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## What's new?

The EIS is constantly being updated, with new records being added on an ongoing basis. While many of these are new or recent articles and links we are also in the process of scanning and uploading a lot of older reports and important documents which are hard to get hold of, such as Namibia's Green Plan.

Many people have provided hard copies or digital files of documents which are not on the EIS. These are very welcome as they add significantly to Namibia's information resource. Please use the [Upload](#) button to submit files or [Contact us](#) if you have hard copies which need to be scanned.

Where possible we upload a pdf file which can be downloaded. If this is not possible due to copyright issues, we post a link to the original publisher or source so you can download the file from there.

## Is the EIS useful?

In the last 6 months the EIS has been visited over 3,500 times by over 2,100 people. 43% of visitors had visited the EIS before. Most visitors are in Namibia (39%), followed by Germany (15%), South Africa (10%), USA (8%), UK and Botswana. So, yes, the EIS is being used and we hope you are finding it useful. We are always open to suggestions so feel free to use the [Contact us](#) form if you have suggestions or feedback.

There are now over 130 registered users - welcome. Registered users can contribute to the atlassing component and also receive the EIS newsletter.

## Citizen science projects

### Mammal and carnivore atlas

The atlassing component is up and running and now has over 3,000 records including the old carnivore atlas records. The objective is to collect data which will contribute to our knowledge of species' distributions in Namibia. To contribute your sightings, you need to [register as an EIS user](#). Records can be observations of live or dead animals, spoor, photographs, camera trap records etc. The minimum information required is your name, species (or you can select 'unknown' and submit a photograph if you are not sure), date and some locational data such as QDS or GPS coordinates. If available, additional information can also be entered on age, sex, group size and other parameters.



*A recent pangolin sighting*

During the course of the year, the atlassing interface will be upgraded to add a lot more functionality.

### Bird atlas

The Southern African Bird Atlas Project 2 is currently underway - full details can be found at <http://sabap2.adu.org.za>.

## Breeding bird information

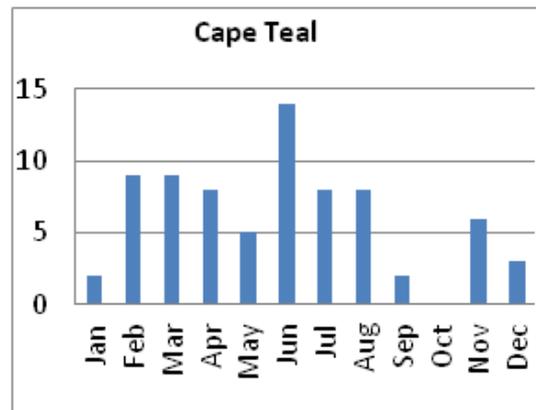
A new initiative to compile updated information on Namibia's breeding birds is underway and EIS users are requested to contribute. Full details can be downloaded from [www.the-eis.com/breeding-birds.php](http://www.the-eis.com/breeding-birds.php)

In short, the project aims to compile all records of breeding in Namibia, from nest record cards, published and unpublished records. Many people have records which have not been submitted as nest records, or published, and we would like to be able to include this valuable information. Information compiled so far includes tables on:

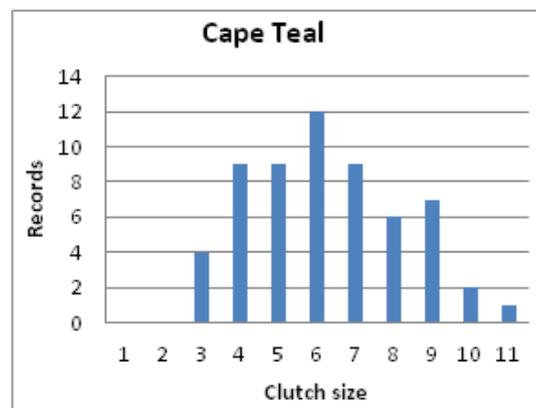
- 1) information on the months in which eggs are laid per species (more than 13,000 breeding records representing almost 3.28 million clutches) and on the sizes of colonies for colonial nesting species;
- 2) records on clutch sizes per species (some 97,380 records);
- 3) measurements of about 1,118 eggs.

The tables and the explanatory background information can be accessed from [www.the-eis.com/breeding-birds.php](http://www.the-eis.com/breeding-birds.php). The following graphs give an idea of some of the information contained in the tables:

Laying dates:



Clutch sizes:



Please send your information to [chrisbrown.namibia@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbrown.namibia@gmail.com) by the end of January 2014.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Number of records in the EIS: 8,400**