

## 4. Extreme Abilities

**Lammergeier** (*Gypaetus barbatus*)

**Ability** - Intense bird with steady diet of bone

*Lammergeier* means "lamb-vulture" in German. Eighty percent of the bird's diet consists of bone and bone marrow. Bearded vultures even have favorite breaking spots that are ominously called ossuaries. Overhunting has led to the endangerment of the species. They can live to be as old as 45.

Its stomach acid has a pH of about 1, so the dense material can be digested in under 24 hours. The Lammergeier is a scavenger; after finding a picked-over carcass, it will drop it from a tremendous height to shatter it into swallow-able pieces. They are monogamous. It's one of the largest old world vultures. Its closest living relative is the Egyptian Vulture.

## 4.6 Strongest Stomach Geographical Distribution – Europe & Africa

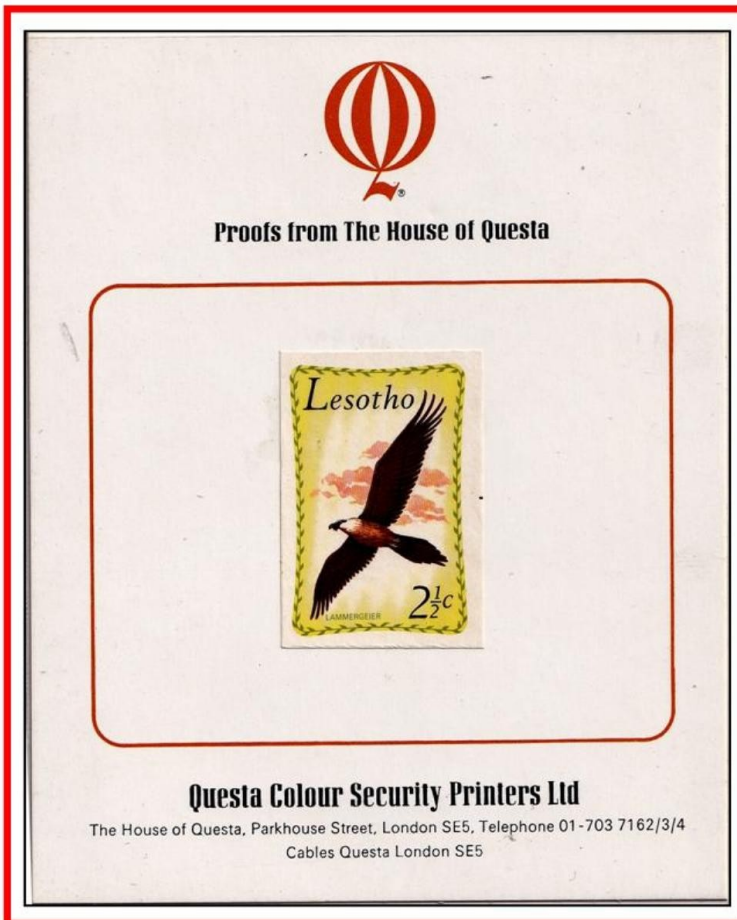
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