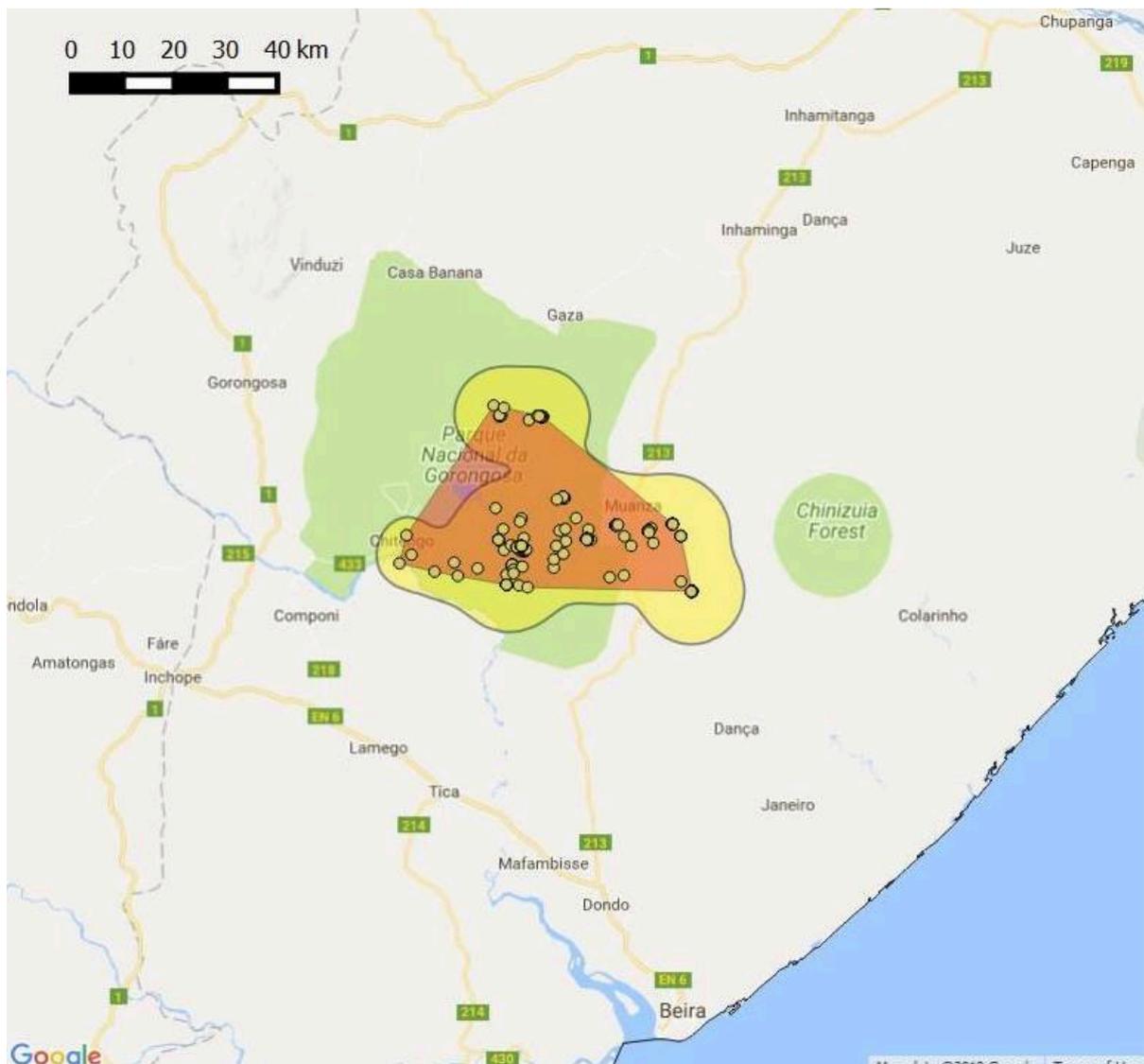


## Project Update: February 2018

I am now at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, USA, analysing satellite tracking data from 30 hooded vultures in six African countries. This analysis is for a collaborative project, looking at differences in home-range size of hooded vultures from different regions in Africa. We hope that our results will support the findings of geneticists who are investigating whether there are genotypic differences between hooded vulture populations north and south of the equator. This movement ecology study is in collaboration with researchers from Raptors Botswana, the Peregrine Fund, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, National Museums of Kenya, the Endangered Wildlife Trust, Boise State University, the University of Utah, and Denver Zoo. We thank the Rufford Foundation for their continued support, and we are also grateful to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary's education programme for donating a fluffy vulture toy and a 'build-a-bird game' to the K2C Hooded Vulture Project for our education work back in South Africa.

I attach the following pictures:



The first month's movements for a Hooded Vulture trapped and tagged in Mozambique by Andre Botha



A turkey vulture toy, donated to the K2C Hooded Vulture Project by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, USA. The Turkey vulture toy will be used to show children in South Africa what a wing tag and a transmitter are used for.



The 'Build-a-bird' game, designed to show children the adaptations of birds of prey. Donated to the K2C Hooded Vulture project by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary.