



Adapted from data available on www.desertlion.info

FIGURE 14.

Lion range expansion

Numbers of the iconic 'desert' lions have increased dramatically from a low of around 25 individuals in 1995 to around 150 in 2013. The maps show the equally dramatic range expansion over this period. Lions are once again wandering along the misty shores of the Skeleton Coast, creating a spectacular tourism attraction. Although some lions are killed each year, the fact that people are generally tolerating their presence shows a clear conservation commitment.