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Cover photograph: Despite its relatively large range, Eastern Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* is categorised as globally Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List, owing to its small declining population. As well as habitat loss, prey depletion and collision with powerlines, this protected species is also threatened by persecution. In this issue, Brochet and co-authors quantified the scale and scope of illegal killing and taking of birds across Northern and Central Europe and the Caucasus, using a diverse range of data sources and incorporating expert knowledge. They found the issue to be widespread across the region, affecting an estimated 0.4 to 2.1 million birds per year, including Eastern Imperial Eagle and other species of regional and global conservation concern. Image credit: © Bence Máté (bencemateshides.com)

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