



VULTURE PROGRAMME MONTHLY REPORT

September 2019

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Met with	Representing	Purpose	Project title/reference/purpose
04/09/2019	Anne Emmett and Anthony Nicklin	HHCT	Follow up discussion on VulPro's new vulture coffee table book and HHCT's involvement	VulPro's coffee table book
05/09/2019	Heidi Broemer	Design Line	Discussions pertaining to the re-designing of the VulPro website	Marketing and social media
10/09/2019	Dave Scott	Raptor Med	Further training on the analysis of data on RaptorMed	RaptorMed database
11/09/2019	Jawi Ramahlo and Arantxa Blecher	University of Pretoria	To advertise potential future research projects with UP Zoology graduates	Research collaboration
12/09/2019	Leon Lotter	Gauteng Department of Agriculture Conservation and Environment	Further discussion on the permits for the proposed Gauteng satellite site	VulPro satellite site
16/09/2019	Daleen Van Den Berg	Boehringer-Ingelheim	Meeting to discuss potential funding and veterinary support from Boehringer-Ingelheim	Fundraising and partnerships
18/09/2019	Petro Keene	Volunteer	Discussion around bringing vulture awareness to the Western Cape	Vulture awareness: Western Cape
19/09/2019	Henk Chalmers	Eagle Encounters	Discussion on vulture conservation and satellite sites for VulPro	Satellite sites
19/09/2019	Renske Minnaar	Bergzicht training	Discussion around vulture awareness and conservation facilities in the Western Cape	Vulture conservation site: Western Cape
23/09/2019	Dewald Kleynhans	Volunteer	Discussion around digital marketing, communications and social awareness	Marketing
25/09/2019	Dewald Kleynhans	Volunteer	Further discussion on communications in preparation for the European vulture conference and social media following the event	Marketing
25/09/2019	Alexander Howard	VulPro staff	Update discussion in preparation for the European vulture conference	European vulture conference
30/09/2019	Ciska John	ACSA	Marketing discussion and the possible use to showcase VulPro on ACSA billboards at OR Tambo and fundraising strategies	Marketing

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 12 707 on VulPro's Facebook page. We have 1 224 followers on Twitter and 746 followers on Instagram.

Date	Media	Publisher	Purpose	Comment
03/09/2019	Live skype interview	American eagle foundation	Education and awareness	Interview on the work VulPro undertakes with a following of over 3000 listeners
06/09/2019	Written article	Africa Geographic	Education and awareness	Africa Geographic published an article about vultures of the old world and highlighted the work VulPro undertakes to conserve vultures.
13/09/2019	Television Documentary	CNN	Education and awareness	CNN released their 20 minute documentary on VulPro which was aired over 5 days continuously and viewed by hundreds of thousands of individuals.
26/09/2019	Samantha Barnes	Freelance Journalist	Education and awareness	Write-up of an article about VulPro for the Outdoor magazine.

CONSERVATION**A. DIRECT ACTIVITIES*****Rehabilitation***

Date	MR Ref	Activity	Follow up	Comment
04/09/2019	01.09	Collected a poisoned Cape Vulture from Boksbrug	Monitoring for improvement	This individual is a victim of suspected poisoning, and was treated accordingly. He is recovering well at the centre, but still shows signs of long-term poisoning effects
12/09/2019	02.09	Collected a Cape Vulture at Wonder Gardens farm, Hekpoort	Monitoring for improvement	This individual is recovering well in the rehabilitation enclosure from being grounded and underweight, cause unknown.
14/09/2019	03.09	Collected an adult Cape Vulture from the Walt Landgoed vulture restaurant near Bela Bela in the Limpopo Province	Monitoring for improvement	This adult appears to have an old wing break, possibly from a power line collision. She is being monitored for improvement but given her injury, will unfortunately not be released.
19/09/2019	04.09	Black-chested Snake Eagle fetched for release	Release location provided	This male Snake Eagle was collected by the landowners for release after being fetched from Koster by VulPro volunteers on 13/09/2019

Research

Date	Project title	Location	Comment
September 2019	Vulture re-sighting database	VulPro	The re-sighting database has been updated and currently sits at 40 185 entries of reported sightings and re-sightings of tagged vultures across southern Africa
September 2019	Vulture tracking device studies	Southern Africa	7 Max Planck tracking devices and 24 Cellular Tracking devices are currently active for September 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
September 2019	Vulture Captive Breeding	VulPro	The 2019 breeding season has been very productive, with a total number of 39 Cape Vulture eggs, and 7 African White-backed vulture eggs laid to date. We have had the privilege of welcoming some of the first individuals into the world and now have 8 healthy Cape Vulture chicks with their parents and a handful more to come shortly. Unfortunately we have had some losses which is to be expected, but we are happy to report that we have doubled the number of captive bred Cape Vulture chicks from last year's breeding season

Wild Vulture Population Monitoring

Date	Project title	Location	Comment
10/09/2019-13/09/2019	African White-backed Vulture Population Surveys	Boikarabelo, Limpopo	The second annual population surveys of the Boikarabelo site was undertaken, identifying 21 active nests remaining on the property
13/09/2019 – 16/09/2019	Cape Vulture Colony Monitoring	Kransberg, Marakele National Park, Limpopo	The second survey was conducted at the Kranberg colony with 803 active nests recorded of which 164 were confirmed fledglings and 639 chicks inferred
17/09/2019	African White-backed Vulture Population Surveys	Curley Wee, North West	Population surveys of the Curley Wee site was completed, revealing only two remaining active nests.
18/09/2019-19/09/2019	African White-backed Vulture Population Surveys	Omega Game Farms, North West Province	The second survey of this site proved very promising, with 22 active nests found, including 20 confirmed African White-backed Vulture chicks.
24-25/09/2019	Cape Vulture Colony Monitoring	Skeepoort, North West Province	Completed the third and last count for the Skeepoort colony where breeding success was recorded. A total of 221 active nests/chicks/fledglings were observed.

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26/09/2019	Cape Vulture Colony Monitoring	Nooitgedacht, Gauteng Province	Completed the third and last count for the Nooitgedacht colony where breeding success was recorded. A total of 108 active nests/chicks/fledglings were observed.

Education & Training

Date	Activity	Project title	Location	Comment
03/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Volunteers	VulPro	Volunteer Gen Anderson arrived from St Augustine Zoo in the USA, to assist with the work VulPro undertakes, and the importance of vulture conservation
04/09/2019	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 50 learners, as part of our after school programme initiative
04/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and Awareness	VulPro	A group of 3 people undertook a tour of the VulPro facility, to learn about the work we undertake to conserve the species
05/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and Awareness	Siemens Midrand	Kerri Wolter presented a talk to the honorary rangers society event, addressing over 80 people and sharing with them the importance of the work VulPro undertakes
06/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and Awareness	VulPro	A group of 20 learners and 10 adults from the Hartebeespoort home-school group spent the afternoon at VulPro, partaking in a talk and tour regarding the importance of vulture conservation, and the work VulPro undertakes
06/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Volunteers	VulPro	Two Highschool students arrived to assist around the centre, and learn about the importance of conserving vultures as part of their community service hours
15/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and Awareness	VulPro	Two individuals undertook a tour around the centre, they learnt about the threats faced by vultures and the importance of conserving them
16/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and Awareness	VulPro	Two individuals took a tour of the centre, where they learnt about the importance of vultures, and the work we undertake to conserve them
17/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and Awareness	VulPro	A talk and tour was provided to 18 students from Verney College with positive feedback
17/09/2019	Education and awareness	Volunteers	VulPro	Long term volunteer John Turner arrived to assist us around the centre for the next few months

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21/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and Awareness	VulPro	Four individuals took a tour of the centre, where they learnt about the importance of vultures, and the work we undertake to conserve them
22/09/2019	Education and awareness	Education and Awareness	VulPro	A tour was given to long standing supporter, Sean Williams from the Sean Williams Living Creatures Trust, where we had the opportunity to showcase our 2019 chicks and improvements and changes to the Centre.
27/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and Awareness	VulPro	Two people undertook a tour of the VulPro centre, learning about the importance of vultures, and the conservation work VulPro undertakes
28/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and awareness	VulPro	One individual visited the VulPro centre, and was taught about the work our organisation undertakes, and why it is so important to conserve vultures.
29/09/2019	Education and Awareness	Education and awareness	VulPro	Group of 12 guests toured VulPro and learnt about the work we undertake to save Africa's vultures.

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