

Tracker News

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Declining Populations

Dear Customers and Friends,

As you all know, climate change and habitat loss have undoubtedly led to the decline of many species. In some cases the survivors of a species are those outlier individuals that have used non-traditional locations, or those that have ventured to these alternative habitats, possibly by accident. It has been very rewarding to know that satellite tracking has led to the discovery of some of these places and further conservation.

In this issue Baz Hughes and his colleagues update us on their efforts to save the diminutive spoon-billed sandpiper; they are using 2g PTTs to follow the migrations of these tiny birds. Some of their efforts are now being focused on newly discovered sites in an effort to protect them.

Bart Kempenaers and his team are on the trail of the missing whalebirds — perhaps these birds may have followed the bowhead whales to new locations. Cathleen Thomas and Nigel Butcher report on their studies of the hen harrier, the decline of which has been shown to be directly related to misguided man.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to these projects and taken the time to share your research.

Over the next twelve months we hope to introduce several new lighter devices that we have been working on. Hopefully these will be useful in the ultimate quest to understand the movements of more species as part of the mission to protect them.

May I wish you all a peaceful end to 2019 and success in whatever you strive for in the New Year.

Sincerely,
Paul and everyone at MTI



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