Experience with Sakernet helped build Perdixnet to encourage habitat restoration for prey.
- Both portals show how falconers have continued to pioneer conservation - now with the internet.
- However, our IUCN/IAF/ESUG team lacks resources to go further - can you help?

**Thanks to IAF and Irish Hawking Club for hospitality and helping me to attend this meeting.**

# Thank you for listening

