

STEEL FOR SANDGROUSE

The first ever recovery of a sandgrouse Pterocles bicinctus was made recently in S.W.A.

R.310 Double-banded Sandgrouse 5-04626 (J.Dixon)
Ad.♂ 04.03.72 Ganab Waterhole, Namib Desert Park, SWA
23.06 S; 15.31 E
Shot 09.11.74 Portsmut Farm, SWA 23.11 S; 16.25 E

An alarming fact about this recovery was that the ring though only 2yrs. 8mths old, was very badly worn. One digit (the 2) was invisible and a groove had been worn half way across the ring at one point.

Conclusion: Ring sandgrouse with 6.0mm Stainless Steel or 5.25mm Incoloy rings.