



Assessment implementation and preliminary results of the implementation of patagial tagging on Southern African Vultures

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Re-assessment of methods



- Safe to birds
- Does not affect normal behaviour
- Durability
- Optimal chance of recovery/re-sighting
- All species and ages
- Throughout southern Africa
- Cost-effective

Plastic Colour-rings



Canadian PVC Rings



European PVC tags



Patagial tags



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- 16 AWBV + 1 Hooded Vulture tagged & released
- >350 re-sightings reported from the Lowveld and KNP in 1st 6 months
- 16 of 17 birds re-sighted in 1st 12 months (96%)
- All birds re-sighted reported to be in good condition



Tagged birds to date

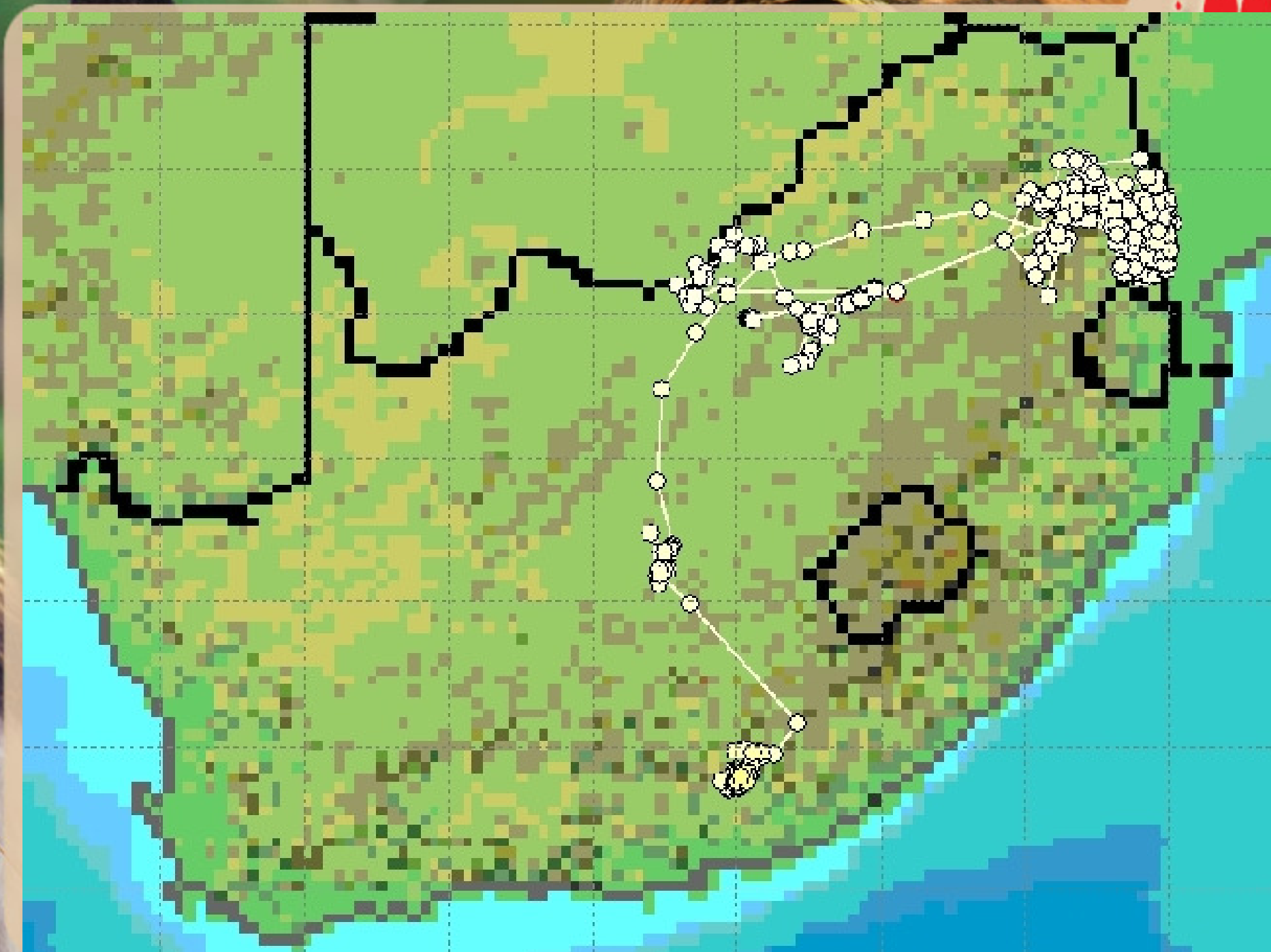


- 1976 Vultures of 6 species
- Applied at 18 sites across southern Africa
- 1128 Vulture nestlings
- 848 Mass captures or rehabilitated birds



Re-sightings

- 6112 on current database
- 74.2% at feeding sites
- 25.5% reported by public
- 0.3% recovered
- A-series – 115/122 birds re-sighted (94%)





Future plans

- Re-assess conservation approach
- Detailed data analysis
- Publish findings
- Expand to Zambia
- Link and co-operate with East Africa
- Improve on re-sightings in key areas
- Decide on cut-off date for project

Thank you!



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