

RECOVERY OF COLOUR-MARKED MARTIAL EAGLE

On 25 July 1984, I trapped an immature Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* at 25°16S, 20°29E, near Kwang, Kalahari Gemsbok National Park, as a sub-adult just starting to acquire adult feathers. This bird was then caught 5.6 years later in a gin-trap, 130 km north, on the farm Witspan 453 in the Aranos District of Namibia, on 28 January 1990. The eagle had been fitted with a yellow and red patagial tag (Sterkolite) in 1984 and it was gratifying to see that there was no damage to either the underlying feathers or patagial tissue. The colours of the tag had faded only slightly. Liz Kowen in Windhoek is presently rehabilitating the bird.

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