



Amur Falcon

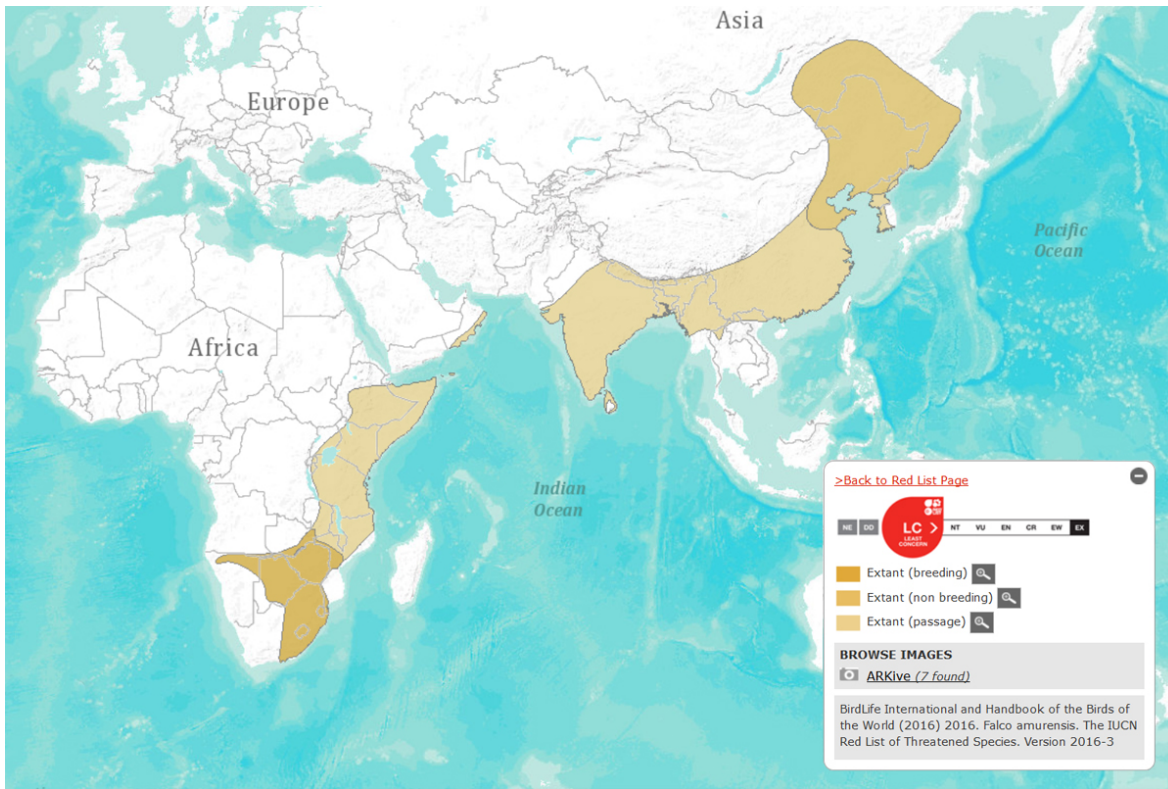
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Recently, the **Tamenglong** district administration in Manipur imposed an **immediate ban** on hunting, catching, killing, and selling **Amur falcons (*Falco amurensis*)** in preparation for their arrival.



▪ About Amur Falcons:

- They are small and agile birds (**raptors**) locally known as '**Kahuaipuina**' in Manipur and '**Molulem**' in Nagaland (**Amur Falcon capital of the world**).
- Their **distinctive features** include dark plumage, white wing linings, and reddish-orange eyes and feet.
- **Migration:**
 - They migrate from **Northern China, Eastern Mongolia, and Far East Russia** to South Africa, covering a distance of approximately **22,000 kilometres** and passing through India.
- **Feeding:** They are **insectivorous** but may also consume small vertebrates.
- **Threat:**
 - They face **threats** from **habitat loss, hunting, and illegal trapping**.
- **Conservation Program:**
 - In 2016, Manipur tagged Amur falcons with radio transmitters to monitor their migration routes.
 - An annual '**Amur Falcon Festival**' is held in Tamenglong district to raise awareness and celebrate these birds.
- **Legal Protection:**
 - [IUCN Red List](#)- Least Concern
 - [Convention on Migratory Species \(CMS\)](#): Appendix II
 - [Wildlife Protection Act, 1972](#): Schedule IV



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