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Re: Waldrapp (Geronticus eremita)

The "Waldrapp" (*Geronticus eremita*) is a very endangered species (IUCN Red Data Book Code No. B/27/GERON/ERE 1970). Up to the beginning of the 17th century, this bird also occurred in some countries of central and south-eastern Europe.

Today the only known breeding colony of the eastern population is located at Birecik on the Euphrates, in south-eastern Turkey. The population declined from 1000 birds to only 34 in 1977. Disturbance at breeding places and use of insecticides are responsible for this decline.

Several breeding colonies of the western population exist in Morocco. In 1975 the number was estimated at 200 - 250 breeding pairs. Poaching, cultivation of formerly semi-arid feeding places, and disturbance by tourists have led to a decimation of the birds in Morocco.

All available information is required to plan and carry out a conservation project for the last "Waldrapps". May I therefore ask you to complete and return the enclosed questionnaire.

Thank you very much in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Udo Hirsch

Enc. Questionnaire

Background information
for conservation of
Waldrapp

Waldrapp
or: Crested Ibis
Eremitte Ibis
Geronticus eremita
Geronticus comatus
Comatibis eremita
Comatibis comata

Address of Museum:

No.:

A stuffed animals
or skins

B skeletons or
parts of
skeletons

C eggs

D Data:
Diaries,
Travel notes,
Literature, etc.

Number	Exact location		Date	Name of Collector	intern. code
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					A
					B
					C
					D
				Länder:	
				Algerien	
				Marokko	
				Sahara	
				Türkei	
				Syrien	
				Irak	
				Israel	
				Jordan.	
				Saudi Arab.	
				Aegypten	
				Sudan	
				Aethiop.	

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