



VULTURE PROGRAMME MONTHLY REPORT

August 2019

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Met with	Representing	Purpose	Project title/reference/purpose
05/08/019	Julie Lindt	Volunteer	Meeting to discuss VulPro's social media platforms	VulPro Social Media
16/08/2019	Sylvia Lebesse	TUT	Interview for experiential learning position	Internship
17/08/2019	Julie Lindt	Volunteer	Meeting about brainstorming ideas for VulPro's social media.	VulPro Social Media
21/08/2019	Duncan MacFadyen	Oppenheimer	Meeting to discuss potential research projects on Oppenheimer properties and funding	Research: field work
21/08/2019	DEDEA Vulture incident team including Kate Webster in the Eastern Cape	DEDEA Vulture incident team	Meeting to discuss the impacts of power lines and wind farms on vultures in the Eastern Cape.	VulPro threat mitigation
23/08/2019	Marelize Botha	Leopard Lodge	Final discussions and arrangements for the VulPro gala dinner	VulPro Fundraising Gala
26/08/2019	VulPro staff	VulPro staff	Monthly staff meeting	Staff meeting
26/08/2019	Volunteers	VulPro live-in volunteers	Monthly volunteer meeting with all live-in volunteers	Volunteer meeting
28/08/2019	David Scott	RaptorMed	Continue with training on the RaptorMed database	Database training
30/08/2019	VulPro Fundraising Gala	VulPro	VulPro held our Fundraising Gala Evening at Leopard Lodge. 60 Guests attended the event, which was a great success	VulPro Fundraising gala

Media

Ongoing media, awareness and exposure through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, as well as other social media throughout May; with 5000 followers on Kerri Wolter's profile and 12 500 on VulPro's Facebook page. We have 1211 followers on Twitter and 733 followers on Instagram.

Date	Media	Publisher	Purpose	Comment
26/08/2019	Radio	Die KwikStyg	Education and awareness	Skype interview with the KwikStyg to discuss climate change and the effects this has on vultures
26/08/2019	Written	Africa Albida Tourism	Education and awareness	"Vulture conservation in Victoria Falls" and in collaboration with VulPro.

CONSERVATION
A. DIRECT ACTIVITIES

Rehabilitation

Date	MR Ref	Activity	Follow up	Comment
09/08/2019	01.08	Collected an African White-backed Vulture from Holfontein, in the North West Province	N/A	This individual sustained permanent damage to both his wings from a power line collision. Due to the extent of his injuries, he was humanely euthanised.
13/08/2019	02.08	Collected a Black-chested snake eagle from Fochville, in the Gauteng Province	N/A	This individual had to be euthanized due to old injuries and infection already prominent in his bones.
22/08/2019	03.08	Collected an injured Cape Vulture from the Sondela Game Reserve	N/A	This individual suffered a broken wing as a result of a power line collision. He will be incorporated into our ex-situ breeding programme
22/08/2019	04.08	Collected an injured Cape Vulture from Elton in the Eastern Cape	N/A	This bird suffered a broken wing, and will remain in captivity and become part of the ex-situ conservation breeding programme.

Research

Date	Project title	Location	Comment
02/08/2019	Ground truthing	Nietverdiend, in the North West Province	The area was investigated after CV 364 had spent an extended period of time in the area. The area was identified as a hunting farm, and we suspect that this individual may have been feeding on a carcass before moving off
19/08/2019	Power line surveys	Holfontein, North West Province	A power line survey was undertaken in the Holfontein area, after another collision occurred. A total distance of 2.81km were surveyed, including 29 structures. No other incidents were found during the survey, and relevant reports have been submitted to Eskom.
August 2019	Vulture re-sighting database	VulPro	The re-sighting database has been updated and currently sits at 40 091 entries of reported sightings and re-sightings of tagged vultures across southern Africa.
August 2019	Vulture tracking device studies	Southern Africa	8 MaxPlanck tracking devices and 26 Cellular Tracking devices are currently active for August 2019. We continue to monitor these daily with movements being shown across southern Africa to potential new roosting and feeding sites.

Captive Breeding

Date	Project title	Location	Comment
August 2019	Vulture Captive Breeding	VulPro	The 2019 breeding season has been very productive, and the chicks are developing fast. Currently there are 9 Cape Vulture chicks, and 1 African White-backed Vulture chick being reared by their parents

Wild Vulture Population Monitoring

Date	Project title	Location	Comment
02/08/2019-04/08/2019	African White-backed Vulture population surveys	Madike, North West Province	The first surveys were undertaken at a new site located in Madikwe, North West Province, with 30 nests identified, of which 12 were active.
05/08/2019-06/08/2019	Cape Vulture population surveys	Mannyelalong, Botswana	The second population survey of the Mannyelalong Cape Vulture colony was undertaken, with 70 nests still active, and 64 chicks identified during the count
08/08/2019-10/08/2019	Cape Vulture population surveys	Moletjie, Polokwane and Soutpansberg, Limpopo Province	A total of 195 active nests were recorded at Soutpansberg during the second survey while only one breeding pair remains at the Moletjie Reserve near Polokwane.
13/08/2019-16/08/2019	Cape Vulture population surveys	Manutsa Ranch, Hoedspruit, Limpopo Province	A total of 739 active nests were recorded during the second survey at the Manutsa colony. The colony is the third largest breeding site for Cape Vultures.
22/08/2019 - 25/08/2018	Tree nesting vulture surveys	Olifants River Private Game Reserve	Undertook the second survey for ORGR and found a total of 27 active nests with all except 2 being AWB vultures. There appears to be substantial amount of predation happening on the nests with 6 vulture carcasses found and a rock python sighted in one of the previously recorded active Hooded vulture nests.

Education & Training

Date	Activity	Project title	Location	Comment
01/08/2019	Education and Awareness	Volunteers	VulPro	Volunteer Katie Vincent arrived from the Denver Zoo in the USA, to assist with the work VulPro undertakes, and the importance of vulture conservation
05/08/2019	Awareness	Presentation	Lory Park Zoo	VulPro was invited to present our work to a group of veterinarian students from the USA at Lory Park Zoo.
11/08/2019	Education and awareness	Education and awareness	Die Ou Pastorie	VulPro presented a talk to a group of 60 people from the Fiat club of South Africa to raise awareness and funds.

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13/08/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and awareness	Venterstad-Eastern Cape	Kate Webster presented an educational talk to 30 members of the Venterstad association, about the importance of conserving vultures and the role they play.
17/08/2019	Education and Awareness	Volunteers	VulPro	Volunteer Bridgette Cahill arrived from the UK, to volunteer at the VulPro facility. This was her second trip to VulPro.
21/08/2019	Education and Awareness	After school programme	VulPro	A group of 10 learners spent the afternoon at VulPro as part of the Roots and Shoots/ VulPro after school programme, learning about the different threats posed to vultures
23/08/2019	Education and awareness	Volunteers	VulPro	Volunteer Alize Muckenstrum arrived to assist around the centre, and learn about the importance of conserving vultures and the work VulPro undertakes
23/08/2019	Education and awareness	Education and awareness	VulPro	A group of 3 people undertook a tour of VulPro to learn about the work we do, and the importance of saving the species
24/08/2019	Education and awareness	Education and awareness	VulPro	A couple toured VulPro to learn about the work we do, and the importance of saving the species
27/08/2019	Education and awareness	Education and awareness	VulPro	A group of 130 learners from the Trinity House school spent the morning at VulPro, partaking in a talk and tour regarding the importance of conserving vultures, and the work VulPro undertakes
28/08/2019	Education and awareness	Education and awareness	VulPro	A group of 4 people undertook a tour of the VulPro facility, to learn about the work we undertake to conserve the species
28/08/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and awareness	Kameeldrift Primary School	VulPro in collaboration with Roots and Shoots, spent the afternoon at the Kameeldrift Primary school with 80 learners, as part of our after school programme initiative
31/08/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and awareness	VulPro	A group of 15 local guests toured the Centre and enjoyed close up experiences with the vultures whilst learning about the work we undertake to save Africa's vultures.
31/08/2019	Education and awareness	Education and awareness	Rietvlei Nature Reserve	VulPro gave a presentation at the Rietvlei Nature Reserve, as part of their "Celebrating women in conservation" event

Hide Bookings

03/08/2019 – Linda Hering – 3 individuals

28/08/2019 - Charlene du Toit- 4 individuals

Administration and Pending

1. Collection of donated carcasses
2. Maintenance of VulPro vehicles
3. Ongoing treatment and care of vultures and birds of prey at VulPro.
4. Ongoing care for captive vultures and supplementary feeding of wild birds at Nooitgedacht.
1. Fundraising
2. Report writing
3. Proposal submissions to various funders
4. Press release writing
5. Administration
6. Vulture restaurant feeding at the Vulture Centre
7. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter updates
8. Maintenance
9. Management of volunteers and students
10. Management of the vulture hide and bookings
11. Management of HR issues
12. Management of VulPro as a whole
13. Management and co-ordination of vulture research
14. Maintain updated captive breeding and rehabilitation records
15. Continual updates to website, including range maps of tracked birds, sponsor logos, and publications