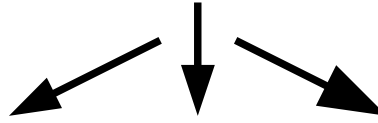




Citizen Science and Birds

Citizen science requires:



Environmental Education

Education for Sustainable Development

A public knowledgeable on environmental issues of the day

A platform for public participation

A public committed to best practice for sustainable development

In southern Africa over 70 000 birds are individually marked with a leg-ring or wing-tag every year. About 130 people amateur or professional scientists from Namibia and neighbors such as Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi are active bird ringers.

Bird ringing provides a cost effective tool for monitoring and evaluating our environment. Changes in bird populations can highlight problems that affect our natural, social, economic and political environments, including:

- Climate change
- Environmental contaminants
- Illegal trade and poaching
- Unsustainable industrial action
- A public lacking knowledge

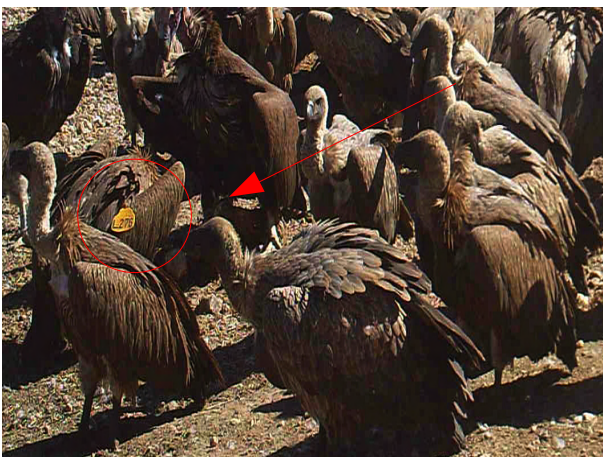
The Platform for Public Participation...

The Animal Demographic Unit at Cape Town University houses **SAFRING** (Southern Africa Ringing Unit). **SAFRING** maintains a data base of ring and tag found or seen. The data can be used to show information about movement and survival.



Take a closer look and report leg ring and wing tag data to SAFRING:

1. The date time and place where the bird was seen.
2. The color, number and letters on the tag or ring.



Support threatened birds. Be a citizen scientist!

Send observations with your contact details to SAFRING

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