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Status of Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* and Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga* in Hormozgan Province, Southern Iran

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Abstract: In this study, 26 Imperial Eagles, *Aquila heliaca* and 16 Greater Spotted Eagles, *A. clanga* were observed in Hormozgan Province between autumn 2003 and winter 2005. Imperial Eagle winters mainly in the plains, the largest group being of 20 individuals amongst 300 Steppe Eagles, *A. nipalensis* and 700 Black Kites, *Milvus migrans* around a slaughterhouse between Bandar Abbas and Geno, east of the Geno Protected Area on 16 January 2005. The Greater Spotted Eagle winters in southeast Hormozgan and around Bandar Abbas in khors possessing mangrove trees. The largest group was of only five individuals, in Khor Tiab on 15 January 2005. According to Derek Scott, both species are fairly common winter visitors to the wetlands of central Fars, Seistan and Khuzestan, and have also occurred in the south along the northern Persian Gulf coast as far as Bushire region.

Keywords: Imperial Eagle, Greater Spotted Eagle, *Aquila heliaca*, *Aquila clanga*, Hormozgan, Iran.

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Table 1. Observations of *Aquila heliaca* in Hormozgan Province.

Observations				
One, east of Mojgan village, between Khamir and Bandar Lengeh, February 2005				
One, between Bandar Abbas and Tazian village, March 2005				
20 individuals, around slaughter-house, Bandar Abbas, 26 January 2005			()	/ /
One, Geno P.A., 25 March 2004				//
One, between Sirik and Jask, 17 January 2005				/ /
Two, around Jask, 22 January 2005				/ /

Table 2. Observations of *Aquila clanga* in Hormozgan province.

Observations				
Three, coast of Bandar Abbas, 11 January 2005			27°11'24"N, 56°22'19"E	/ /
Two, Rud-e-Shur, Bandar Abbas, 12 January 2005		()	27°10'N, 56°23'E	/ /
One, Khor Azini, Minab, 23 January 2005			26°19'44"N, 57°06'20"E	/ /
Two, Khor Bandarak, Minab, 13 January 2005			26°59'16"N, 56°54'32"E	/ /
Five, Khor Tiab, Minab, 15 January 2005			27°04'N, 56°49'E	/ /
One, Khor Kangan, Jask, 17 January 2005			25°46'15"N, 57°24'26"E	/ /
Two, Khor Khalasi, Jask, 20 January 2005			25°35'49"N, 58°02'02"E	/ /

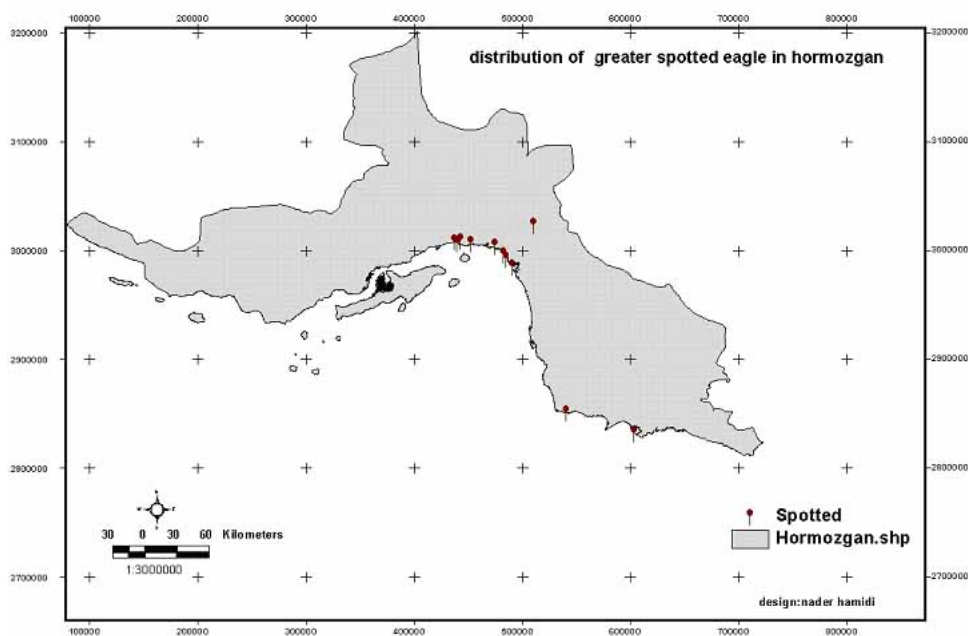


Figure 1. Distribution map of Greater Spotted Eagle in Hormozgan Province.

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.(Cramp & Simmons 1988)

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Table 3. Observations of *Aquila clanga* and *A. heliaca* in Hormozgan Province and adjacent areas (D.A. Scott *per* A. Khaleghizadeh *in litt.* 2006).

Scientific name	Numbers and plumage	Time	Place	Observers
<i>Aquila clanga</i>	One immature	12 October 1973	22 km south of Minab	DAS *
	One immature	15 October 1973	Jask	DAS
	One sub-adult	29 January 1974	a creek west of Bandar Abbas	DAS
	One	1 February 2004	Hara Protected Area	DAS & BFD**
	Two	3 February 2004	Hara Protected Area	DAS & BFD
<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	One	11 January 1973	SE corner of Jaz Murian basin	DAS
	One immature	2 to 6 February 1974	near Bandar Abbas	DAS
	One immature	20 January 1975	near Bandar Abbas	DAS
	One immature	2 February 2004	at rubbish tip on Qeshm Island	DAS & BFD
	One sub-adult	3 February 2004	at Roof of Qeshm, Qeshm Island	DAS & BFD

* DAS= Derek A. Scott.

** DAS & BFD= Derek A. Scott & Bijan F. Darreh-Shoori.

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