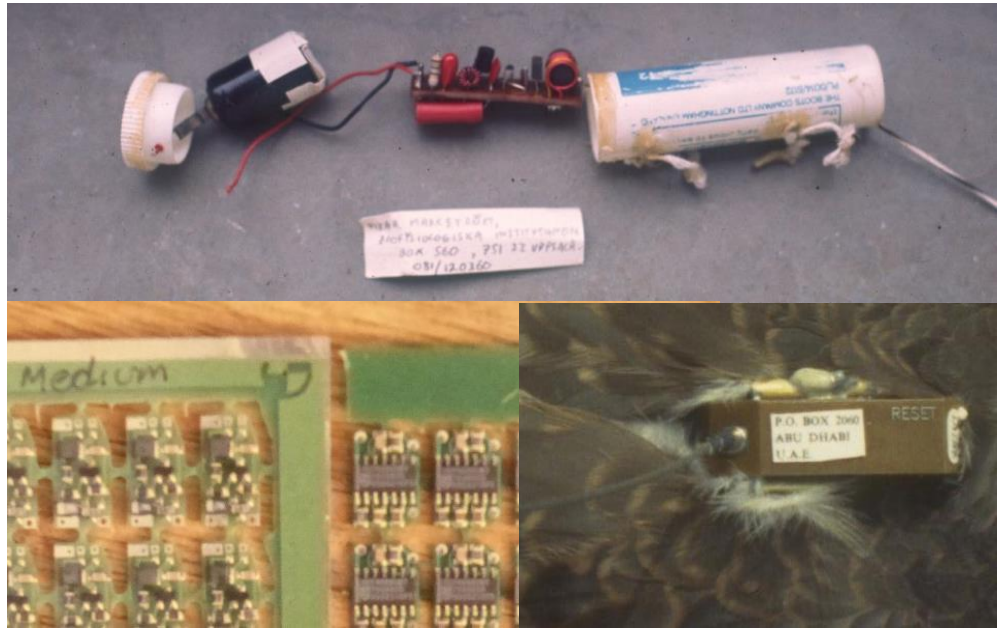
TOOLS, FALCONRY and LOCAL PEOPLE

Benefits for Science and Governance





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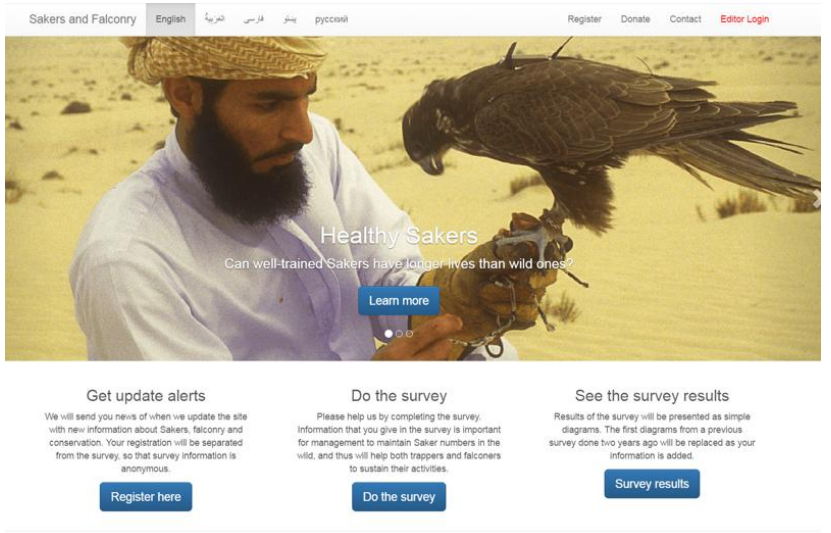
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Tools for Conservation through Falconry

How do you save the peregrine, restore partridges, save the planet?
Ask experts? Certainly, because practitioners have tools & local knowledge which scientists can build on.
Develop tools which help to do things differently?
Certainly, but how to get societies to change, to transition to doing things differently?

Governance – how society decides its affairs.
Ethics – Rule of Law – Society gives Rights, but may change them (BB, BF, cats)
Social tools include Law but also communication tools and concepts (e.g. MAGA)
There are tools for science and for governance and for both.



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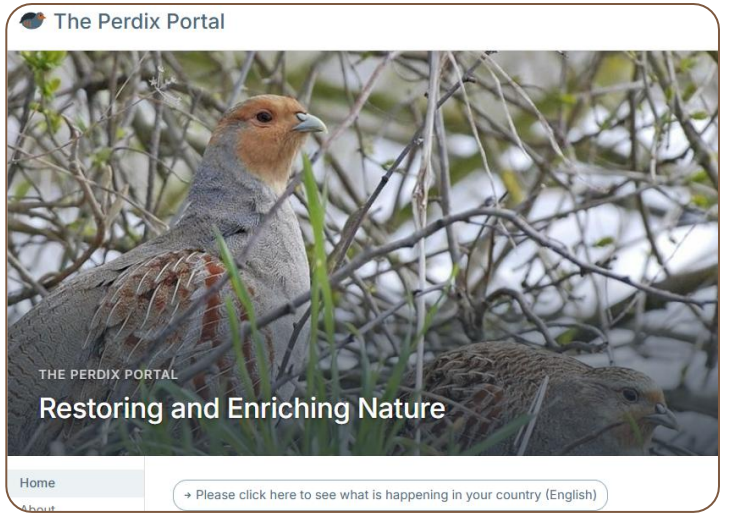


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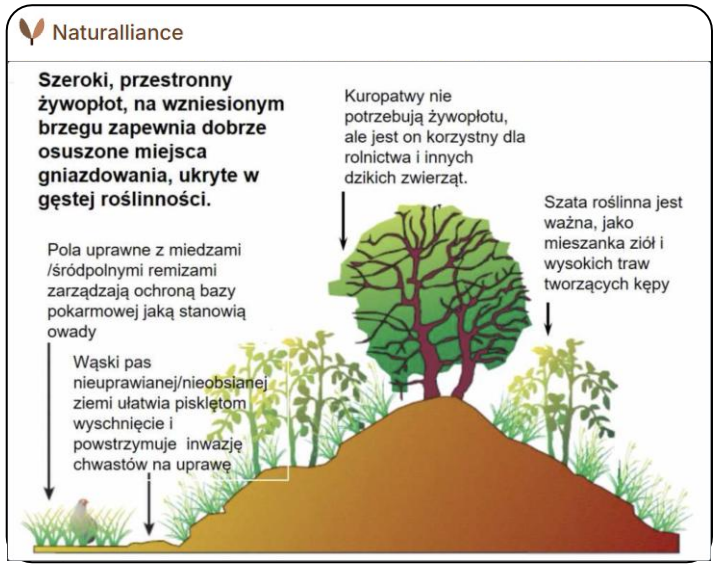
Falconers are great tool makers

Perches, Enclosures, Radios, Robotic prey ….

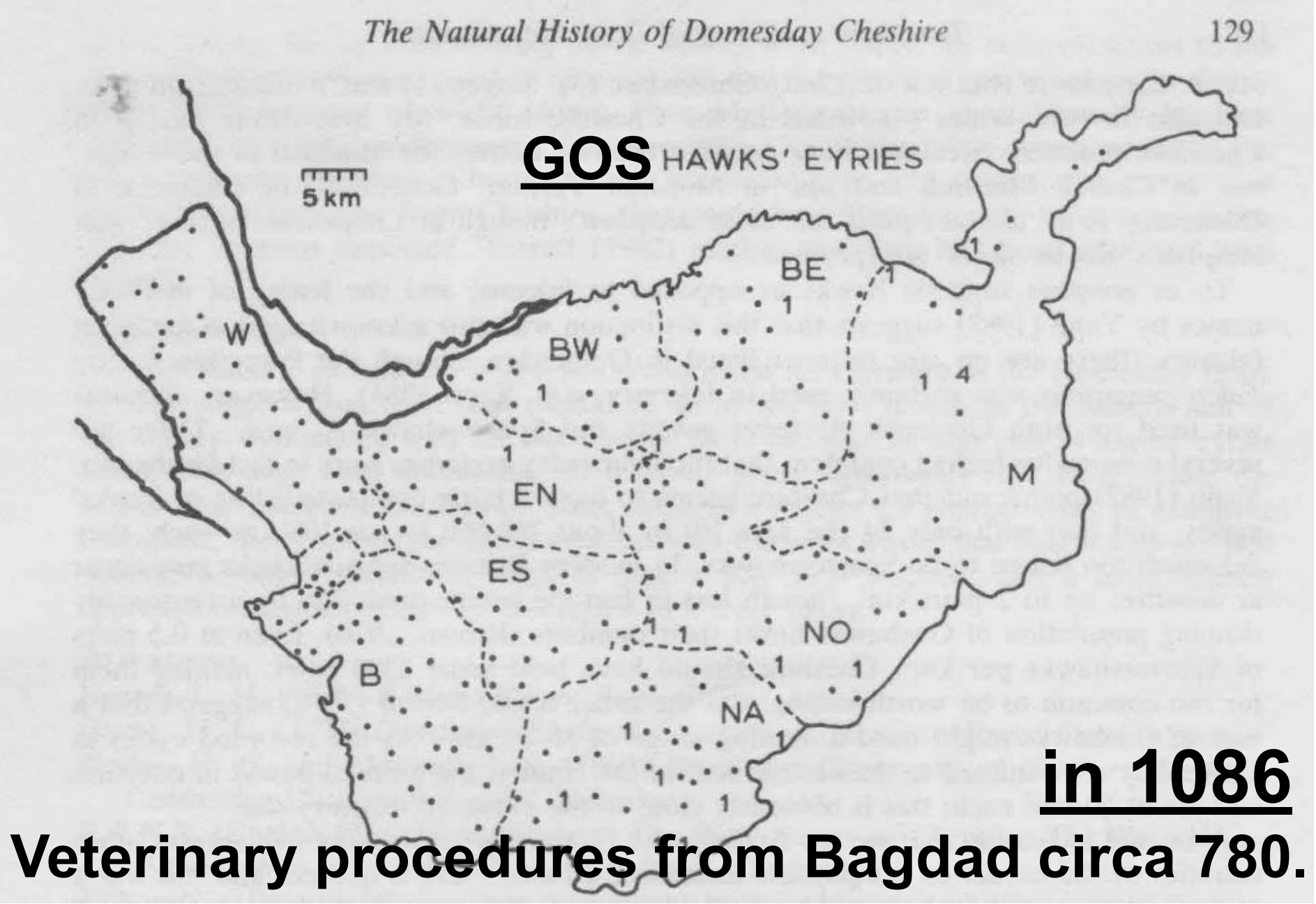
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Falconers are key innovators in conservation



Veterinary procedures from Bagdad circa 780.

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1923 — 50 Jahre — 1973

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A Conference on Bird of Prey Management Techniques

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& Wadham College, Oxford

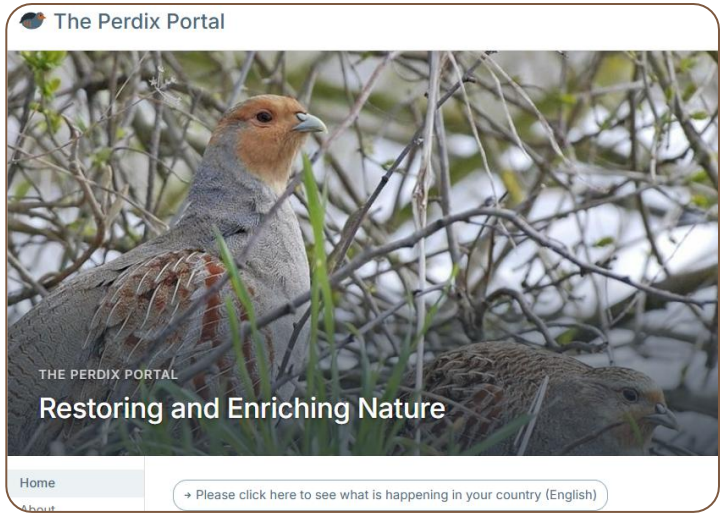
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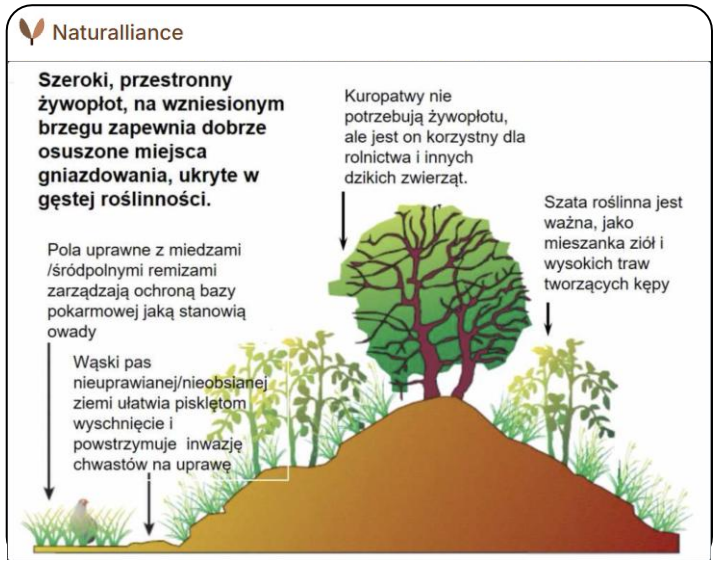
Tools from PRO-COAST for Falconry?

Falconers also use conceptual tools (social science):
Illegal – Tolerable – Useful - Indispensable.

PRO-COAST research made clear that local communities need both motivation and good social guidance for transition to sustainability. Enthusing them through projects is a great way. Citizen science may help but citizen management may be even better.
Would falconers like Farmland Advice for partridges?
Social science in a mark Mark-and-Bank system?



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Need good communication to get the transition tools used widely, helping people to understand and conserve their species and ecosystems, and maybe also to make better choices about electing decision-makers to higher levels.

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