



RAPTORS  
MOU

# Raptors MoU: Update since TAG1 Meeting in Jan 2014

---

**Nick P. Williams, MSc (Ecology)**

Head of the Coordinating Unit

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates | 16-19 March 2015



# Outline of Presentation



- New Signatories
- Saker Falcon Global Action Plan (SakerGAP)
- Sooty Falcon ISSAP
- African Raptor DataBank 'Apps'
- Egyptian Vulture Flyway Action Plan

# New Signatories (51 Signatories - 15 March 2015)



- Czech Republic

- Islamic Republic of Iran



- Lebanon

- Switzerland



- Syrian Arab Republic

# Saker Falcon Global Action Plan (SakerGAP)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft subject to 2 months' Public Consultation Exercise (April 2014)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft presented to, and endorsed by, CMS Scientific Council (July 2014)
- Final version published (Aug 2014) as document for CMS COP11
- CMS Resolution 11.18 and SakerGAP adopted unchanged by CMS COP11



Photo: © Gabor Papp

# Sooty Falcon – International Single Species Action Plan



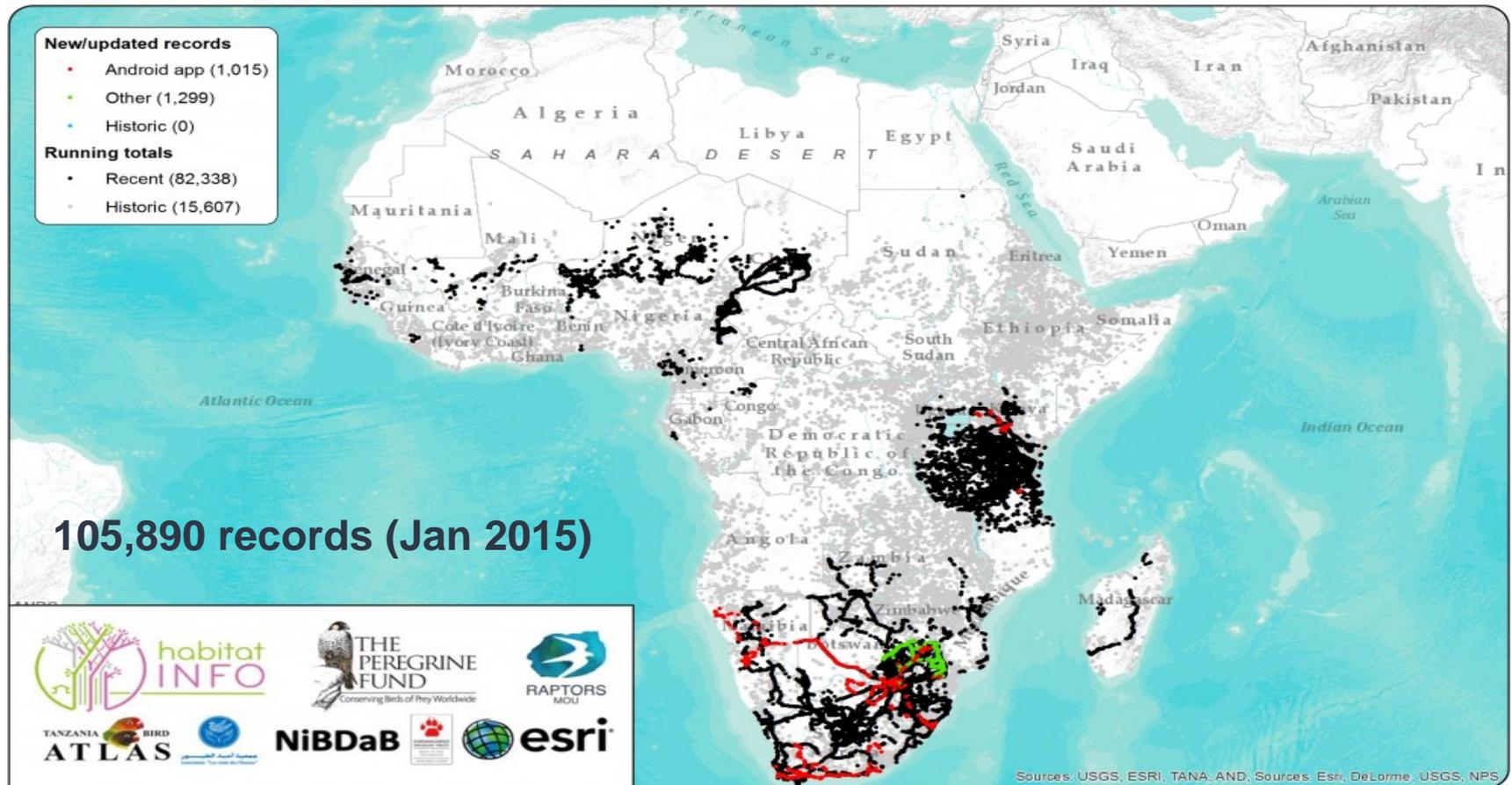
- Sooty Falcon Working Group established
- 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of International Single Species Action Plan produced
- Action Planning Workshop envisaged
- Awaiting capacity and additional resources

# African Raptor DataBank (ARDB)



African Raptor Databank

October 2014



# African Raptor DataBank (ARDB) – Mobile ‘Apps’



- Original ARDB platform accepted online inputs only
- Much of Africa not yet covered by digital networks
- Offline mobile ‘Apps’ address gaps in coverage
- High specification Android ‘App’ launched (July 2014)
- Similar iPhone ‘App’ under development (due late 2015)
- User-friendly, free-of-charge ‘Apps’ enable birdwatchers, naturalists and members of the public to capture information offline on their iPhone and Android phones and Tablets anywhere.

# Egyptian Vulture Flyway Action Plan



- Year-long Fieldwork Capacity Building Project to support conservation of migratory Egyptian Vultures of the Balkan Region on their wintering grounds in Ethiopia, Sudan and Chad completed (March/April 2014).
- Coordinating Unit working with Bulgarian Society for Protection of Birds (BSPB) - BirdLife Bulgaria to host a specialist Flyway Action Planning Workshop to be held in Sofia in early July 2015.

Thank you for your attention!

