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WORD FROM OUR CEO

As the year draws to a close, holiday season is upon us and the earth is drenched with cleansing rain, I have come to find December a time of reflection. It is a time of self-reflection and a look into the work VulPro has undertaken, not only over the past 3 months as is the focus in this newsletter, but a reflection on our work throughout the year. It is also a time to reflect and give gratitude to all our supporters, followers, volunteers, family members, staff, and to You, the public, for your unwavering support and commitment to vulture conservation and conservation in general. The world needs more conservation champions as we hope to reduce the extinction rate and risk of all species tenfold by 2050, as well as 30% of both the land and water areas of the earth adequately conserved by 2030 as per the agreed goals outlined during the 193 parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at COP15 held during December 2022.

Examples such as the 180-200 plus critically-endangered vultures which were poisoned during the past three months within southern Africa, all for the purpose of 'muti' (medicine), clairvoyant beliefs, and witchcraft – is further proof of the decimation we live with in today's greed-stricken world where money and want becomes the driving force for decisions rather than living in harmony, peace and tranquility with nature in a more simplistic manner. Simply put, human beings have lost touch with what is important as we compete for the largest homes, most expensive cars and top of the range cell phones and laptops.

Each newsletter is put together with thought, care, compassion and hope. Hope that our work gives our readers a glimmer into the daily lives of VulPro staff and volunteers, and just how committed, passionate and dedicated we all are to making a difference. A difference not only to all vulture species that we hope to protect and preserve for generations to come, but a difference for you, your loved ones, your grandchildren and their grandchildren as this is our legacy to YOU.

Help us keep the plight of vultures at the forefront on your daily lives and spread the message. Let's stand together in support of preventing the extinction of our African vultures, and let's be part of the change: now, today and tomorrow.

Lastly, as this newsletter will only reach you in the new year, I would like to be the first to wish you a happy and prosperous new year. A year filled with rejuvenated hope and love for all living beings. Let us nurture our planet together.

Kerri, CEO



Start the New Year with a limited edition Lappet-faced Vulture Plushy



VULTURE RESCUE & REHABILITATION

During the last three months of 2022, we have been busy with rescues across the country, and have had an interesting list of species come in beyond our usual vulture patients. Between 1 October and 31 December 2022 we have had 36 patients come in, including 29 Cape Vultures, 2 African White-backed Vultures, 1 Brown Snake-Eagle, 1 Pearl-Spotted Owlet, 1 Spotted Eagle-Owl, 1 White-faced Owl and 1 Grey-headed Gull.

Despite the challenges we face with mitigating threats so that birds do not come into our facilities in the first place, we are constantly working to release as many as possible of those that do come in for rehabilitation. This quarter we have been able to release 19 vultures back into the wild and transferred the four other species that came in to Owl Rescue Centre, an organization that specializes in owl rehabilitation and release. The Grey-headed Gull that was transferred has also subsequently been released

Species released or transferred from VulPro's rehabilitation programme between 1 October and 31 December 2022

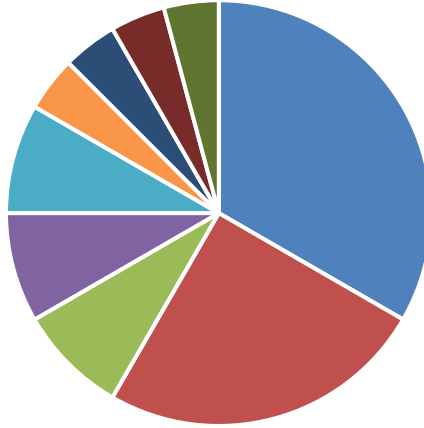
Species	Number
Releases	
Cape Vultures	17
African White-backed Vultures	2
Grey-headed Gull	1
Transfers	
Spotted Eagle-Owl	1
White-faced Owl	1
Pearl-spotted Owlet	1
Total	23

As predicted for this time of the year, the most common reason for admittance is birds being grounded. This is a very common occurrence at this time of the year when youngsters are leaving the nest slightly too early and end up in compromised positions across the landscape. These birds are brought into the facility mostly unharmed but are given a little bit of extra time to “grow up” before they are released back into the wild. However, beyond this we continue to see the devastating effects of negative power line interactions in that electrocutions make up the second biggest portion of reasons for admission. We continue to fight for these birds, and each and every event is followed up with a report to Eskom who we hold accountable for mitigating the lines to avoid these incidents happening again.



VULTURE RESCUE & REHABILITATION

Reasons for admission between 1 October and 31 December 2022



■ Grounded ■ Electrocution ■ Animal attack ■ Weather ■ Captured or trapped ■ Hard landing ■ Power line collisions ■ Starvation ■ Unknown

As we continue in our busy rehabilitation season, and with the weather having been as unpredictable as it has been over the last few weeks, we would like to remind the public to please be on alert and on the look out for vultures and other raptors in distress so that they can be helped as quickly as possible. Further, should you have any other wildlife rehabilitation cases and are unsure who to call, please do contact us so that we can put you in contact with the right organization or make an emergency plan. Please contact us on +27 82 808 5113 for emergencies only.



RELEASE DAY – CERTAINLY THE HIGHLIGHT OF ANY VULPRO VOLUNTEER'S DUTIES BY MARIZA HARTMAN

I had the privilege of releasing six African White Back (AWB) vultures in 2022 on four different occasions. I released the birds at Bosveld, a game farm owned by Tom Laas, near Roedtan in the Limpopo province.

The first release was on the 21st of February 2022 – a captive bred Vulpro chick. I collected the bird (GW53) from Vulpro at 8:30 and arrived at Tom's farm at 11:30. We drove to his bush camp called Kierieklapper to release the bird. At first the bird was reluctant, but when he came out of the crate, he flew right over our heads, and landed on a windmill behind him. He soon realized that this move was a mistake and moved on to a tree next to the windmill. He stayed in the immediate area for more than a week and FINALLY flew away. By the 27th of March '22, he was in Botswana, but we have lost signal as this traveller went into Zambia and has been out of range ever since.



Another worst day/best day story is of Alfred (PB57). This little one somehow got stuck in Hillbrow and was collected very soon after the sighting was reported. After spending 15 days at Vulpro, he was released. You can view this release by clicking on the below link.

<https://www.facebook.com/VulProAfrica/videos/1274459016651185/>

See Alfred 's movements up to 10 Nov '22 here

<https://www.facebook.com/VulProAfrica/videos/712986513029578/>

Alfred has been adopted. If you are interested in adopting a vulture, please contact Vulpro. You get to name your bird, that is how Alfred got his name.



RELEASE DAY CONTINUED...

7 April 2022 was the worst day but also the luckiest day in the life of BW63 – being terribly mistreated by humans, Vulpro saved this poor bird from what would have been a slow and excruciating death. However, by 23 May '22, he was ready for release together with a captive bred Vulpro chick, namely Joe (GW28). BW63 bit a hole in the crate on the way from Vulpro to Bosveld and literally jumped out of the crate and flew away the second I opened the crate – what a privilege to be the human to set this little guy free again.

GW28 was a different story all together! He was hanging around people after his release and found himself a new home north of Roedtan; on the roof of Hardus and Louette de Beer's lapa and sometimes even sat in a smallish shrub at their back door. Being the good animal mother she is, Louette fed Joe and he liked it so much that he stayed. On the 29th of July '22 I got a call that it's time to bring him in. I met Ryno Kemp (VulPro's research manager) there but this bird was too clever for us and after hours of trying to catch him we gave up. Ryno left the crate and gloves there. The De Beers got a 'how to' crash course in handling and catching vultures.

On 22 August '22, in the early morning, I got the call: Joe is in the crate, I can come and collect him. He is now one of Vulpro's AWBV permanent residents where he will become part of the breeding programme when he is old enough.



RELEASE DAY CONTINUED...

After months of hard work and dedication, it is an emotional day to release two more captive bred Vulpro babies. I collected them on the 3rd of December at 7:00 and I was off to Tom's farm. PB50 needed no invitation and by 10:03 he was off, flying around a bit before landing on a tree close by. PB51 had other plans. Tick tock....it was a blistering hot day, and Mr PB51 enjoyed the shade of his crate...tick tock...I lifted the crate a bit at the back, but still nothing, lifted the crate a bit more, no luck.

After 15 minutes of trying to persuade him to go meet his freedom, it was time to put on the gloves and help him see what we had to offer in terms of freedom. Boy oh boy, when he saw those gloves, he quickly decided freedom was the better option! He flew straight for a tree in front of him, but I guess the gloves still looked a bit too real for him and he flew away and we could no longer see him. Both of them had a slow start (life on Tom's farm is just too lekker!), but after 10 days they were moving around, getting better at being vultures.

Thank you, Kerri Wolter, for this amazing opportunity, being part of the work you do, and trusting me to release your babies.

Thank you, Tom Laas. Where do I begin? Even before I can even ask to put food out if it looks like the released birds are in trouble, he has already done it. After every release he patrols the farm to make sure the vultures are safe, sometimes even on foot if he can't get onto the farm after rain, even with a 4x4.

Vulture heroes!



CAPTIVE BREEDING FOR POPULATION RESTORATION

To end the captive breeding season for 2022, we managed to successfully produce 13 Cape and 2 African White-backed Vultures. We also have another Palm-nut vulture offspring from our breeding pair again.

We have already released both White-backed vultures and with the help of DHL, moved all 13 Cape Vulture offspring to the Eastern Cape, to Kate Webster in preparation for their release during the first quarter of 2023.

Up until recently, the survival rates of last year's released offspring was extremely high but just in the last 2 weeks, we have lost 1 rehab and 1 captive bred Cape Vulture to wind farm collisions. This is extremely concerning as this new threat starts contributing to the species declines in an already difficult landscape with power lines.



CAPE AND AFRICAN WHITE-BACKED VULTURE BREEDING SURVEYS 2022

Summary

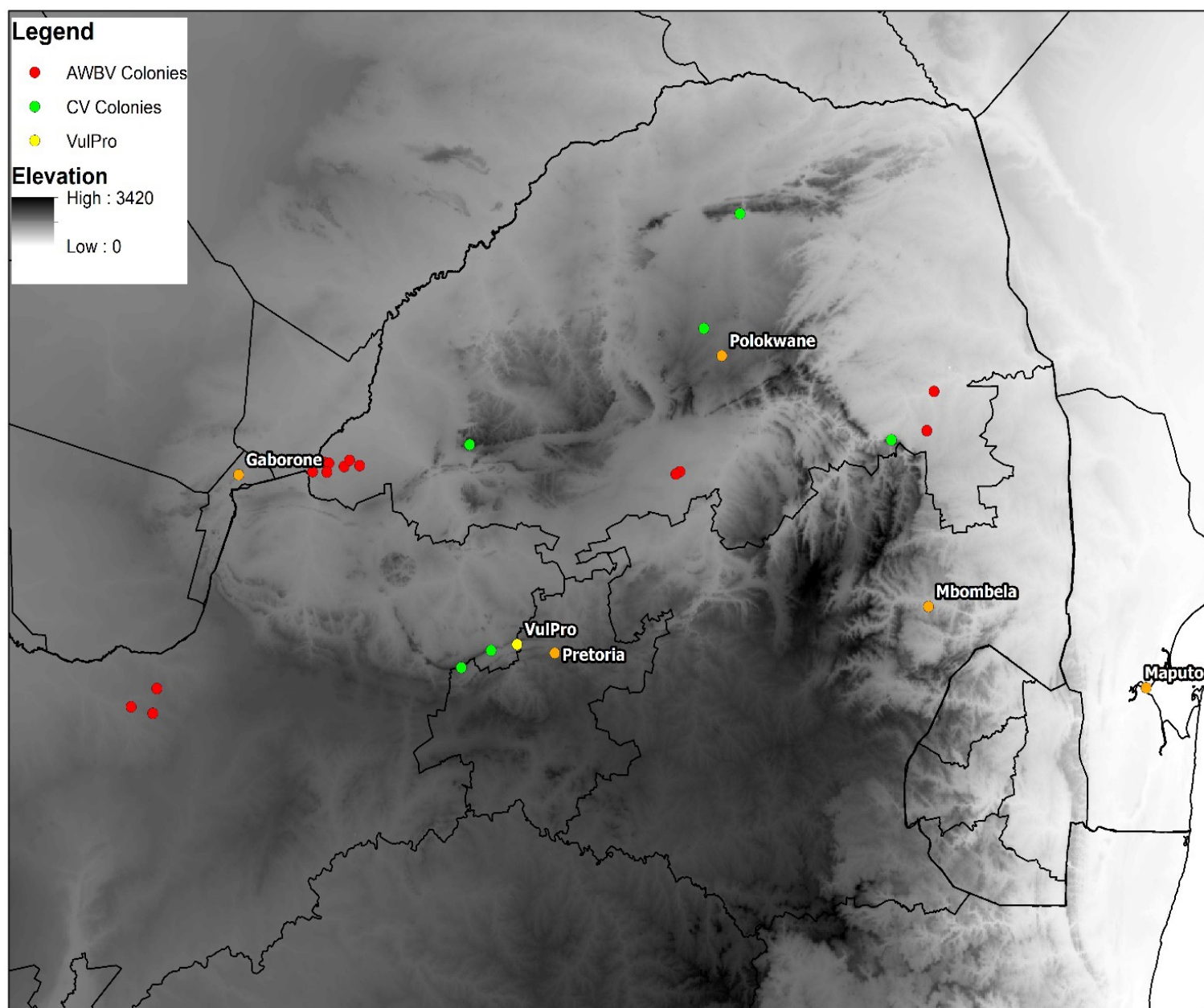
During 2022, we monitored six Cape Vulture colonies across the northern parts of South Africa. A total of 2036 active nests were observed during the initial survey. Furthermore, our African White-backed Vulture tree nesting survey efforts this year covered a total of three areas, comprising 23 properties and 187 active nests.

VulPro's cliff monitoring, which focuses on the northern parts of the Cape Vulture population, is home to approximately 50 to 60% of the entire breeding population. Each of the six colonies monitored have shown a slight increase in the number of breeding pairs (Figure 2). The breeding success varied between 56% and 98% for Moletjie and Kransberg colonies, respectively (Figure 3).

Three African White-backed Vulture sites were surveyed this year with a breeding success rate of approximately 73%. The populations appear to be generally stable with populations ranging from 1 to 57 active nests, with varying levels of success. Between the three sites, the breeding success rate ranged between 69 and 74%.



BREEDING SURVEYS 2022 CONTINUED...



Map of the African White-backed (Red) and Cape Vulture (Green) breeding sites monitored by VulPro over the last couple of years across southern Africa.

The full report is available on our website at
<https://www.vulpro.com/publications/>



VULPRO EASTERN CAPE UPDATE:

KATE WEBSTER

Our extremely wet season at Rookwood continued well into the months of October and November with more than 150mm of rain being measured in both months (that is more than half of our average rainfall for the year!!). With this in mind, the vultures, the vulture sightings were limited and the birds at home in the enclosure had to endure some extreme downpours on occasion. At times I think they must have thought they were living in the tropics with so much moisture around.



My only call for a vulture needing assistance was from Mr Conrad Ramsay of Elliot. While travelling home after dark, he came across this vulture on the road as he was heading up the Cala pass. He knew immediately this bird needed assistance, so promptly caught the bird, placed it between his legs and continued on his way home to Elliot. Very brave, and lucky bird as not many people would have attempted to do this. I was at Agri EC general council meeting in Gqbergha (PE) at that stage, so I had to rely on my network. Conrad managed to get a lift for the bird to the Qtn Vets the following morning and, with no crate available, knocked up one quickly which did the job. Other than a slight elevated temperature, no other injuries were found. She was rehydrated and my daughter Joy collected her. She is a lovely adult bird and presently is in the enclosure for more observation for possible release later.

EASTERN CAPE CONTINUED...

I continue to focus on the 2021 captive bred fledglings I released earlier this year. As I said earlier, some birds like to be 'home' birds for a while but eventually do fly off with wild birds. Some decided to rejoin the birds on the inside of the enclosure and we re-released those again. There is one of these, O/B27, who despite being a wild born fledgling that came in for rehab at VulPro, continues to 'rejoin' the inside birds by squeezing back into the enclosure. How, may you ask, do they do so? Well the 'home' birds lie on the netting on the enclosure and then it subsequently sags and allows a gap to be created for them to squeeze back in. One of the 'home' birds (P/W17) has recently done some foraging further afield but within a day or two was back at Rookwood on top of the enclosure.



As one releases these young birds, one is fully aware that there are many dangers that they face out there (electrocutions, wind farms/WFs and reservoirs to name a few). Sadly 4 of this group have already lost their lives to the dangers they are exposed to. One was recently found drowned in a reservoir, one electrocuted on the 22kV Eskom lines, and the other 2 birds were killed by wind turbines (wind farms) in the Cookhouse/Bedford area. This is of course very disheartening and in some cases we know that immediate mitigation could assist in solving the problem, however, it will never return those birds that have been lost. In the case of the wind turbines, it is even more disconcerting as the first bird's death was not disclosed immediately by the WF monitors of Nxuba WF, and an attempt to conceal this was thwarted due to the tracking device disclosing where it had been taken to. I have for years complained about the 'secrecy' in which the fatalities on the WFs is a huge issue, and this incident has proven exactly this. We will be engaging with the DEDEAT in the new year with a meeting to attempt solving some of this type of activity. I do fear a lot more 'unmarked/tracked' Cape Vultures have been destroyed on these wind farms and quietly not been reported. It must be noted that the second casualty was immediately reported to VulPro from Njoli WF and I applaud them for doing this. Sadly, the visuals show how devastating the injury is with this bird losing a whole leg as the blade sliced through it. I trust the death was instantaneous.

EASTERN CAPE CONTINUED...

Early in December, I received the next group of captive bred fledglings from Vulpro. I am grateful that Kerri and her staff continue to believe that this is the best for these young birds. DHL Express (Theo and Riaan and his team including his drivers, Thembinkosi and Percy) play a huge role in this process, and their contribution to the conservation of vultures needs to be applauded. This is the 4th group of youngsters that have arrived at Rookwood. I have separated the two real young ones and am keeping them separate as they are about a month and a bit younger, until they get a little stronger.

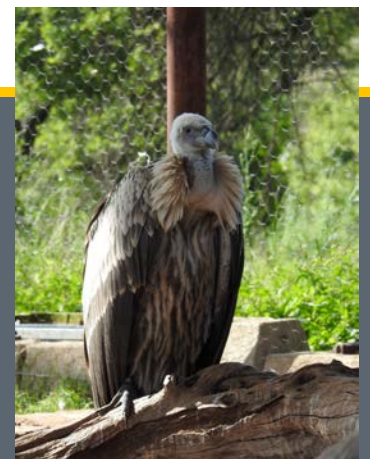
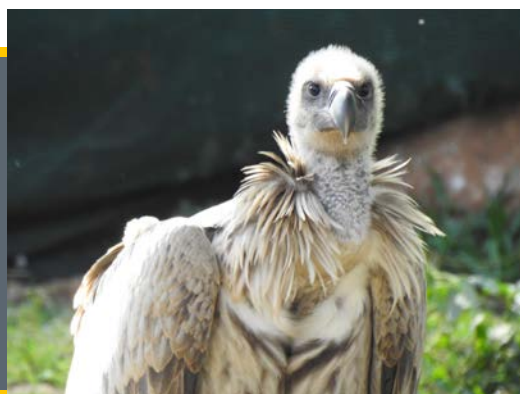
I am waiting for tracking devices to be sorted and shipped so that we can fit them with these devices prior to release. In the meantime, they will remain with my permanently injured group in the enclosure. Weather dependent, of course, I will look at releasing them in about two months from now.



Over the years of working with injured birds, I have found that in the Eastern Cape, my busiest time for collecting injured and downed birds is normally from February onwards (in contrast to what VulPro experiences), although I do think a lot happens when the youngsters have fledged, and possibly, they do so slightly later in the Eastern Cape. Hopefully this summer will not be as crazy as it was last summer.

Lastly I would like to say, that there have been some very positive movements with the captive bred fledgling releases in this province. 'Old' roosts have been re-awoken and roosts that were not known of, have appeared on the map. They have also proven that the southward movements during the summer season is a reality. I have also again come across some amazingly positive and helpful farmers who have gone out of their way to assist in looking for birds and devices. In some cases complete strangers, however, that is how I have managed to build up my network in this province.

Of course I could not do this vulture work in this province without the support from Kerri and her staff at VulPro, my family, my staff, my vets, DHL and No2 piggeries that keep my birds in food supply. Thank you.



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS UPDATES

VulPro continues to engage with the public and interact with individuals in order to educate them and raise awareness on the importance of vultures and the work we do to protect them. The following is a summary of our education, awareness and media work over the last three months:

- 143 people visited VulPro between 1 October and 31 December 2022, through private tours and events and school tours.
- A further 4 050 people visited some of our birds on loan at Plettenberg Bay Raptor Rescue.
- Over 500 people were reached through Christmas markets and awareness outreach programmes
- This quarter VulPro was represented by two staff members at the Pan-African Ornithological Congress (PAOC) in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, with over 300 delegates. Here they were able to network and showcase some of VulPro's work through a presentation.
- We were also able to reach conservation professionals through training from raptor veterinarian, Dr David Scott, during a training day. This was presented to a group of approximately 10 individuals including VulPro staff.
- VulPro was featured in five articles over the last quarter, in publications such as NWK Arena, Hartbeespoort Conservancy and the Reporter. Further we were interviewed twice on radio station Chai FM and were featured as part of a SAPPO promotional video on the importance of pig farms to vulture conservation.
- In a very special piece of media this quarter, Kerri Wolter, VulPro Founder and CEO, was announced as a nominee for the Indianapolis Zoo Prize. We wish Kerri lots of luck and look forward to hearing the final results!
- VulPro's website was visited 3 225 times in the last three months.
- Currently we have 17 317 followers on Facebook, 1 966 followers on Twitter, 895 followers on Instagram, 425 followers on YouTube and 225 followers on LinkedIn.

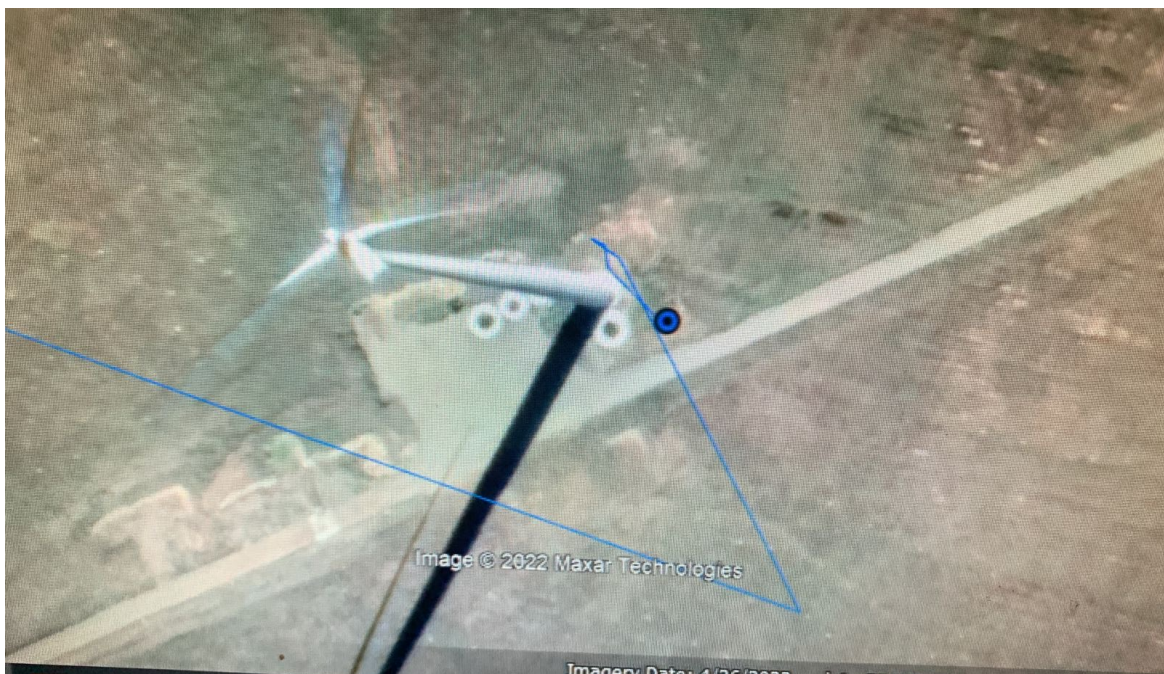


RESEARCH

Our research portfolio continues to grow. We are collaborating on 26 research projects to better understand vulture species' ecology and implement more robust conservation strategies through our already impactful work. We have published four scientific articles this year, and another three are currently being prepped for publication. Unfortunately, the other accepted publication was rejected, so we are busy reassessing the way forward with the project. We also have another three to five scientific publications in prep that will hopefully be submitted between now and our next quarterly newsletter in 2023. Our work has also been cited 239 times this year, compared to last year, which was cited 190 times, a great success for us, which we are proud of. Hopefully, we will break the 300-citation mark next year.

The most exciting update to share with you is that our paper titled “A spatially explicit encounter risk model for the Cape Vulture *Gyps coprotheres* to guide wind energy development”, which was in collaboration with various other organisations has been accepted in the Journal of Ecological Applications and is in the final prep stages for the publication. This publication is so important in the current energy crisis and will provide wind farm developers with a tool to make more informed decisions about where to develop wind farms to reduce the threat and ultimately avoid this threat for vultures. This comes after recently losing two of our tracked vultures to wind farm developments as shown in the figure below.

Recently we have also been invited to collaborate on a project with the Max Planck Institute in using vulture movement data to investigate how their movements interact with water availability and thus can indicate desertification processes. We are incredibly excited about the project as it will add valuable insight to our current understanding of climate change on obligated scavengers. In addition, this study links with various other studies assessing the impacts of climate change. This threat has yet to be investigated in detail and, therefore, needs to be addressed before it is too late to implement the necessary conservation strategies to ensure the survival of these species.



Tracking data revealing that a bird is grounded after flying past a wind turbine in the Eastern Cape

CAROLINE HANNWEG'S PHD:

PROJECT UPDATE: ASSESSING THE EFFECTS OF THERMAL FACTORS ON THE SPATIAL ECOLOGY OF A CRITICALLY ENDANGERED AFRICAN VULTURE

As vultures continue to decline due to a myriad of threats across Africa, very little is known about how one of the biggest threats to our environment, climate change, may be affecting the distribution of African vultures and what this may mean for safe spaces for these birds in the future. As part of tackling this challenge, VulPro has collaborated with a number of organisations in a project which will form the PhD thesis of Caroline Grace Hannweg. This project, focusing on African White-backed Vultures in southern Africa, will incorporate GPS tracking data and breeding data from across southern Africa, comparing home range, feeding and roosting behaviour, and breeding success with temperature in order to better understand what we can expect for the future as temperatures continue to rise globally.



CAROLINE HANNWEG'S PHD CONTINUED....

In order to include the entire sub-region of southern Africa, VulPro has shared their historical data as well as collecting new breeding data and fitting GPS tracking devices to wild African White-backed Vultures in areas previously under-represented in southern Africa. Thus far, a total of 16 VulPro devices have been fitted to wild individuals. Further, we are working with a number of other organisations with similar data in order to ensure that data is not duplicated and that we are able to cover as much of southern Africa as possible. We are extremely excited about the outcomes of this project so far and look forward to the start of data analysis soon.

Our thanks to our collaborators, partners and funders on this project, without whom this would not be possible, including the University of Pretoria, Max Planck Institute of Animal Behaviour, North Carolina Zoo, National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, Jabulani Safaris, BirdLife Zimbabwe, Dronfield Nature Reserve, Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research, Dallas Zoo, Greenville Zoo and International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators.

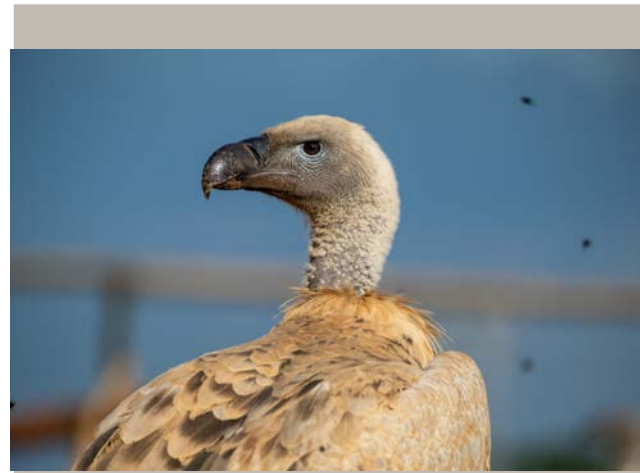


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VOLUNTEER INSERT: DAVID STEWART

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

I have been a nature lover all my life and always wanted to be a wildlife vet but events in my life never panned out this way.

I have built a successful IT business over the last 35 years and coming to a point where I am able to focus on the real things in life.....community and animal welfare.

It has been a dream to be involved in a meaningful program of wildlife rehabilitation and protection in areas that are sometimes less public than Save the Rhino and other big projects. Vultures are a meaningful part of our lives and environment and while lots of people find the connotation of vultures to be negative, I love their role in cleaning up the bush and protecting us as a result.

We lost our daughter to covid in 2021 and this has devastated us as a family, and I find meaning and purpose in doing outreach in her memory and I know that she would have loved to be involved in Vulpro, so I do this and other outreach in her memory and passion.

I hope that I can add value to Vulpro through our sponsoring of a Social Media company run by Natalie Rhodes as well as sponsoring cameras and technology for Web Site Streaming and Webcam access through the internet.

I intend dedicating 1 day per week in 2023 to assist Kerri with admin and routine stuff to free her up to do the work with the Vultures which is a primary function.



WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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- ❖ Tusk Trust
- ❖ Holtzman Wildlife Foundation

Blue:

- ❖ Thea Erasmus
- ❖ Little Rock Zoo
- ❖ National Centre for Birds of Prey
- ❖ Idea Wild
- ❖ National Aviary
- ❖ Send-it
- ❖ Zoological Society of Hertfordshire, Paradise Wildlife Park
- ❖ Virtual Assistant Business Hub

Silver

- ❖ Hans Hoheisen Charitable Trust
- ❖ Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
- ❖ Detroit Zoo
- ❖ Natural Encounters Conservation
- ❖ Dallas Zoo
- ❖ San Diego Zoo
- ❖ Lomas Wildlife Protection Trust
- ❖ DHL
- ❖ Fort Wayne Children's Zoo
- ❖ Nashville Zoo
- ❖ Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens
- ❖ Knoxville Zoo
- ❖ Scottish African Safari Park
- ❖ Martin Ramstrup Holdings Aps
- ❖ Zoo Tampa

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- ❖ The Abraham Foundation
- ❖ Scottish African Safari Park
- ❖ Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
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- ❖ Fresno Chaffee Zoo
- ❖ Wilhelma Zoologisch-Botanischer Garten Stuttgart Zoo
- ❖ Atlanta Zoo
- ❖ Loch Lomond Bird of Prey Centre
- ❖ Gauntlet Bird of Prey Centre
- ❖ Blair Drummond
- ❖ Sacramento Zoo
- ❖ Fondation Ensemble
- ❖ Colchester Zoo
- ❖ First Consultant Alliance



WITH THANKS TO OUR ADOPTIVE PARENTS

We would like to thank our adoptive parents for their continued support of their adopted birds

- Clive Vardakis – Cape Vulture, Brizzle
- The Fenn Bell Conservation Project – Lappet-faced Vulture, Veronica
- Jonathan Chaplin – Cape Vultures, Conan and Sherry
- Xyla Holland – Cape Vulture, Cosmic Goddess
- Alexander H – African White-backed Vulture, Kira-Mathilda; and Cape Vulture, Bacchus Carlo
- Ian Burton – African White-backed Vulture, George
- Andrea Schreier – Lappet-faced Vulture, Johnny
- Annemieke de Wit – White-headed Vulture, Isabis
- Suzanne Corrigan – Cape Vulture, Fionnbharr
- Kim Caldwell – Cape Vulture, Percy
- Tracey Robinson – Cape Vulture, Delilah
- Frank Schoppner – Lappet-faced Vulture, Fenja
- Mariza Hamman – Cape Vulture, Isolde; White-headed Vulture, Orpheus; and Lappet-faced Vulture, Abigaille and Hooded Vulture Athanael
- Rod Rankine – Cape Vulture, Phoenix
- Julie Edgley – Cape Vulture, Amala
- Hans and Ute Schute – Cape Vulture, Lucky
- Nicole Schopper – Cape Vultures, Elani and Chuma; African White-backed Vultures, Bahati and Vuyo
- Louette de Beer – African White-backed Vulture, Jo
- Dawn Griffard – Cape Vulture, Bubba
- Sandy Murray – African White-backed Vulture, Alfred
- Virbac – Cape Vulture, Cura
- Sjobbe Voet – Hooded Vulture, Mrs Nasty



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