



METHODS:
 We used three lines of evidence to inform the African vulture habitat strongholds map: two forms of empirical data, from recent sightings and from tracklogs; and one form of predicted data from the distribution models. Strongholds from each method (as described above) were overlain and symbolized in accordance with whether 1, 2, or 3 lines of evidence coincided. White denotes lack of evidence or lakes. In different versions of this map we include main movement areas indicated by tracklogs in between strongholds and in the Overview map we also include as background the loss of previously suitable habitat. This is derived as the sum of the historic distribution models of eight species (prior to 1978) minus the sum of the recent distribution models, so dark blue denotes areas that previously were very good habitat for vultures. These tools are offered to help conservationists accurately place activities to be of maximal benefit to existing vulture populations and also perhaps to facilitate maintenance of corridors of vulture movement in between existing good patches.

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