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CoE Identification

| Name of Director | : | Prof. Philip A.R. Hockey |
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| Name of CoE | : | DST-NRF Centre of Excellence at the Percy |
| | | FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology |
| Abbreviated CoE name | : | PFIAO CoE |
| Host Institution | : | University of Cape Town |
| Date completed | : | 6 March 2012 |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Funding of the CoE for 2011

| Total NRF CoE funding for 2011 | : | R 5,244,425 |
|---|---|---------------|
| Carry forward from 2010 | : | R 1,518,412 |
| Interest earned during 2010 | : | R 31,440 |
| UCT support for the Pazvolski Chair in 2011 | • | R 132,115* |
| UCT URC support for 'Hot Birds' project in 2011 | | R 420,000* |
| Funding from other sources for the CoE in 2011 | • | R 5,257,000** |
| Total funding | : | R 12,603,392 |

^{*} represents UCT's contribution to the CoE; R552,115 of R5,244,425 = 10.5%.

2. Summary of progress against Five Key Performance Areas

(i) Research

Eighty-five papers were published in peer-reviewed journals during 2011, 25 in journals with impact-factor ratings of 1.5-3.4, six in journals with ratings of 3.5-4.9, nine in journals with ratings of 5.0-9.9 and two in journals with ratings ≥10.0. The proportion of peer-reviewed papers published according to the focal research areas is; characterizing biodiversity = 13, evolutionary ecology = 36 and maintaining biodiversity = 36.

(ii) Education and Training

Fifty-nine post-graduate students (21 PhD, 31 MSc and 7 BSc Honours) registered at South African institutions (25% black and 46% women) were supported directly or indirectly by the CoE during 2011. This was also a bumper throughput year, with 26 CoE-supported students (7 PhD, 1 MSc by dissertation, 11 MSc Conservation Biology and 7 BSc Honours) graduating during 2011. Twelve Post-doctoral Fellows were registered at the Fitztitute CoE during 2011.

(iii) Information Brokerage

Forty-five semi-popular articles and five contributions to semi-technical books were published during 2011. CoE members attended 11 international and 7 local conferences. CoE members also presented seminars and illustrated talks at numerous universities, bird clubs and membership-based societies.

(iv) Networking

A broad range of close, collaborative working relationships with scientific peers and a variety of conservation NGOs and governmental organisations exists both nationally and internationally. The CoE continued to be involved with student training initiatives. The CoE continues to build much-needed African capacity in the broad arena of biodiversity conservation.

^{**} funding from sources, other than the NRF or UCT URC 'Hot Birds' grant, for projects conducted by the CoE (see Finances Section pages 23 - 28).

(v) Service rendering

The CoE has been active in advising conservation organizations, government departments and industry on the outcomes of a variety of research projects. CoE members served on 16 journal editorial boards, 35 membership and advisory services, and reviewed 97 papers for 50 different peer-reviewed journals.

3. Gender and equity impacts of research

A proactive policy on recruiting women maintained a 46% representation of women in the postgraduate student body for 2011. Research project activities are increasingly addressing gender-related issues and community inclusion in the field, for example in the avian diseases, seabirds and Cape Parrot projects. Overall, Fitz CoE projects have generated 29 full-time jobs and 93 part-time jobs, all mostly women, which were active during 2011.

4. Red Flags/concerns for the future of the CoE

The NARIC system of admissions criteria remains problematic for student recruitment, particularly for the MSc Conservation Biology course where it affects demographics, prejudicing against African students, many of whom (with the same qualifications) would have been accepted onto the course in the past. With one exception, past African students who would now be excluded by NARIC passed the course.

5. General Comments

Following the award of fully funded CoE status in late 2010, the 5th Service Level Agreement (SLA 5; 2012-2014) was approved by the CoE Board during November 2011. The CoE exceeded its 4th Service Level Agreement targets with regards to student recruitment and output, and in terms of the quality of research publications as measured by their impact factors. Following the 5-year external review of the CoE during 2009, the CoE has, during 2010 and 2011, made strategic advancements to increase its emphasis on terrestrial ornithology and conservation research.

PROGRESS REPORT

1. Scientific Research

Objective

The research strategy of the CoE has been aligned to a goal of producing world-class research outputs, measured as the number of papers published in international, peer-reviewed journals with high SCI impact-factor ratings. To meet this goal, the CoE SLA 4 has a target of publishing \geq 40 peer-reviewed publications per year, with an average of \geq 10 papers with an impact rating \geq 3.5 each year during 2009-2011.

Progress

Eighty-five papers were published in peer-reviewed journals during 2011,

Eighty-five papers carrying the CoE address were published in peer-reviewed journals during 2011 (Appendix 1). Twenty-five of these were in journals with impact-factor ratings of 1.5-3.4, six in journals with ratings of 3.5-4.9, nine in journals with ratings of 5.0-9.9 and two in journals with ratings ≥10.0 (Fig. 1). The proportion of peer-reviewed papers published according to the focal research areas was; characterizing biodiversity = 13, evolutionary ecology = 36 and maintaining biodiversity = 36. Appendix 3 reflects individual CoE member publication outputs.

FitzPatrick Institute publications in peer-reviewed journals, 2000-2011

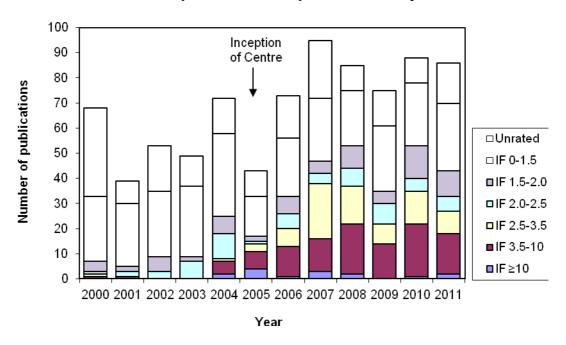


Figure 1. Trend in the quality of CoE publications (measured by journal 'Impact Factors') before and since the establishment of the Centre of Excellence. IF = Impact Factor. To place this in perspective, only five life-sciences journals worldwide (including Science and Nature) have impact factors >10. Note: upgrade to fully funded status occurred in late 2010, so the impacts of this in terms of publications are unlikely to be felt before 2012.

Appendix 2 reflects the top 10 cited papers published by CoE researchers, analyzed using the *Web of Science*, for the three periods; since inception of the PFIAO 1960-2011; since five years prior to the CoE 2000-2011; and since inception of the CoE 2005-2011. It is interesting to note that over the entire history of the Fitztitute, of the top 10 cited papers, three were published in the 1980s, three in the 1990s and four since 2000. Also interesting is that three of the most-cited papers since the inception of the CoE remain in the top 10 over all time. The distribution of the focus of the top 10 cited papers according to the focal research areas is:

| Time period | Research focus | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Characterizing Evolutionary Maintaining | | | | | | |
| | biodiversity | ecology | biodiversity | | | | |
| 2005 - 2011 | 4 | 1 | 5 | | | | |
| 2000 - 2011 | 5 | 1 | 4 | | | | |
| 1960 - 2011 | 2 | 2 | 6 | | | | |

A 2011 CoE paper on 'Palatability and efficacy of rodent baits for eradicating house mice *Mus musculus* from Gough Island, Tristan da Cunha' by Cuthbert, R.J., Visser, P., Louw. H. & Ryan, P.G. featured on the cover of the journal *Wildlife Research* (Vol. 38).

Another CoE paper 'Penguins are attracted to dimethyl sulphide at sea' by Wright, K.L.B., Pichegru, L. & Ryan, P.G. was selected as the Editors' Choice paper for the *Journal of Experimental Biology* (Vol. 214). The Editors' Choice paper is promoted on the journal's *Homepage* and *Facebook* page, and is also made available free of charge for 28 days from the time of publication.

Yet another CoE-affiliated paper, by Cunningham and Castro titled 'The secret life of wild brown kiwi: studying behaviour of a cryptic species by direct observation' published in the *New Zealand Journal of Ecology* (Vol. 35) won 'best paper by a new researcher' at the New Zealand Ecological Society Conference during 2011.

2. Education and Training

Objective

The short-term objective, as outlined in the SLA 4, is for the CoE to support (at least partially) an average of \geq 20 postgraduate students and \geq 5 Post-doctoral Fellows per annum during 2009-2011. A further target is for black students to comprise \geq 30% of the students supported by the CoE over this period. A medium- to long-term objective is to continue to build a vibrant research environment that instils a rigorous hypothetico-deductive approach to problem solving among the postgraduate student body.

Progress

Twelve Post-doctoral Fellows, 21 PhD, 31 MSc and 7 BSc Honours students (total = 71) registered at South African institutions were supported directly or indirectly by the CoE during 2011 (Tables 1, 4 & 5). Of the postgraduate students (excluding Post-doctoral Fellows), 15 (25%) were black, and 27 (46%) were females. Thirty (51%) of the students were South African, but there were only three black South African students. Two MSc students upgraded to PhD during 2011.

This was a record year for CoE-supported student throughput, with 26 students graduating during 2011 (7 PhD, 1 MSc by dissertation, 11 MSc Conservation Biology and 7 BSc Honours – Table 5). One PhD student who started in early 2011 and one 2011/2012 MSc CB student withdrew during 2011.

The inaugural Patrick Niven Conservation Biology Award was presented to Sarah Lewis as the top Conservation Biology MSc student for 2010/2011 at a special event in the Niven Library on Tuesday 23 August.

Table 1. Summary of student numbers 2004 – 2011

(Excludes BSc Honours students supported, because they graduate within the Zoology Department)

| Degree | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Post-doc | 0 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| PhD | 6 | 8 | 13 | 18 | 19 | 15 | 18 | 21 |
| MSc | 5 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| MSc CB | 15 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| MSc CB(2) | 13 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Tot – CB(2) | 26 | 33 | 42 | 43 | 46 | 44 | 48 | 52 |
| Tot +CB(2) | 39 | 48 | 53 | 57 | 58 | 55 | 59 | 64 |

2004 = prior to CoE

CB(2) = second year of a CB class cohort

The 5th Biodiversity Conservation Academy, a joint venture between the CoE for Invasion Biology (CIB) and the PFIAO CoE, was held at Potberg Environmental Education Centre in De Hoop Nature Reserve from 17–21 January 2011. The Academy was attended by 11 students from seven South African universities, and three interns from the South African National Biodiversity Institute and SANParks. All of the students were black and nine were women (Fig. 2). Eight staff from the two centres, and three volunteers, helped manage the Academy. Included in the staff were the Directors of the two Centres, Profs Steven Chown and Phil Hockey. The 5-day Academy programme immersed students in an intensive series of theoretical, practical and philosophical discussions and field-work sessions on biodiversity conservation. The main aim of these sessions was to enhance student appreciation for the complexity of biodiversity, sharpen their knowledge and skills required to assess it, and broaden their knowledge of the theory and practice of conservation in a South African context. The Academy report can be viewed on our website www.fitzpatrick.uct.ac.za. The Academy received high commendation from the participating students. Of the 95% of previous attendees whose future has been tracked, 75% have gone on to pursue postgraduate studies or internships in the conservation biology sector.



Figure 2. Participants in the 5th Biodiversity Conservation Academy, January 2011.

An extraordinary, joint-venture student exposure initiative was held during a visit by Sir David Attenborough to the Fitztitute in April 2011. Sir David presented a Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture in the Baxter Theatre as the final celebratory event of the Fitztitute's 50th Anniversary. Following that he hosted a three-hour student question—and-answer session attended by Fitztitute CoE, UCT Department of Zoology and SANBI staff and students at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, SANBI.

The Fitz CoE also presented a stand at the NRF National Postdoctoral Research Forum at the Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West, during December 2011 which was a valuable initiative to network with the other CoEs and to expose the activities of the Fitz CoE to a cross-section of Post-doctoral Fellows from around the country.

3. Information Brokerage

Objective

Medium- to long-term objectives are to: (1) make a sustained contribution to the semipopular literature aimed at popularizing science in the fields of conservation biology in general and ornithology in particular; (2) provide expert views on relevant matters for newspaper and magazine articles; and (3) contribute to books of a semi-technical nature.

Progress

Forty-five semi-popular articles were published during 2011 (Appendix 1). CoE members also contributed to five books.

CoE members continued to present regular public talks to partner organisations and interested parties, such as the Sasol Birds and Birding Fair, NGOs, Environmental Action Groups, Conservancies and various Bird Clubs and membership-based societies. Various radio interviews have also been conducted, including on Cape Talk Radio, Radio 702, two BBC national radio stations, German and Canadian national radio stations and Dutch national TV.

Peter Ryan did a couple (3 or 4) of radio interviews in 2011, but can't remember for which radios (as I don't know them)... One was Cape Talk in April, though.

There were also articles on the penguin research in the bay regularly in local PE newspapers, like the Herald or the Week-end Post (lloyd always sends stuff for them to publish), but I don't know if it's really interesting. I don't keep track of these things...

But Lloyd and I had a pledge week in February 2011 on Algoa FM to raise funds for the sonar for Winkle talking about penguins every day, as well as an associate weekly blog for 6 weeks during the breeding season (it's not online anymore).

Then the whole Island Closure experiment was filmed by Mike Vincent from Jasfilm and was shown on 50/50 in June 2011.

And in 2012, I was filmed for a week for a French marine documentary "Thalassa" that should be on TV in September.

(the BBC said they should come next year to film the whole closure experiment too, but that's next year).

CoE staff and students attended 11 international and 7 local conferences during 2011 (see Outputs section). This year, Tim Crowe received the Southern African Society for Systematic Biology Lifetime Achievement Award for Extraordinary Contributions to Systematic Biology and Sharon Okanga was awarded the best student presentation at the Parasitological Society of Southern Africa Conference.

The CoE presented a stand at the NRF/DST 2010/2011 CoE Annual Day held at UCT during February 2011, at which Phil Hockey gave an overview of the alignment and delivery of the Fitz CoE to the South African Government's Outcomes Approach, specifically for research and development.

The CoE presented a stand at the Biodiversity Expo hosted by Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens, SANBI, during May 2011. The Biodiversity Expo is an annual conservation community event where conservation organizations, projects, authorities and institutions gather to exhibit their current conservation work to Western Cape schools and the general public. While the primary focus is exhibiting conservation work, a diverse range of other value offerings have spun off from the event such as career guidance, job opportunities, sustainable living, business opportunities and corporate social investment opportunities. The four-day event also initiated a blog site related to the physical event with the objective of maintaining an online presence, so that

participants can interact with the conservation community from year to year. As new information arises, and documents or references become available, these are posted.

UCT celebrates Africa Day on 25 May each year, which is an opportunity to highlight our role and contribution to higher education and development in South Africa and the rest of Africa. The week-long Africa Exhibition from 23 – 27 May 2011 aimed to highlight academic, research, capacity building endeavours, collaborations and links UCT staff members have forged with continental universities, and the contribution made to the generation of Africa knowledge. The CoE presented a stand with a banner and posters which reflected our activities and impact in Africa.

Peter Ryan organized a workshop at the University of Cape Town during July 2011 on research and conservation priorities for the *Endangered* Bank Cormorant.

The Fitz CoE also has a Listing on the Enviropaedia online facility http://www.enviropaedia.com/company/default.php?pk company id=510

Following the launch of the Cape Parrot Project *Facebook* page during 2010, which became the largest global online parrot conservation group, with over 4500 subscribers and hundreds of photos, videos, links and posts, the project has this year produced a DVD which has been screened in the US on PBS and local networks. "Endangered" has now brought it to South Africa where it will probably be screened after "Shoreline 2" during 2012. Another highlight during 2011 was that one of our project collaborators (Natalie Rowles) who supplied over 600 *Podocarpus latifolius* saplings for the tree-planting scheme won a "Special Commendation" in the *Mail & Guardian's* "Greening The Future Awards for 2011" for her "Free Trees for Schools" programme. Most of her saplings were planted on the University of Fort Hare campus by the project's planting team under Nic Armstrong, the project horticulturalist trained at Kirstenbosch gardens.

The 'arms race and co-evolution' research by Claire Spottiswoode appeared in a full page interview published in *The Observer* (the Sunday UK edition of *The Guardian*; June 2011), a video podcast interview published by The Royal Society, media coverage published in *The New York Times* (twice); BBC News website (twice); *The Times*; *USA Today*; *New Scientist*, *Discover Magazine* and other international newspapers and magazines (e.g. *De Volksrand*, *NRC Handelsblad* and *Kijk* in The Netherlands; *Science et Vie* in France; *Infox* in Russia; and *Il Venerdi di Republica* in Italy); as well as a commentary published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, USA.

Findings of the Ground-Hornbill Project in the Associated Private Nature Reserves (APNR) adjacent to the Kruger National Park have been produced as a DVD titled "Hornbill in Crisis", which has been well received by funders and potential supporters.

The 2nd edition of the book '*Gamebirds of Southern Africa*' by Rob Little and Tim Crowe was the Random House Struik 'pick of the month' for August 2011 and Rob Little was the 'author of the month' also for August.

4. Networking

Objective

Medium- to long-term objectives are to: (1) establish a wide range of key collaborative associations with scientific peers and peer research groups, both locally and abroad; (2) establish partnerships with conservation organisations and NGOs; and (3) establish strong relationships with business organisations with either direct or indirect interests in the fields of conservation biology and ornithology.

Progress

The CoE continued its involvement with joint-venture student training initiatives and other networking interactions between institutions directly or loosely collaborating with the CoE. Primary collaboration continued with the molecular laboratory of Asst. Prof. Rauri Bowie at the University of California, Berkeley, Assoc. Prof. Paulette Bloomer and Prof. Andrew McKechnie at the University of Pretoria, and Dr Pierre Pistorius at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

Collaborative working relationships with scientific peers now exist both nationally and internationally (Table 6). Additional emphasis has been placed on working with historically black universities in South Africa and African universities, e.g. University of Fort Hare, Tshwane University of Technology and the Universities of Zimbabwe and Zambia. Eight of the 12 Post-doctoral Fellows came from seven foreign countries.

The Conservation Biology Course continued to build biodiversity conservation capacity within and outside of South Africa, with the graduation of international students from the UK (x3), Canada, Costa Rica, Germany and the USA, and the enrolment of students from the UK (x2), USA (x3), Canada, Liberia, the Netherlands and Zimbabwe during 2011. In 2011, the 213th Conservation Biology MSc student graduated.

A significant collaborative event this year was the launch of the Penguin Research Vessel, "Winkle", on the 23rd of June 2011 at the Algoa Bay Yacht Club in the Port Elizabeth harbour. More than 130 people, including many sponsors and conservation partners, attended the event. Equipped with an advanced technology multi-scan sonar, the Winkle will allow the research team to get an accurate picture of sardine and anchovy movement. We know where the penguins are going through GPS deployments, and where the fishermen are catching their prey, but we don't know how many fish are actually available to the penguins and the fishermen, and how far they travel over what time periods. Answering these questions will help refine African Penguin conservation strategies. The extent to which fish move is critical to designing the appropriate size and configuration of no-take zones where fish can escape heavy fishing pressure and be more available to the penguins close to home. The event was covered by the *Algoa Sun*, *The Herald* and *Die Burger*, and also screened on the SABC news that Sunday evening. Information on the project and photographs can be viewed at www.algoafm.co.za/blog or the projects Blog: The Penguin Patrol: AlgoaFM.

Prominent research and conservation partners who visited the CoE during 2011:

A highlight of the year was the visit by Sir David Attenborough during April 2011. He presented a Vice-Chancellor's Open Lecture in the Baxter Theatre titled '*Alfred Russel Wallace and the Birds of Paradise*' as the final celebratory event of the Fitztitute's 50th Anniversary and hosted a three-hour student guestion-and-answer session.

Dr Per Alström, Swedish Species Information Centre, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden, visited the Fitz during January 2011 and gave a seminar titled 'Warbler secrets revealed by songs and DNA'.

Dr Claire Spottiswoode, a Fitz research associate based at the University of Cambridge, also gave a Fitz seminar during January 2011 titled 'A stab in the dark: the evolution of brood parasitism in Greater Honeyguides'.

Harriet Nimmo, recently appointed Fitz Advisory Board member, gave a Fitz seminar titled 'Surfing the digital wave - Africa Geographic's digital publishing agency - bigFIG' during May 2011.

Prof. John Croxall (CBE, FRS), Chair of the BirdLife International Global Seabird Programme and former head of the British Antarctic Survey, visited Cape Town to participate in the BirdLife Save Our Seabirds festival and gave a Fitz seminar and discussion session during October 2011.

5. Service rendering

Objective

A medium- to long-term objective is to establish formal contact with a range of conservation agencies and other relevant government bodies, such as Dept Environmental Affairs, Dept Agriculture and Dept Water Affairs & Forestry, to ensure the expertise of the CoE can be used to address practical research and information needs. CoE members will continue to render their services to the broader scientific community and the general public.

Progress

Links continue to be serviced with a diversity of conservation agencies, NGO's, government departments, and industry partners. These include the Department of Environmental Affairs, Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries, the South African National Biodiversity Institute, South African National Parks, IUCN, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, BirdLife South Africa and Zimbabwe, the Endangered Wildlife Trust, the Namibian Ministry of the Environment, the Wildlife Conservation Society, the Nature Conservation Corporation, the South African Deep Sea Trawling Industry Association and Irvin & Johnson.

CoE members served on the editorial boards of 16 scientific journals, and on 35 membership and advisory services, as well as reviewing 97 papers for 50 peer-reviewed international and local journals during 2011 (see below). CoE members also contributed to a NRF SARCHI Review Panel, conducted four NRF personal rating evaluations and one NRF Post-doctoral Fellowship evaluation during the year.

During 2011 the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) made a move that heralds a new era in cooperation and willingness to embrace the measures that have been designed and shown to be safe, simple and effective at reducing seabird by-catch in long-line fishing. Fishing nations, led by Japan.

agreed to simplify the current requirements for fishing vessels operating in areas of highest risk to albatrosses. The Commissioners accepted that the best available science supports the use of a combination of only three measures, and moved to eliminate all other measures which do not have scientific support. The three measures are: only setting lines at night when few seabirds can forage effectively, mandatory use of 'bird-scaring streamer lines' (also called Tori lines), and the addition of weights to ensure that baited hooks sink quickly. These measures are currently required in South Africa's domestic and joint-venture tuna long-line fisheries, and South Africa was one of the sponsoring nations for the successful amendments to the ICCAT resolution. The Fitz CoE and BirdLife have been working towards this since 2004, and the new ICCAT measures have been enforced in South Africa since 2008. Monitoring of mortality on long-lines in the ICCAT area has shown that these simple techniques can reduce seabird deaths by 80% or more, without impacting fishing operations' profitability. This resolution finally brings the rest of the Atlantic tuna fleets in line with South Africa's domestic policy, and we applaud the proactive role of the South African delegation to the 2011 ICCAT commission in working with the other nations to achieve this.

The Ludwig's Bustard project, which amongst other things aims to explore mitigation options through experimentation of power line marking devices and visual assessment of bustards and other collision prone species, has rendered a close relationship between the Institute and ESKOM. Following our successful application, Ludwig's Bustard was upgraded to globally *Endangered* on the 2010 IUCN Red List (based on preliminary power-line mortality survey data and population modeling). We also recently assisted the Endangered Wildlife Trust and the Eskom live-line team as they put up a large-scale bird-deterrent experiment on transmission lines near De Aar. This will test whether marking devices are effective in lowering bird collision mortality.

Members of the Fitz CoE Nelson Mandela Bay penguin research team have been comparing two management strategies to increase African Penguin breeding success which have resulted in the consistent culling of Kelp Gulls by SANParks on Bird Island, Eastern Cape, as well as changing the design of artificial burrows, from fiberglass to cement pipes cut in half, which are successfully increasing penguin chick survival. Peter Ryan has been advising the Robben Island Museum on various strategies to protect cormorant breeding colonies from human disturbance.

Research on the Afromontane forests of Angola is being used to support and guide Angola's Ministry of the Environment to develop a conservation strategy for this endangered habitat, including choosing and designing appropriate protected areas.

The 'Hot birds' team assisted BirdLife South Africa and UCT with the development of lobbying materials as part of the United Nations Convention Framework on Climate Change (NFCCC) for use at the 17th International Climate Change Conference of Parties (CoP 17) held in Durban during December 2011.

The waterbird spatial ecology and diseases team lead by Graeme Cumming are working with Ezemvelo-KZN Wildlife (contact: Dr. Ricky Taylor) to understand anthropogenic impacts on waterbirds in the Pongola floodplain which will lead to refinement of management policy for the area.

We are involved in research with the SA Veterinary Services, Onderstepoort Veterinary linstitute, and the Ostrich Producer's Association (Oudtshoorn) to try to better understand and manage the causes of avian influenza outbreaks in farmed ostriches. Christine Moore investigated the ramifications and intricacies of the avian flu (N2H5) in the Ostrich industry in South Africa with the intention of advising the industry on vulnerability to avian flu. This followed the 2004 and 2011 outbreaks which lead to the culling of 32 000 birds in 2011 and subsequent compensation by the Government to the value of R23 million. The project has offered recommendations on the alterations of the design of the production system and a new pathogen testing strategy.

Msc student Sharon George (graduated June 2011) and Honours student Koebraa Peters (graduated December 2011) have highlighted for the first time the impact that domestic cats are having on biodiversity in Africa. That between 3.5 and 17 million prey are killed annually by Cape Town's domestic cats has captured the public's attention. Talks, newspaper articles (*Argus* and *Cape Times*), radio interviews (Cape Talk) and magazine articles (*Getaway*) have highlighted the biodiversity impact issues of cats and it is our wish that conservation agencies take this more seriously in their local by-laws for cat owners.

Positions on Editorial Boards, Councils, Advisory/Steering Committees, etc. (this applies *only* to positions active in 2011)

Editorial Boards

- Antarctic Science (Associate Editor; Ryan)
- Austral Ornithology (Associate Editor; McKechnie)
- Biological Conservation (Editorial Board; Hockey)
- Bird Conservation International (Associate Editor; Ryan)
- BMC Evolutionary Biology (Editorial Board; Bowie)
- Ecology: Conservation and Restoration (Associate Editor; Ryan)
- Diversity and Distributions (Associate Editor; Cumming)
- Ecology & Society (Associate Editor; Cumming)
- Emu (Associate Editor; McKechnie)
- *Ibis* (Editor; Bowie, Associate Editor; Pichegru)
- *ISRN Zoology* (Editor; Pistorius)
- Journal of Arid Environments (Associate Editor; Milton)
- Landscape Ecology (Editorial Board; Cumming)
- Ostrich Journal of African Ornithology (Associate Editors; Bowie, McKechnie)
 (Book Review Editor; Koopman)
- Public Library of Science (PLoS International Advisory Group; Hockey)
- South African Journal of Wildlife Research (Associate Editor; Cumming)

Membership & Advisory services

- ACAP Taxonomy Working Group (Ryan)
- Africa Birds and Birding (scientific advisors; Hockey, Ryan)
- Africa Geographic (Director: Boyes)
- American Ornithological Union (Bowie)

- BirdLife South Africa Council and Conservation Advisory Committee (President; Ryan; Members; Hockey, Ryan)
- British Ecological Society (Hockey)
- British Ornithologists' Union (Council; Bowie, Spottiswoode, Members; Cunningham, Hockey,)
- Cooper Ornithological Society (Bowie)
- Earth-Touch (Scientific Advisory Board members; Hockey, Ryan, Little)
- Ecological Society of America (Cumming, Hockey)
- Endangered Wildlife Trust Threatened Grassland Species Programme Advisory Group (Little, McKechnie)
- Faculty Member, 'Faculty of 1000'. See http://f1000.com/ (Cumming)
- International Ornithologists' Union (Fellows; Crowe, Hockey)
- International Parrot Research Group (Africa Coordinators; Boyes, Martin)
- International Society for Behavioural Ecology (Spottiswoode)
- Mabula Ground-Hornbill Advisory Board (Vice-Chairman; Little)
- Mazda Wildlife Fund Advisory Board (Little)
- National Zoological Gardens Ethics & Scientific Committee (McKechnie)
- Resilience Alliance (Cumming)
- Royal Society of South Africa (Hockey)
- SAFRING Steering Committee (Hockey)
- Society for Conservation Biology (Cumming)
- Society for Systematic Biology (Bowie)
- Society for the Study of Evolution (Bowie)
- South African Biodiversity Information Facility (Crowe)
- South African Biosystematics Initiative Steering Committee (Bloomer)
- South African Bird Atlas Project 2 Steering Committee (Ryan)
- South African Young Academy of Science (Founder member; McKechnie)
- Southern African Bird List Committee (Bowie, Hockey, Ryan)
- Southern African Society for Systematic Biology (President; Bloomer)
- Southern Ground-Hornbill Action Group (Little)
- Tristan's Biodiversity Advisory Group (Ryan)
- Wild Bird Trust (Director & Trustee; Boyes)
- World Parrot Trust Africa (Director; Boyes)
- World Bird List Committee (Bowie, Ryan)

Manuscript reviews

African Journal of Ecology (Boyes 6, Spottiswoode 1)

African Journal of Marine Science (Pistorius 3)

African Zoology (Boyes 1)

Antarctic Science (Ryan 2)

Auk (Bowie 2)

Behavioural Ecology & Sociobiology (Covas 1)

Biological Conservation (Little 1, Pichegru 2)

Biological Journal of the Linnean Society (Bowie 1, Spottiswoode 1)

Bird Conservation International (Ryan 1)

BMC Evolutionary Biology (Bowie 5, Crowe 1)

Diversity and Distributions (McKechnie 1)

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Ecological Applications (Cumming 1)
Ecological Economics (Cumming 1)
Ecology & Society (Cumming 1)
Ecography (Cumming 1, Hockey 1)
Ecosphere (McKechnie 1)
Environmental Modeling and Assessment (Cumming 1)
European Journal of Wildlife Research (Melo 1)
Evolution (Spottiswoode 1)
Functional Ecology (McKechnie 2)
Global Change Biology (McKechnie 1)
Global Ecology & Biogeography (Bowie 1)
Global Environmental Change (Cumming 1)
Ibis (Bowie 30, Spottiswoode 1)
Journal of Animal Ecology (Spottiswoode 1)
Journal of Applied Ecology (Cumming 1)
Journal of Avian Biology (Cook 1, Cunningham 1, Martin 1, Spottiswoode 1)
Journal of Biogeography (Bowie 2)
Journal of Comparative Physiology B (McKechnie 1)
Journal of Experimental Biology (McKechnie 1, Pichegru 1)
Journal of Heredity (Melo 1)
Journal of Ornithology (Cook 1)
Journal of Zoology, London (Bowie 2, McKechnie 3)
Parasitology (Spottiswoode 1)
PLoS One (McKechnie 1, Ryan 1)
Proceedings of the Royal Society of London (Covas 1, Ryan 1)
Marine Ecology Progress Series (Pichegru 1, Ryan 1)
Methods in Ecology and Evolution (McKechnie 1)
Molecular Ecology (Bowie 2, Ryan 1)
Molecular Phylogenetics & Evolution (Bowie 5, Crowe 1)
Naturwissenschaften (McKechnie 1)
Ostrich (Bowie 3, Cunningham 1, Little 3, McKechnie 2)
Polar Biology (Pistorius 1)
Polar Record (Ryan 1)
Science (Covas 1)
South African Journal of Science (Crowe 1)
South African Journal of Wildlife Research (Bowie 1, Boyes 1, Pistorius 1)
Systematic Biology (Bowie 1)
Waterbirds (Hockey 2)
Western Indian Ocean Journal of Marine Science (Hockey 1)
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6. Gender and equity impacts of research

Objective

A medium- to long-term objective is to ensure that gender issues are considered in all aspects of the CoE's work, with the goal of maintaining an equal representation of the sexes within the CoE in the long term.

Progress

The CoE continues to be guided by a proactive recruitment policy to attract female postgraduates to encourage gender parity in the CoE student body. This policy has been relatively successful, with 46% of postgraduate students supported by the CoE in 2011 being females. The academic and support staff gender profile of the CoE has improved and stands at 47% female. The 2011 Biodiversity Academy held during January attracted 14 students, of whom nine (64%) were females.

Research at the PFIAO into avian malaria and avian influenza, diseases which affect chickens and other poultry, is providing information that can be used to educate African women about the risks of handling poultry and causes of the spread of these diseases.

The Cape Parrot Project in the Amatole Mountains, Eastern Cape, aims to plant 25 000 indigenous tree saplings (predominantly vellowwoods) each year for the next two years and erect 600 artificial nest boxes for parrots in suitable trees throughout the Hogsback area. We have injected much-needed investment into a poorly managed, communityrun indigenous tree nursery previously funded by the Danish government, by buying up their entire stock of 5 000 indigenous tree saplings. We are teaching local woman to use 'worm farms' to produce fertilizer and grow yellowwood saplings in potting bags provided. Teams of five local women will be supervised by our Community Liaison Officer (employed by the Fitztitute and BirdLife SA), planting up to 1 000 saplings in a designated forest patch. Thirty-five women are employed part-time and will be trained to take care of the indigenous saplings and, following an audit by the Community Liaison Officer, will be paid R10 per sapling every six months (i.e. up to R50 000 each year). The project also took over the management of a pecan nut orchard at the University of Fort Hare, where over 280 Cape Parrots feed daily for more than four months each year. We have fenced the pecan orchard and contracted nine women from the local community to gather the pecan nuts, de-shuck and package them. Revenue from this small business will be shared between the local women and the management of the pecan orchard. The project has also launched the 'Green Campus Initiative' at Fort Hare by planting 750 indigenous trees (wild olives & wild plums) with the Student Representative Council and the International Leadership Council hosted by Fort Hare.

The CoE's seabird and fishing industry programme initiated the use of bird-scaring lines (BSLs) to minimize seabird by-catch. This created the opportunity for 10 disadvantaged coloured people in the Oceanview community, Kommetjie (five males and five females ranging from 22 to 71 years old) to create a micro-industry to make BSLs. Older people involved in the project are able to pass on their skills and knowledge to the younger members of the team. They are able to build a long-line BSL in about two hours and a deep-sea trawl BSL in about one hour. They sell the completed lines for R150 per line and are thus able to bring some money back into the community. Some of the team are ex fishermen and now regard this as an alternative livelihood. This project also receives funds from Total to assist with the cost of the materials, etc. The Fitz CoE Nelson Mandela Bay research team has also trained formerly disadvantaged rangers from SANParks to collect penguin data on Bird Island in the Eastern Cape.

The brood-parasite project in Zambia run by Claire Spottiswoode has provided a source of cash income to over 40 local people, mostly unemployed farm labourers, as well as full-time employment to 10 people. During 2011, few of these were women, but we are actively trying to recruit more women to take part in the project. Claire is also a Mentor for the British Ecological Society's mentorship scheme for women in ecology and gave

a talk on academic careers in science for the Women in Science, Engineering and Technology Initiative (WiSETI) in Cambridge, UK, during June 2011.

Kate England's MSc CB project on the disturbance to shorebirds by local resource users and tourists at the Sabaki River Estuary, Kenya during 2011 included a livelihood and resource-use survey of 190 households. Although 70% of income was from natural resources, and therefore restricting resource use would impact local livelihoods and thus undermine conservation, over 90% of households responded positively to both increased tourism and regulation of resource use. Recommendations from her project included the provision of a piped water supply which would increase agricultural protein output and income, thus reducing fishing activities, and would further increase women's time for other more constructive activities than that of fetching water from the estuary.

The Mount Moco project in Angola has provided part-time employment for four young men from the Kanjonde community to run a forest species nursery to expand the remnant forest fragments. The project is also promoting Mount Moco as an avitourism destination, increasing the work opportunities for the local guides.

Overall, Fitz CoE projects have generated 29 full-time jobs and 93 part-time jobs, all mostly women, which were active during 2011.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The following people worked within the CoE during 2011 (or part thereof).

Table 2. Core Team Members for 2011

| Title | Name | Citizen | Institution | Gender | Race | H-index ISI* | % time working in |
|---------|------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | 101 | CoE |
| Dr | Colleen O'Ryan | SA | UCT - MCB | F | В | 9 | 10 |
| Prof. | Paulette Bloomer | SA | U. Pretoria | F | W | 12 | 10 |
| Dr | Arjun Amar | UK | UCT | M | W | 8 | 100 |
| A/Prof. | Rauri Bowie | SA | U. Cal. USA | M | W | 17 | 50 |
| Prof. | Tim Crowe | SA | UCT | M | W | 22 | 100 |
| Prof. | Graeme Cumming | SA | UCT | M | W | 22 | 100 |
| Prof. | Phil Hockey | UK/SA res | UCT | M | W | 25 | 100 |
| A/Prof. | Andrew McKechnie | SA | U. Pretoria | M | W | 13 | 30 |
| Dr | Pierre Pistorius | SA | NMMU | M | W | 11 | 50 |
| A/Prof. | Peter Ryan | SA | UCT | M | W | 29 | 100 |

^{*} H-index scores (ISI 2011 measure) as calculated on 16 January 2012

Table 3. Honorary Professors & Research Associates for 2011

| Title | Name | Citizen | Institution | Gender | Race | % time spent working in CoE |
|-------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|------|-----------------------------|
| Dr | Phoebe Barnard * | UK | SANBI | F | W | 5 |
| Dr | Rita Covas | Portugal | CEFE-CNRS, France | F | W | 80 |
| Prof. | Sue Milton * | SA | UCT | F | W | 10 |
| Dr | Mandy Ridley * | New Zealand | Macquarie U, Aus. | F | W | 50 |
| Dr | Claire Spottiswoode | SA | U Cambridge, UK | F | W | 30 |
| Dr | Richard Dean | SA | UCT | M | W | 10 |
| Prof. | David Cumming * | Zimbabwe | U Zimbabwe | M | W | 20 |
| Dr | David Gremillet * | France | CNRS | M | W | 20 |
| Dr | Andrew Jenkins | SA | UCT | M | W | 20 |
| Dr | Anthoni Milewski | Australia | Murdoch U, Aus. | M | W | 20 |
| Dr | Rob Simmons * | UK | UCT | M | W | 40 |
| Dr | Ross Wanless * | SA | BirdLife SA | М | W | 40 |

^{*}Official UCT Honorary Professor or Research Associate

Table 4. Post-doctoral Fellows for 2011 (All registered at UCT)

| Title | Name | Citizenship | Start date | Gender | Race | CoE sup | port level |
|-------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------|------|---------|------------|
| | | | | | | Bursary | Running |
| Dr | Felix Nchu | Cameroon | 02/2009 | M | В | Yes | Yes |
| Dr | Maelle Connan | France | 09/2011 | F | W | No | Yes |
| Dr | Susie Cunningham | New Zealand | 05/2010 | F | W | Yes | Yes |
| Dr | Lorien Pichegru | France | 05/2008 | F | W | No | Yes |
| Dr | Tim Cook | France | 03/2009 | M | W | Yes | Yes |
| Dr | Steve Boyes | SA | 08/2009 | M | W | No | Yes |
| Dr | Alan Lee | SA | 12/2011 | M | W | Yes | No |
| Dr | Douglas Loewenthal | SA | 10/2008 | M | W | Yes | Yes |
| Dr | Rowan Martin | UK | 05/2009 | M | W | Yes | Yes |
| Dr | Ralf Mullers | Holland | 11/2011 | M | W | Yes | Yes |
| Dr | Graeme Oatley | SA | 07/2011 | M | W | Yes | Yes |
| Dr | Tim Reid | Australia | 08/2010 | M | W | No | No |

Table 5. List of students for **2011** (* = graduated, ** = withdrew during 2011)

| Title | Name | Citizenship | Institution | Gender | Race | Degree | 1 st | CoE su | pport level |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------|------|--------|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| | | | | | | | year | Bursary | Running |
| Ms | Tshifiwe Mandiwana | SA | UCT | F | В | PhD | 2004 | No | No |
| Ms | Sharon Okanga | Kenya | UCT | F | В | PhD | 2009 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Adams Chaskda* | Nigeria | UCT | M | В | PhD | 2007 | No | No |
| Mr | Potiphar Kaliba | Malawi | UCT | M | В | PhD | 2007 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Sampath Lokugalappatti* | Sri Lanka | U Berkl / Stell | M | В | PhD | 2005 | No | Yes |
| Mr | Mduduzi Ndlovu | Zimbabwe | UCT | M | В | PhD | 2010 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | David Ngwenyama** | Zambia | UCT | M | В | PhD | 2011 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Zingfa Wala | Nigeria | UCT | M | В | PhD | 2011 | No | Yes |
| Ms | Viviane Barquete-Costa | Brazil | UCT | F | W | PhD | 2007 | No | No |
| Ms | Genevieve Jones* | SA | UCT | F | W | PhD | 2007 | Yes | No |
| Ms | Sonja Kruger | SA | UCT | F | W | PhD | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Lisa Nupen | SA | UCT | F | W | PhD | 2008 | Yes | Yes |
| Ms | Angela Ribeiro* | Portugal | UCT | F | W | PhD | 2007 | No | Yes |
| Ms | Jess Shaw | UK | UCT | F | W | PhD | 2009 | Yes | No |
| Mr | Callan Cohen* | SA | UCT | M | W | PhD | 1999 | No | No |
| Mr | Owen Davies | SA | UCT | M | W | PhD | 2011 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Grant Joseph | SA | UCT | M | W | PhD | 2010 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | lan Little* | SA | UCT | M | W | PhD | 2008 | No | No |
| Mr | Graeme Oatley* | SA | UCT | M | W | PhD | 2007 | No | Yes |
| Mr | Ben Smit | SA | U Pretoria. | M | W | PhD | 2007 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Alex Thompson | SA | UCT | M | W | PhD | 2011 | Yes | Yes |
| Ms | Hlengiwe Mbatha | SA | UCT | F | В | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Lovelater Sebele | Zimbabwe | UCT | F | В | MSc CB | 2011 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Asefa Mitiku | Ethiopian | U Pretoria | M | В | MSc | 2010 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Gregory Mutumi* | Zimbabwe | UCT | M | В | MSc | 2008 | No | Yes |
| Mr | Darlington Tuagben | Liberia | UCT | M | В | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Nikki Best | USA | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Emily Cressey | UK | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Mia Cerfontein | SA | UCT | F | W | MSc | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Ms | Petra de Abreu* | SA | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
| Ms | Lauren de Vos | SA | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Ms | Kate du Plessis* | USA | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
| Ms | Kate England* | Canada | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |

| Ms | Masumi Gudka | Kenya | UCT | F | В | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
|----|------------------------|-------------|---------|---|---|---------|------|-----|-----|
| Ms | Joanne Gwilt** | UK | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Clova Jurk* | UK | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
| Ms | Sarah Lewis* | UK | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
| Ms | Gina Louw* | SA | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
| Ms | Jenneca McCarter | USA | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Christine Moore | Canada | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Sofia Solano* | Costa Rica | UCT | F | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
| Mr | Jeremy Goss | SA | UCT | M | W | MSc CB | 2011 | No | Yes |
| Mr | Lisle Gwynn | UK | UCT | M | W | MSc | 2011 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Dominic Henry | SA | UCT | M | W | MSc | 2011 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Andre Krahner* | Germany | UCT | M | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
| Mr | Dane Marx* | SA | UCT | M | W | MSc CB | 2010 | No | No |
| Mr | Edward Rice | SA | UCT | M | W | MSc CB | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Mr | Maurice Schutgens | Netherlands | UCT | М | W | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Mr | Vincent van der Merwe* | SA | UCT | M | W | MSc CB | 2010 | Yes | No |
| Mr | Rowen van Eeden | SA | UCT | M | W | MSc | 2010 | Yes | Yes |
| Mr | Dale Wright* | SA | UCT | M | W | MSc CB | 2010 | Yes | No |
| Mr | Daniel Wright | USA | UCT | M | W | MSc CB | 2011 | No | No |
| Ms | Koebraa Peters* | SA | UCT | F | В | BSc Hon | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Ms | Alexa Prinsloo* | SA | UCT | F | W | BSc Hon | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Mr | Ben Dilley* | SA | UCT | M | W | BSc Hon | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Mr | David Green* | SA | NMMU | M | W | BSc Hon | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Mr | Gareth Tate* | SA | UCT | M | W | BSc Hon | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Mr | Maarten Van Beuningen* | SA | UCT | M | W | BSc Hon | 2011 | Yes | No |
| Mr | William Wyness* | SA | UCT-Bot | M | W | BSc Hon | 2011 | No | Yes |

Table 6. Collaborators (Loosely involved with CoE) during 2011

| Title | Surname | Citizenshi | Institution | Gender | Race | % time spent working in CoE |
|-------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|--------|------|-----------------------------|
| Dr | Abolnik | SA | Onderstepoort Vet Inst | F | W | 2 |
| Dr | Allen | SA | Durban Mus | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Alström | Sweden | Uppsala Univ. | М | W | 2 |
| Mr | Anderson | SA | BirdLife SA | M | W | 5 |
| Dr | Aronson | France | CNRS | M | W | 1 |
| Prof | Balmford | UK | Cambridge | M | W | 2 |
| Dr | Barker | USA | U Minnesota | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Barrowclough | USA | Am Mus Nat Hist | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Bates | USA | Chicago Mus. | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Beresford | USA | Stockton College | F | W | 1 |
| Prof. | Blignaut | SA | U Pretoria | М | W | 1 |
| Dr | Bodin | Sweden | Lund Univ. | М | W | 2 |
| Dr | Boucher | SA | U Stellenbosch | М | W | 1 |
| Prof. | Brigham | Canada | U Regina | M | W | 2 |
| Dr | Caron | France | CIRAD | M | W | 2 |
| Mr | Chiweshe | France | CIRAD | М | В | 2 |
| Dr | Cuthbert | UK | RSPB | M | W | 2 |
| Dr | Doutrelant | France | CEFE-CNRS | F | W | 5 |
| Dr | Gaidet | France | CIRAD | M | W | 2 |
| Dr | Gous | SA | SANCOB | M | W | 5 |
| Dr | Gremillet | France | CNRS | M | W | 5 |
| Dr | Fjeldså | Denmark | U Copenhagen | M | W | 2 |
| Dr | Freckleton | UK | Oxford U | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Hatchwell | UK | U Sheffield | M | W | 5 |
| Prof. | Hedderson | SA | UCT | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Hilton | UK | RSPB | M | W | 1 |
| Prof. | Huntley | UK | U Durham | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Irestedt | Sweden | Sw Mus Nat Hist | M | W | 2 |
| Prof. | Jansen | SA | Tshwane U Tech | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Jetz | USA | U Cal. San Diego | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Kock | SA | WCS | M | W | 2 |
| Prof. | Lovegrove | SA | U KZN | M | W | 5 |
| Mr | Magunje | Zimbabwe | BirdLife Zimbabwe | M | В | 5 |
| Dr | Mitchell | Australia | U. Western Aus | F | W | 5 |
| Dr | Mzilikazi | SA | NMMU | M | В | 5 |
| Dr | Quader | India | National Centr Biol Sci | M | В | 5 |
| Prof. | Richardson | SA | U Stellenbosch | M | W | 1 |
| Dr | Seebacher | Australia | U Sydney | M | W | 5 |
| Prof. | Swanson | USA | U South Dakota | M | W | 1 |
| Prof. | Sorenson | USA | Boston U | M | W | 2 |
| Mr | Willems | Zambia | Kasanka Trust | M | W | 10 |
| Dr | Wimberger | SA | U Fort Hare | F | W | 10 |
| Prof. | Wolf | USA | U New Mexico | M | W | 5 |
| Dr | Wondafrash | Ethiopia | Eth Wldl & Nat Hist Soc | M | В | 10 |
| Dr | Woodborne | SA | CSIR | M | W | 5 |

Table 7. Administrative and Support Staff for 2011

| Title | Name | Position | Based at | Gender | Race |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------|------|
| Ms | Phelisa Hans | Library Assistant | UCT | F | В |
| Mrs | Tania Jansen | Snr Secretary | UCT | F | В |
| Mrs | Anthea Links | SAP Administrator | UCT | F | В |
| Mrs | Hilary Buchanan | Administrator | UCT | F | W |
| Mrs | Margaret Koopman | Librarian | UCT | F | W |
| Ms | Melissa Stander | Webmaster | UCT | F | W |
| Dr | Rob Little | CoE Manager | UCT | M | W |
| Mr | Chris Tobler | Snr Technical Officer | UCT | M | W |

Table 8: Table of CoE Post-doctoral Fellow and Student demographics in 2011 These figures include CoE-supported students at collaborating institutions.

| | | Black | | | White | | | | |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|----|--|--|
| | Female | Male | total | Female | Male | total | | | |
| P-doc | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 12 | | |
| PhD | 2 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 21 | | |
| MSc | 3 | 3 | 6 | 14 | 11 | 25 | 31 | | |
| BSc Hons | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | |
| Total | 6 | 10 | 16 | 24 | 31 | 55 | 71 | | |

OUTPUTS

Publications during 2011 (Refer to Appendix 1)

Articles in peer-reviewed journals:

85 papers were published in peer-reviewed journals.

Semi-popular articles:

45 articles were published in the semi-popular literature.

Books / Chapters in books:

5 contributions were made to published books and book chapters.

Conferences attended during 2011: Meeting (month, place), people who attended

Southern African Society for Systematic Biology (SASSB) Conference (Jan; Rhodes Univ., SA) Tim Crowe, Owen Davies, Vincent van der Merwe

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) Conference (Jan; Salt Lake City, USA) Andrew McKechnie

Association of Field Ornithologists, Cooper Ornithological Society & Wilson's Ornithological Society Conference (March; Nebraska, USA) Mduduzi Ndlovu

Wildlife & Energy Symposium (March; Hebron, SA) Jess Shaw

Resilience 2011 (March; Arizona, USA) Graeme Cumming

14th **South African Marine Science Symposium** (April; Grahamstown, SA) Tim Cook, Lorien Pichegru, Rowen van Eeden

British Ornithologists' Union Conference on Migratory Birds (April; Leicester, UK) Claire Spottiswoode

Zoological Society Southern Africa Conference (July; Univ. Stellenbosch, SA) Graeme Cumming, Arjun Amar, Andrew McKechnie, Rowan Martin, Susie Cunningham, Steve Boyes, Felix Nchu, Ben Smit, Mduduzi Ndlovu, Lisa Nupen, Sharon Okanga

Parasitological Society of Southern Africa Conference (July; Univ. Stellenbosch, SA) Graeme Cumming, Andrew McKechnie, Felix Nchu, Sharon Okanga, Ben Smit

30th Willi Hennig International Society of Systematic Biology meeting (July/Aug; Brazil, South America) Tim Crowe, Owen Davies

ACES-Human Wildlife Conflicts Conference (Aug; Aberdeen, Scotland) Arjun Amar, lan Little

Ecological Society of America (ESA) Conference (Aug; Texas, USA) Grant Joseph, Mduduzi Ndlovu

2nd Annual Diamond Route Research Conference (Aug; Johannesburg, SA) Andrew McKechnie, Rowan Martin, Susie Cunningham, Ben Smit

Intentionality in Animal Communication Workshop (Sept; Univ. Zurich, Switzeland) Tom Flower

6th Australasian Ornithological Congress (Sept/Oct; Cairns, Aus) Phil Hockey, Andrew McKechnie, Rowan Martin, Susie Cunningham, Ben Smit

BirdLife SA Save Our Seabirds Festival (Oct; Cape Town, SA) Phil Hockey, Peter Ryan

7th West Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) Conference (Oct; Mombasa, Kenya) Tim Reid

2nd World Conference on Biological Invasions and Ecosystem Functioning

(BIOLIEF) Conference (Nov; Mar del Plata, Argentina) Doug Loewenthal
Fuller Symposium Science for Nature (Dec; Washington DC, USA) Steve Boyes

FINANCES

Audited Income and expenditure

A copy of the 2011 Income and Expenditure Statement shown below on page 28 is attached to the *Ernst & Young* Audit Report.

The 2011 annual CoE Audit was conducted during January and February 2012 and the signed Audit Report was presented to the CoE Board for approval with this Annual Report on 28 March 2012.

In general, all the auditor's queries regarding compliance were of little material significance and were clarified to the auditor's satisfaction. There were no exceptional notes which require further clarification or need to be brought to the attention of the CoE Board.

Annual CoE NRF funds carry-forward

Annual carry-forward by year, in relation to CoE income and expenditure:

| Year | Income | Expenditure | Carry-forward |
|------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2004 | R 2,025,067 | R -158,533 | R 1,866,534 |
| 2005 | R 4,026,434 | R -2,053,076 | R 1,973,358 |
| 2006 | R 4,153,458 | R -2,507,744 | R 1,645,714 |
| 2007 | R 4,026,610 | R -3,201,673 | R 824,936 |
| 2008 | R 3,463,943 | R -2,842,616 | R 621,327 |
| 2009 | R 3,701,280 | R -3,096,507 | R 604,773 |
| 2010 | R 6,363,747 | R -4,845,036 | R 1,518,412 |
| 2011 | R 6,794,276 | R -5,984,777 | R 809,499 |

Expenditure in 2011 was within budget, but still left a carry-forward to 2012 which was due to the award of full CoE funding in late 2010 which exceeded the budget for additional funding by *ca* R800 000. However, a carry-forward is useful as bridging funds are invariably needed for the first month of each year, before the first CoE payment transfer for the year is made by the NRF. High January expenses are made up of commitments made late in the previous year, and more specifically, the disbursement of the first transhes of student bursaries.

The 2011 carry-forward was predicted at R1,500,000 which was included in the expected income for 2012, and the approved expenditure budget for 2012 closely accounts for the expected income, so that tight budget management will be needed to keep expenditure within budget during 2012.

Distribution of 2011 DST/NRF funding and co-funding from other sources for the CoE

The distribution of the CoE research funding (R11,296,500) for the projects funded by the CoE during 2011, according to the 2011 CoE approved budget, was analysed to reflect the proportion of additional funds allocated to CoE activities from other sources (Table 9) and the overall distribution of funds across the three focal research areas (Table 10). Research conducted by the PFIAO which is not at least part-funded by the CoE is excluded from the analysis. Likewise, the UCT remuneration of PFIAO staff, and the NRF CoE Corporate Operating budget are also not included.

Table 9. Distribution of 2011 research funds according to the source of funds.

| | DS | ST/NRF | Other | sources (Table 9) |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| | bursary | running | bursary | running |
| | 2,850,000 | 2,689,500 | 1,468,000 | 4,209,000 |
| Sub total | | 5,619,500 | | 5,677,000 |
| Proportion | | 50% | | 50% |

Table 10. Distribution of 2011 research funds according to the fund source and the focal research areas.

| Fund source | Research | 1 | 2 | 3 | % within |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | area | | | | source |
| DST/NRF | 1 | 1,194,000 | | | 23% |
| | 2 | | 706,500 | | 14% |
| | 3 | | | 3,308,000 | 63% |
| Other | 1 | 275,000 | | | 5% |
| | 2 | | 1,368,000 | | 24% |
| | 3 | | | 4,034,000 | 71% |
| Total | | 1,469,000 | 2,074,500 | 7,342,000 | |
| % research | | 13% | 20% | 67% | |
| area | | | | | |

^{1 =} characterising biodiversity; 2 = evolutionary ecology; 3 = maintaining biodiversity

Comments on the distribution of CoE and other funds during 2011:

- The research funds supplied by the NRF represent 50% (R5,619,500 of R11,296,500) of the total funds allocated to research within the CoE. This proportion was boosted by the upgrade to fully funded CoE status.
- 2. The proportional distribution of research area funding from CoE funds is at variance with one-third funding per research area, with the greatest proportion of funding directed at conservation science (maintaining biodiversity 67%), thus satisfying the recommendations of the 2009 review panel.

Table 11. Other funds secured in 2011 that contributed to NRF funded CoE projects

| Bursary | | | Running | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total | Source |
| | | | | | 20,000 | 20,000 | UCT URC block grant |
| | | | | | 80,000 | 80,000 | NRF incentive |
| | | | | | 50,000 | 50,000 | Frankfurt Zoological Society |
| | | | 35,000 | | | 35,000 | U. Coppenhagen |
| | | | 35,000 | | | 35,000 | Hellman Fund |
| | | | | | 50,000 | 50,000 | NRF incentive |
| | | | | | 195,000 | 195,000 | Prins Bernhard Natfund |
| | | | | 15,000 | | 15,000 | NRF innovations Pdoc Fellow |
| | | | | | 175,000 | 175,000 | National Geographic |
| | | | | | 15,000 | 15,000 | African Bird Club |
| 65,000 | | | | | | 65,000 | SABI |
| | | | 40,000 | | | 40,000 | U. Minnesota |
| | 18,000 | | | 120,000 | | 138,000 | U. Pretoria |
| | | | | 650,000 | | 650,000 | EU |
| | | 90,000 | | | | 90,000 | Brazilian Govt |
| | | 130,000 | | | 250,000 | 380,000 | BirdLife SA |
| | | | | 35,000 | | 35,000 | NRF UCT |
| | | 140,000 | | | 15,000 | 155,000 | SANAP |
| | | 145,000 | | | 120,000 | - | OTEP-RSPB |
| | | | | | 100,000 | 100,000 | U. Barcelona |
| | | | | | 30,000 | 30,000 | NRF UCT |
| | | | | | 231,000 | 231,000 | ESKOM |
| | | 30,000 | | | 130,000 | 160,000 | ABAX |
| | 300,000 | | | 100,000 | | 400,000 | U. Macquarie |
| | | | | | 500,000 | 500,000 | DOW |
| | 130,000 | | | | 400,000 | | Royal Society UK |
| | | 220,000 | | | 200,000 | , | UCT URC 'hotbirds' |
| | | 100,000 | | | 618,000 | , | WWF Netherlands |
| 100,000 | | | | | | 100,000 | Clancey bequest |

165,000 448,000 855,000 110,000 920,000 3,179,000 5,677,000

^{1 =} characterizing biodiversity

^{2 =} evolutionary biology

^{3 =} maintaining biodiversity

DST/NRF CoE Birds as Keys to Biodiversity Conservation at the Percy FitzPatrick Institute CASH FLOW ANALYSIS FOR THE 2011 FINANCIAL YEAR

| DESCRIPTION | Jan-11 | Feb-11 | Mar-11 | Apr-11 | May-11 | Jun-11 | Jul-11 | Aug-11 | Sep-11 | Oct-11 | Nov-11 | Dec-11 | TOTAL | Annual Budget | VARIANCE |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|------------------|----------|
| NRF | | 2,622,212 | | | | 2,622,213 | | | | | | | 5,244,425 | 5,244,425 | 0 |
| Interest | 31,440 | | | | | | | | | | | | 31,440 | 31,440 | 0 |
| Other (incl. c/f from 2010) | 1,518,412 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,518,412 | 1,518,412 | 0 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 1,549,852 | 2,622,212 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,622,213 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,794,276 | 6,794,276 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | -51,666 | -65,301 | -58,481 | -62,030 | -67,365 | -66,698 | -70,137 | -64,292 | -73,984 | -62,138 | -61,514 | -92,137 | -795,743 | 672,000 | -123,743 |
| Student costs | -672,050 | -265,870 | -146,530 | -75,590 | -65,000 | -502,080 | -148,000 | | -110,000 | -76,668 | -78,000 | -65,000 | -2,204,788 | 2,850,000 | 645,212 |
| Conferences (incl. Travel) | -16,935 | -29,900 | -20,337 | -16,923 | -3,026 | -89,510 | -53,503 | -43,800 | -15,945 | -21,562 | -23,275 | | -334,717 | 282,000 | -52,717 |
| Equipment | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Running | -140,257 | -98,644 | -154,344 | -152,074 | -118,434 | -113,542 | -148,455 | -333,473 | -237,477 | -139,990 | -233,622 | -779,217 | -2,649,530 | 2,966,500 | 316,970 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | -880,908 | -459,715 | -379,692 | -306,617 | -253,826 | -771,830 | -420,095 | -441,565 | -437,407 | -300,359 | -396,410 | -936,354 | -5,984,777 | 6,770,500 | 785,723 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NET OUTCOME PROFIT/LOSS | 668,943 | 2,831,440 | 2,451,749 | 2,145,132 | 1,891,306 | 3,741,689 | 3,321,594 | 2,880,029 | 2,442,622 | 2,142,263 | 1,745,853 | 809,499 | 809,499 | | |

Notes:

- 1 Balance brought forwards matches previous year's Financial statement.
- 2 Shows actual expenditure only (excluding commitments) for all months
- 3 Reflects the entire costs of the CoE including satellite campuses
- 4 Regards income as positive cash flow and expenditure as negative cash flow
- 5 Emailed to AZondi@nrf.ac.za not later than 15 days after the month end

Table 12. Fitztitute CoE Financial Statement, January to December 2011

| | Operating | Fund | Invested | Fund | All Funds |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Brought forward from 2010 | | -392 792.37 | | -1 177 899.27 | -1 570 691.64 |
| Income | | -5 285 279.04 | | -90 320.79 | -5 375 599.83 |
| NRF income | -5 244 424.50 | | | | |
| NRF Academy | -30 854.54 | | | | |
| income | | | | | |
| UCT income | -10 000 | | | | |
| Investment income | | | -90 320.79 | | |
| Net transfer value | | 787 000.00 | | -787 000.00 | - |
| CR transfer | -2 287 000.00 | | -1 500 000.00 | | |
| DR transfer | 1 500 000.00 | | 2 287 000.00 | | |
| Expenditure | | 6 019 867.86 | | | 6 019 867.86 |
| Salaries total | 795 742.68 | | | | |
| Bursaries | 2 200 258.00 | | | | |
| Conferences | 303 313.88 | | | | |
| Other travel | 898 369.17 | | | | |
| Equipment-vehicles | - | | | | |
| Equipment-other | 444 963.80 | | | | |
| Computers | 63 035.65 | | | | |
| Running costs | 160 240.67 | | | | |
| Field & lab costs | 1 150 581.01 | | | | |
| Minor works | 3 363.00 | | | | |
| Carry forward to 2012 | | -445 203.55 | | -481 220.06 | -926 423.61 |
| Reconciliation: | | | | | |
| SAP balance @ 31/12/2011 | | -262 503.58 | | | |
| Advances in hand | | -182 699.97 | | | |
| | | -445 203.55 | | | |

Notes:

- No non-specific transfers to other collaborators were made in 2011.
 All funds carried forward to 2012 include advances in hand.

Appendix 1: Publications for 2011 (CoE members in bold type)

Papers in SCI-ranked journals (69)

IF score = Thomson Scientific Impact Factor score

Characterising biodiversity (10):

Fuchs, J., Crowe, T.M. & **Bowie, R.C.K.** 2011. Phylogeography of the fiscal shrike (*Lanius collaris*): a novel pattern of genetic structure across the arid zones and savannas of Africa. *Journal of Biogeography* 38:2210–2222. IF 4.273

Fuchs, J., Fjeldså, J. & **Bowie, R.C.K.** 2011. Diversification across an altitudinal gradient in the Tiny Greenbul (*Phyllastrephus debilis*) from the Eastern Arc Mountains of Africa. *BMC Evolutionary Biology* 11:117. IF 3.702

Koopman, M.M. 2011. In Memoriam: Gordon Lindsay Maclean, 1937-2008. *Auk* 128:800. IF 1.807

Mandiwana-Neudani, T.G., Kopuchian, C., Louw, G. & **Crowe, T.M.** 2011. A study of gross morphological and histological syringeal features of true francolins (Galliformes: *Francolinus*, *Scleroptila*, *Peliperdix* and *Dendroperdix* spp.) and spurfowls (*Pternistis* spp.) in a phylogenetic context. *Ostrich* 82:115-127. IF 0.338

Melo M., Bowie R.C.K., Voelker G., Dallimer, M., Collar, N.J. & Jones, P.J. 2011. Multiple lines of evidence support the recognition of a very rare bird species: the Principe thrush. *Journal of Zoology* 282:120-129. IP 1.787

Melo, M., Warren, B.H. & Jones, P.J. 2011. Rapid parallel evolution of aberrant traits in the diversification of the Gulf of Guinea white-eyes (Aves, Zosteropidae). *Molecular Ecology* 20:4953-4967. IF 6.633

Oatley, G., Bowie, R.C.K. & **Crowe, T.M.** 2011. The use of subspecies in the systematics of southern African white-eyes: historical entities or eco-geographic variants. *Journal of Zoology, London* 284:21–30. IF 1.787

Pons, J.-M., Olioso, G., Cruaud, C. & **Fuchs, J.** 2011. Phylogeography of the Eurasian Green woodpecker (*Picus viridis*). *Journal of Biogeography* 38:311–325. IF 4.273

Stoffberg, S. & **Hockey**, **P.A.R.** 2011. Book Review: Bats of southern and central Africa: a biogeographic and taxonomic synthesis by Ara Monadjem, Peter J. Taylor, F.P.D. (Woody) Cotterill & M. Corrie Schoeman. *South African Journal of Wildlife Research* 41:142-143. IF 0.875

Viseshakul, N., Charoennitikul, W., Kitamura, S., **Kemp, A.**, Thong-Aree, S., Surapunpitak, Y., Poonswad, P. & Ponglikitmongkol, M. 2011. A phylogeny of frugivorous hornbills linked to the evolution of Indian plants within Asian rainforests. *Journal of Evolutionary Biology* 24:1533-1545. IF 3.656

Evolutionary ecology (32):

Birkhead, T.R., Hemmings, N., **Spottiswoode, C.N.**, Mikulica, O., Moskát, C., Bán, M. & Schulze-Hagen, K. 2011. Internal incubation and early hatching in brood parasitic birds. *Proceedings of the Royal Society, B* 278:1019-1024.

IF 5.064

- Boyles, J.G., **Smit, B.** & **McKechnie, A.E.** 2011. A new comparative metric for estimating heterothermy in endotherms. *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology* 84:115–123. IF 2.394
- Boyles, J.G., Seebacher, S., **Smit, B.** & **McKechnie, A.E.** 2011. Adaptive thermoregulation in endotherms may alter responses to climate change. *Integrative and Comparative Biology* 51:676-690. IF 2.626
- Boyles, J.G., **Smit**, **B.** & **McKechnie**, **A.E.** 2011. Does use of the torpor cut-off method to analyze variation in body temperature cause more problems than it solves? *Journal of Thermal Biology* 36:373-375. IF 1.273
- Braby, J., Underhill, L.G. & **Simmons, R.E.** 2011. Prey capture success and chick diet of Damara Terns *Sterna baleanarum* in Namibia. *African Journal of Marine Science* 33(2):247-254. IF 1.229
- **Covas, R.**, Deville, A.S., Doutrelant, C., **Spottiswoode, C.N.** & Gregoire, A. 2011. The effect of helpers on the postfledging period in a cooperatively breeding bird, the sociable weaver. *Animal Behaviour* 81:121-126. IF 3.101
- **Cunningham S.J.**, Alley, M.R, & Castro, I. 2011. Facial bristle feather histology and morphology in New Zealand birds: implications for function. *Journal of Morphology* 272:118-218. IF 1.773
- **Cunningham, S.J.** & Castro, I. 2011. The secret life of wild brown kiwi: studying behaviour of a cryptic species by direct observation. *New Zealand Journal of Ecology* 35:209-219. IF 1.286
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- Fort, J., Porter, W.P. & **Grémillet, D.** 2011. Energetic modelling: a comparison of the different approaches used in seabirds. *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*, Part A 158:358-365. IF 2.196
- González-Solís, J., Smyrli, M., Militão, T., **Grémillet, D.**, Tveraa, T., Phillips, R.A. & Boulinier, T. 2011. Combining stable isotope analyses and geolocation to reveal kittiwake migration. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 435:251-261. IF 2.483
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- Hollén, L.I., Bell, M.B.V., Wade, H.M., Rose, R., Russell, A., Niven, F., **Ridley, A.R.** & Radford, A.N. 2011. Ecological conditions influence sentinel decisions. *Animal Behaviour* 82:1435-1441. IF 3.100
- Martin, T.E., **Lloyd, P.**, Bosque, C., Barton, D.C., Biancucci, A.L., Cheng, Y.-R. & Ton, R. 2011. Growth rate variation among passerine species in tropical and temperate sites: an antagonistic interaction between parental food provisioning and nest predation risk. *Evolution* 65:1607-1622. IF 5.659

Musvuugwa, T. & **Hockey, P.A.R.** 2011. Latitudinal patterns of reproductive effort in gamebirds and waterfowl: bucking the trend? *Ibis* 153:165-169. IF 2.295

Nchu, F., Githiori, J.B., McGaw, L.J. & Eloff, J.N. 2011. Anthelmintic and cytotoxic activities of extracts of Markhamia obtusifolia Sprague (Bignoniaceae). *Veterinary Parasitology* 183:184-188. IF 2.331

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Robson, B., Glass, T., Glass, N., Glass, J., Green, J., Repetto, C., Rodgers, G., Ronconi, R.A., **Ryan, P.G.**, Swain, G. & Cuthbert, R.J. 2011. Revised population estimate and trends for the Endangered Northern Rockhopper Penguin *Eudyptes moseleyi* at Tristan da Cunha. *Bird Conservation International* 21:454-459. IF 1.138

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Allen, C.R., **Cumming, G.S.**, Garmestani, A.S., Taylor, P.D. & Walker, B.H. 2011. Managing for resilience. *Wildlife Biology* 17(4):337-349
IF 0.697

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Caron, A., de Garine-Wichatitsky, M., Gaidet, N., Abolnik, C. & **Cumming, G**. 2011. Estimating and validating a dynamic risk factor model for pathogen transmission using community-level bird census data: avian influenza at the waterfowl/domestic bird interface in Zimbabwe. *Ecohealth* 7:S121-S121 Suppl. 1 IF 1.64

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Mills, M.S. L., Olmos, F., **Melo, M.** & **Dean, W.R.J.** 2011. Mount Moco: its importance to the conservation of Swierstra's Francolin *Pternistis swierstrai* and the Afromontane avifauna of Angola. *Bird Conservation International* 21:119-133.

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Ndhlovu, T., **Milton-Dean, S.J.** & Esler, K.J. 2011. Impact of *Prosopis* (mesquite) invasion and clearing on the grazing capacity of semiarid Nama Karoo rangeland, *South Africa, African Journal of Range & Forage Science*, 28:129-137.

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Papers in non SCI-ranked journals (16)

Characterising biodiversity (3):

Crowe, T. 2011. What kind of fowl am I? Poultry in motion. Proceedings of the Congresses of the Southern African Society for Systematic Biology, Grahamstown 19-21st January 2011, hosted by the Department of Zoology and Entomology, Rhodes University. (Abstract)

Davies, O.R., Crowe, T.M. & **Bowie, R.** 2011. Taxonomy, systematic and biogeography of 'marsh cisticolas', *Cisticola* spp. Proceedings of the Congresses of the Southern African Society for Systematic Biology, Grahamstown 19-21st January 2011, hosted by the Department of Zoology and Entomology, Rhodes University. (Abstract)

Van der Merwe, V.C. 2011. The vicariance biogeography of terrestrial gamebirds (Galliformes). Proceedings of the Congresses of the Southern African Society for Systematic Biology, Grahamstown 19-21st January 2011, hosted by the Department of Zoology and Entomology, Rhodes University. (Abstract)

Evolutionary ecology (4)

Mills, M.S.L., Melo, M. & Vaz, A. 2011. Black-tailed Cisticola *Cisticola melanurus* in eastern Angola: behavioural notes and the first photographs and sound-recordings. *Bulletin of the African Bird Club* 18:193-198.

Mills, M.S.L., Melo, M., Borrow, N. & Vaz Pinto, P. 2011. The endangered Braun's Bushshrike *Laniarius brauni*: a summary. *Bulletin of the African Bird Club* 18:193-198.

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Maintaining biodiversity (9)

Atkinson, M.W., Kock, M.D., **Cumming, D.H.M.** & Osofsky, S.A. 2011. Land-Use Paradigms, Wildlife and Livestock: Policy Options for Biodiversity, Livelihoods and Transboundary Disease Management in Southern Africa, Abstr., CD-ROM *Proceedings of the 30th World Veterinary Congress*, Cape Town, South Africa. p 274.

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| Name | Degree | 1st | Depart | Gender | Race | | Public | ations | |
|---------------|-----------|------|--------|--------|------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| | - 3, 3 | year | year | | | 1 st | 2 nd | unrated | popular |
| Mandiwana | Staff/PhD | 2004 | 2011 | F | В | 2 | 1 | | |
| O'Ryan | Staff | 2006 | | F | В | | 1 | | |
| Bloomer | Staff | 2004 | | F | W | | 4 | | 1 |
| Milton | Staff | 2004 | 2010 | F | W | 4 | 17 | 11 | 1 |
| Turpie | Staff | 2004 | 2010 | F | W | 1 | 4 | 6 | |
| Amar | Staff | 2010 | | М | W | 1 | | | |
| Bowie | Staff | 2004 | | М | W | 6 | 27 | 1 | 1 |
| Crowe | Staff | 2004 | | М | W | 3 | 22 | 3 | 3 |
| Cumming | Staff | 2006 | | М | W | 13 | 18 | 4 | 2 |
| Dean | Staff | 2004 | 2007 | М | W | 9 | 16 | 25 | 1 |
| Du Plessis | Staff | 2004 | 2007 | М | W | 2 | 16 | | 14 |
| Gremillet | Staff | 2005 | | М | W | | 7 | | |
| Hockey | Staff | 2004 | | М | W | 5 | 21 | 4 | 43 |
| Jenkins | Staff | 2005 | | М | W | 3 | 4 | 3 | 30 |
| Little | Staff | 2009 | | М | W | 2 | | | 3 |
| Lloyd | Staff | 2004 | 2009 | М | W | 9 | 8 | | 2 |
| McKechnie | Staff | 2004 | | М | W | 7 | 11 | 2 | 28 |
| Mills | Staff | 2010 | | М | W | 1 | | 3 | 1 |
| Ryan | Staff | 2004 | | М | W | 21 | 62 | 21 | 101 |
| Simmons | Staff | 2004 | | М | W | 10 | 5 | 6 | 25 |
| Covas | Postdoc | 2004 | | F | W | 4 | 5 | | 1 |
| Cunningham | Postdoc | 2010 | | F | W | 2 | | | |
| Eising | Postdoc | 2005 | 2006 | F | W | 2 | 1 | | |
| Nelson-Flower | Postdoc | 2012 | | F | W | 1 | 3 | | |
| Pichegru | Postdoc | 2008 | | F | W | 5 | 7 | | 3 |
| Ridley | Postdoc | 2005 | | F | W | 11 | 17 | | 5 |
| Rondon | Postdoc | 2008 | 2010 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Roxburgh | Postdoc | 2005 | 2007 | F | W | 2 | | 1 | 2 |
| Spottiswoode | Postdoc | 2005 | | F | W | 11 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| Techow | Postdoc | 2008 | | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Nchu | Postdoc | 2009 | 2011 | М | В | 1 | | | |
| Boyes | Postdoc | 2009 | | М | W | 5 | 1 | | 3 |
| Bruinzeel | Postdoc | 2007 | 2009 | М | W | | 2 | | |
| Cook | Postdoc | 2009 | | М | W | 2 | 1 | | |
| Delport | Postdoc | 2005 | 2007 | М | W | 3 | 2 | | 1 |
| De Melo | Postdoc | 2008 | | М | W | 4 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Fuchs | Postdoc | 2007 | 2010 | М | W | 6 | 4 | | 1 |
| Flower | Postdoc | 2012 | | М | W | 1 | | | |
| Johannson | Postdoc | 2005 | 2008 | М | W | 2 | 3 | | |
| Loewenthal | Postdoc | 1998 | 2011 | М | W | | | | 4 |
| Martin | Postdoc | 2009 | | М | W | 1 | | | |
| Oatley | Postdoc | 2011 | | М | W | 1 | | | |
| Radford | Postdoc | 2004 | 2006 | М | W | 9 | 2 | | 1 |
| Reid | Postdoc | 2010 | | М | W | | | | 2 |
| Taylor | Postdoc | 2005 | 2007 | М | W | 2 | 1 | | |
| Chaskda | PhD | 2007 | 2011 | М | В | | | | |

| Kaliba | CB PhD | 2007 | 2011 | М | В | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|------|------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Lokugalapapatti | PhD | 2005 | 2011 | М | В | | 2 | | |
| Baraquete | PhD | 2007 | | F | W | | 1 | | |
| Jones | PhD | 2007 | 2011 | F | W | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Nupen | CB PhD | 2008 | | F | W | | 2 | | |
| Petersen | PhD | 2004 | 2007 | F | W | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Ribiero | PhD | 2007 | 2011 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Raihani | PhD | 2004 | | F | W | 5 | 4 | | 1 |
| Seymour | PhD | 1999 | 2006 | F | W | 3 | 1 | | |
| Shaw | CB PhD | 2008 | | F | W | 2 | 3 | 1 | |
| Techow | PhD | 2002 | 2007 | F | W | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Barnes | PhD | 1998 | 2007 | М | W | | | | |
| Cohen | PhD | 1999 | 2011 | М | W | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Davies | MSc-PhD | 2008 | | М | W | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Joseph | CB PhD | 2007 | | М | W | 1 | 2 | | |
| Little | CB PhD | 2007 | 2011 | М | W | 1 | | 1 | |
| Smit | MSc-PhD | 2007 | | М | W | 3 | 4 | | 2 |
| Thompson | MSc-PhD | 2010 | | М | W | - | 2 | | 1 |
| Wanless | PhD | 2004 | 2007 | М | W | 8 | 7 | 1 | 11 |
| Ndlovu | MSc | 2007 | | М | В | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| Mtumi | MSc | 2008 | 2010 | М | В | | 1 | | |
| Curtis | MSc | 2003 | 2005 | F | W | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Lannas | MSc | 2007 | 2009 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Biggs | MSc | 2004 | 2006 | М | W | | | | 2 |
| Gwynn | MSc | 2011 | | М | W | | | | 1 |
| Mao | MSc CB | 2004 | 2005 | М | В | | | | 1 |
| Owino | MSc CB | 2004 | 2005 | М | В | 1 | | | |
| Suinyuy | MSc CB | 2005 | 2006 | М | В | | 1 | | |
| Baudains | MSc CB | 2005 | 2006 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Cordingley | MSc CB | 2008 | 2009 | F | W | | 1 | | |
| Farmer | MSc CB | 2004 | 2005 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Fox | MSc CB | 2005 | 2006 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Jenkins | MSc CB | 2006 | 2007 | F | W | | | 2 | |
| Lauret-Stepler | MSc CB | 2005 | 2006 | F | W | | | 1 | |
| Lipsey | MSc CB | 2007 | 2008 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| MacGregor | MSc CB | 2006 | 2007 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| McDonell | MSc CB | 2005 | 2006 | F | W | | 1 | | |
| Napier | MSc CB | 2004 | 2005 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Nupen | MSc CB | 2006 | 2007 | F | W | | | | |
| Okes | MSc CB | 2007 | 2008 | F | W | 2 | 1 | | |
| Stephen | MSc CB | 2005 | 2006 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Thomas | MSc CB | 2006 | 2007 | F | W | 1 | | | |
| Child | MSc CB | 2007 | 2008 | М | W | 3 | 4 | | |
| Dures | MSc CB | 2008 | 2009 | М | W | 1 | | | |
| Louw | MSc CB | 2004 | 2005 | М | W | | | 1 | |
| Meek | MSc CB | 2008 | 2009 | М | W | 1 | | | |