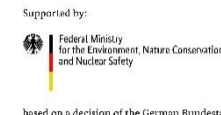
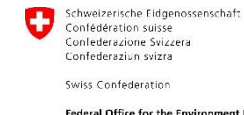




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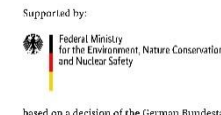
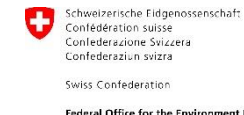
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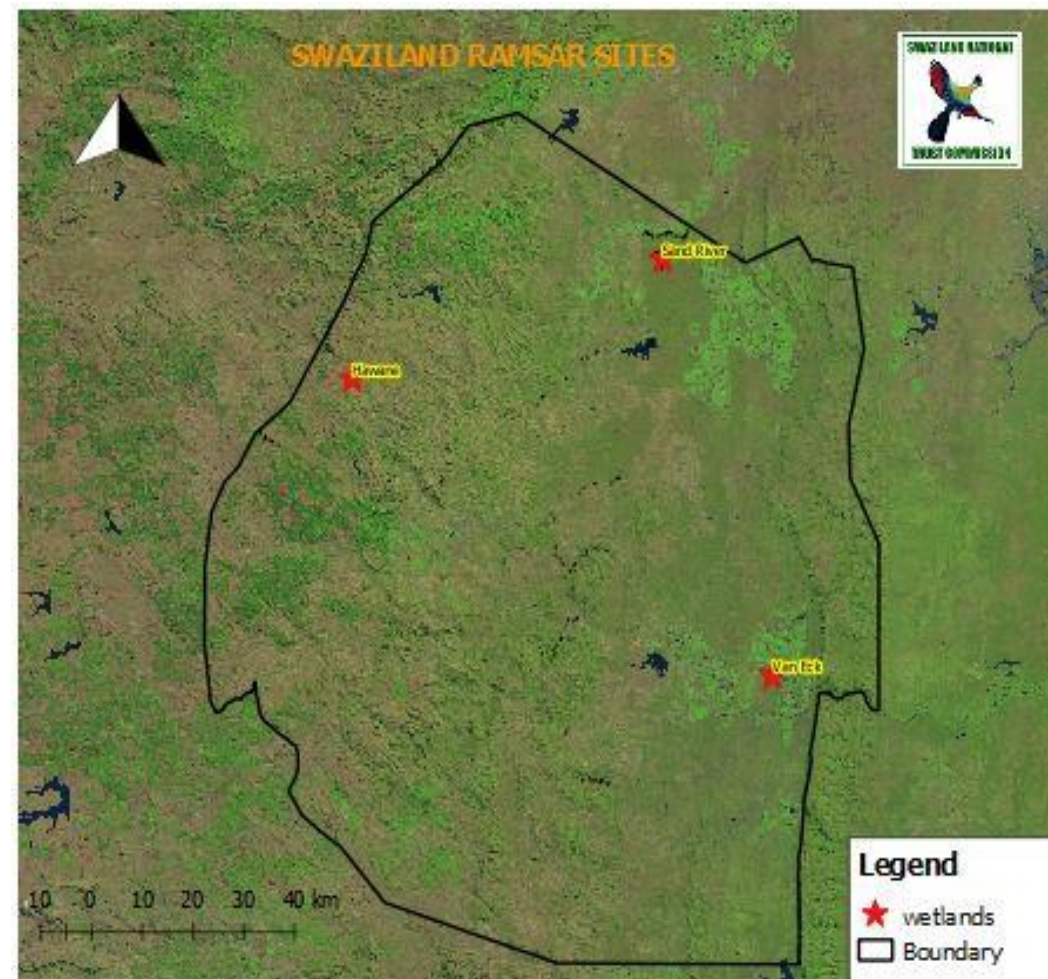


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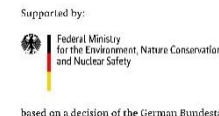
Background

- Party to AEWA since 1 January 2013
- 69 AEWA species found in Swaziland





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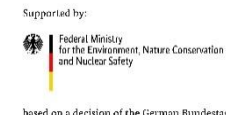
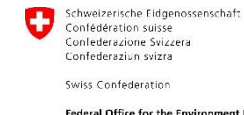
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1. To undertake conservation measures so as to improve or maintain the conservation status of waterbird species and their populations
(habitat management/protected area expansion and strengthening)

- Protections of six (6) communal wetlands
- Rehabilitation of the wetlands as the man habitat for waterbirds
- Development of Management Plans



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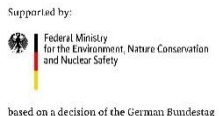


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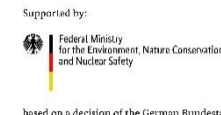
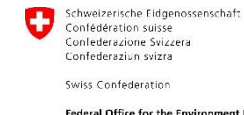
2. To increase knowledge about species and their populations, flyways and threats to them as a basis for conservation action (**research and monitoring**)

- Recent research undertaken
- Marabou Stock- rarely breeds in Southern Afri.
- Breeds in Hlane National Park
- High dispersal rate
- Opportunities for further research





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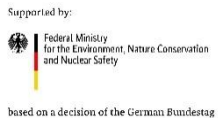
3. To improve Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) about migratory waterbird species

- Commemoration of relevant events
- Radio Programmes
- Community Outreach
- Workshops





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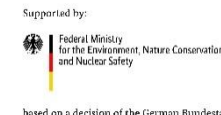
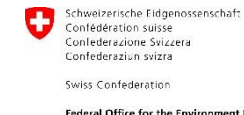


Challenges

- Limited expertise (ornithologists in particular)
- Demographic pressures
- Conflicting land uses/increasing demand for land (settlements, agriculture, etc)
- Climate change and variability (changes in hydrological regimes/drying of some wetlands)



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Opportunities

- Re-introduction of locally extinct AEWA species
- Inclusion of the Southern Bald Ibis in the AEWA list for Eswatini
- More Research

