



Captive Breeding Programme Report

November 2016



Our oldest chick, Nutsy, at 158 days old roosting in the middle of the enclosure.

Our seven captive bred chicks are still growing strong and healthy. Hatcher joined the eldest two, Nutsy and Waterloo, by fledging in early November at 110 days old. The three fledged chicks are becoming more confident every day. They are routinely seen off the cliff face at the carcass in the morning, feeding on their own, with another fledgling, or with up to 4 adults. They are now able to obtain a small amount of food on their own as seen by their crops contents, but they are highly inefficient and typically spend much of their time gently tugging at skin or 'tasting' the meat. One morning a fledgling confused his neighbour's leg with part of the carcass, causing a large fight and much retaliation from the other fledgling.

African White-backed Vulture breeding enclosure

Our AWBV breeding enclosure (40m X 9 m X 9m) is almost finished! We are awaiting the delivery and installation of the diamond mesh and pedestrian gate, at which time construction will be complete. The final touches of shade netting and natural perches will be added before birds are moved from our rehabilitation and open-top enclosures. We plan to have birds introduced to the enclosure before the end of the year.



Avian Incubation Workshop – January 2017

VulPro is proud and thrilled to announce it will be hosting an Avian Incubation Workshop in January 2017. The workshop will be led by the top experts in the field: Director of the International Centre for Birds of Prey (ICBP) Jemima Parry-Jones, internationally accredited avian veterinarian Dr. Neil Forbes, and ICBP incubation specialists Holly Cale and Adam Bloch. This will be an intensive hands-on workshop with a small class of max 20 people. It will take a full 3 days between 9 and 11 January and will be conducted entirely on site at VulPro at our incubation facilities. The cost is 8,000 ZAR per person for the full 3 days. This fee includes workshop materials / manual, lunches, and tea/coffee but excludes accommodation which must be arranged independently. If you would like to view the programme, please visit www.vulpro.com/incubation-workshop-9-11-january-2017/. If interested in attending, contact Maggie at mhirscha@gmail.com as soon as possible.