

ARDB August 2013 update

Hi All

just a quick ARDB update for August 2013

Please have a look at [http://gis.habitatinfo.com/java/ardb\\_viewing](http://gis.habitatinfo.com/java/ardb_viewing)

The record tally approximates 55k with 452 new records received this month from Andre Botha, Munir Virani, Joseph Heymans and Hichem Azafaf.

We are particularly thrilled to see new data points for North Africa (thanks Hichem) and for the Central African Republic (thanks Gus Keys and Rebecca Johnson via Munir). The former are our first records for an entire region, and the latter are the first significant contribution to the ARDB for a tropical forest region.

The project has also gained a significant amount of interest this month from partner organisations. UNEP-WCMC have expressed interest in aligning the ARDB with their ecological indicators programme; and ESRI have given us a commitment to help us develop our offline recording facilities this year. Kurt Eckerstrom, Account Manager for The Peregrine Fund sent us the following statement: *"Esri is committed to a partnership with ARDB for the development of mobile data collection application(s), along with online tools for data collection, management, and presentation of the ARDB data"*.

We have also received a very generous offer from an anonymous donor which will get us half way there with the cost of our own tailor-made offline android application. Habitat Info and the Bird of Prey Working Group are actively fundraising to match this donation.

So it has been a great month for the project. Thank you for the continuing flow of records and all the expressions of support.

ARDB team

p.s. if you have registered with us you can edit your data and add new records at the following interface:

[http://gis.habitatinfo.com/java/ardb\\_editing](http://gis.habitatinfo.com/java/ardb_editing)