



Invitation to the Annual Bearded Vulture Meeting of FCBV

17th to 19th October 2008, Rauris/Hohe Tauern National Park, Austria

**Organised by the Foundation for the Conservation of the Bearded Vulture, the
International Bearded vulture Monitoring, Alpine Network of Protected Areas and
Hohe Tauern National Park**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear friends of the Bearded Vulture,

30 years have passed since a small group of scientists planned to reintroduce the Bearded vulture into the Alps. While the project outcome was rather unclear in the beginning we celebrate a story of success today. More than 150 birds could be released in the past and 50 field-grown chicks have fledged since 1997. In the winter 2007/2008 a number of 15 breeding pairs started with incubation – finally 7 chicks have been raised successfully. This gives good reason to expect the new population to become self-sustaining. Now the project has to face new tasks.

On the one hand a professional monitoring shall guarantee detection of negative impacts to react immediately, on the other hand bridging the alpine subpopulation with other subpopulations to maintain a meta-population will be an important aim in the future.

To discuss these and other goals we would like to invite you to annual Bearded Vulture meet in Rauris (A), the place where the story of the reintroduction began 30 years ago. Please register your self and your companionship to participate at veronika.mayer@salzburg.gv.at until 19th of September. This will help to estimate the number of participants which is essential to plan accommodation in a small community such as Rauris. Please specify if you want to present a poster (format 120cm high and 90cm wide). For booking you will be contacted soon after your registration.

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