

bird is processed the dye will be applied by brush on the lower surface (chest, abdomen). The bird will be kept until the dye has dried - approximately 10 minutes.

Our results may help us in determining the importance of various pans and marshes to migrating Ruff and ultimately we may be able to suggest the conservation measures necessary to ensure their continued safety on the Reef.

We herewith earnestly request other ringers to look more closely at Ruff in the field and please report every marked bird to the authors or to NUBRA, stating locality, time, date and colour or colour combination. Anyone submitting this information will be notified of when the bird was ringed.

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### THE LIGHTER SIDE OF NUBRA

The following letter was received at NUBRA and had us puzzled as it contained no clue why it should have been sent.

Sirs,

I just received your letter of March, 1975, with great enjoyment. The delay of your reply makes me think you take no notice of my letter.

So I write this letter and wate for its sooner reply carrying in it your agreeial that you me help to me to visit U/K.

I have the pleasure to hold UK with your help.

Yours,  
Mohamed Ali Elghali, State Bank  
Nyala, Sudan.

The only possible clue was the Sudan. As we had no record of a correspondence with the Sudan it was possible that there had been a recovery from there. If so, which species? Rhodesians interested in duck would have no difficulty supplying an answer: Knob-billed Duck. It proved that Mohamed Elghali had advised us of a bird which he "had the pleasure to hold". As we did not know whether the bird was dead or alive, we marked his wording plus U/K (unknown) on the recovery advice.