

ARDB September 2013 update

Hi All

We have had a quiet month on the data coming in to the ARDB so nothing much to report for September except that Munir managed to get our project airtime on the BBC World Service. Thanks so much Munir and if anybody wants to listen to his eloquent discussions on tracking and technologies and some wonderful punts for vultures, this is the link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01gpt6s>

This quiet month for the database has coincided fortuitously with an exceptionally busy work month for us in the office, but please do keep the data coming in.

We have made advances with various other environmental datasets including the slope analysis for the whole of Africa. Morgan Commins extracted all slopes greater than 14.5 degrees from the Shuttle Radar dataset for the continent at 90m resolution. This provides a representation of 'ridgelines' which appear to be aerodynamically important to slope soaring birds such as Verreaux's Eagles. We will be able to use these environmental datasets in the distribution modelling when we have built up the database a bit more, with the purpose of identifying habitat strongholds.

We will report on other exciting developments early November.

Best wishes

ARDB team

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