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Experienced birders are more than happy to help beginners and novices on these outings. If you have a transport problem or would like to share transport please contact a committee member. Depending on the availability of speakers and suitable material we present occasional lecture or video evenings at the Namibia Scientific Society premises. Members receive the bird club's journal, *Lanioturdus* and outings and events are advertised on the club's website [www.namibiabirdclub.org](http://www.namibiabirdclub.org).

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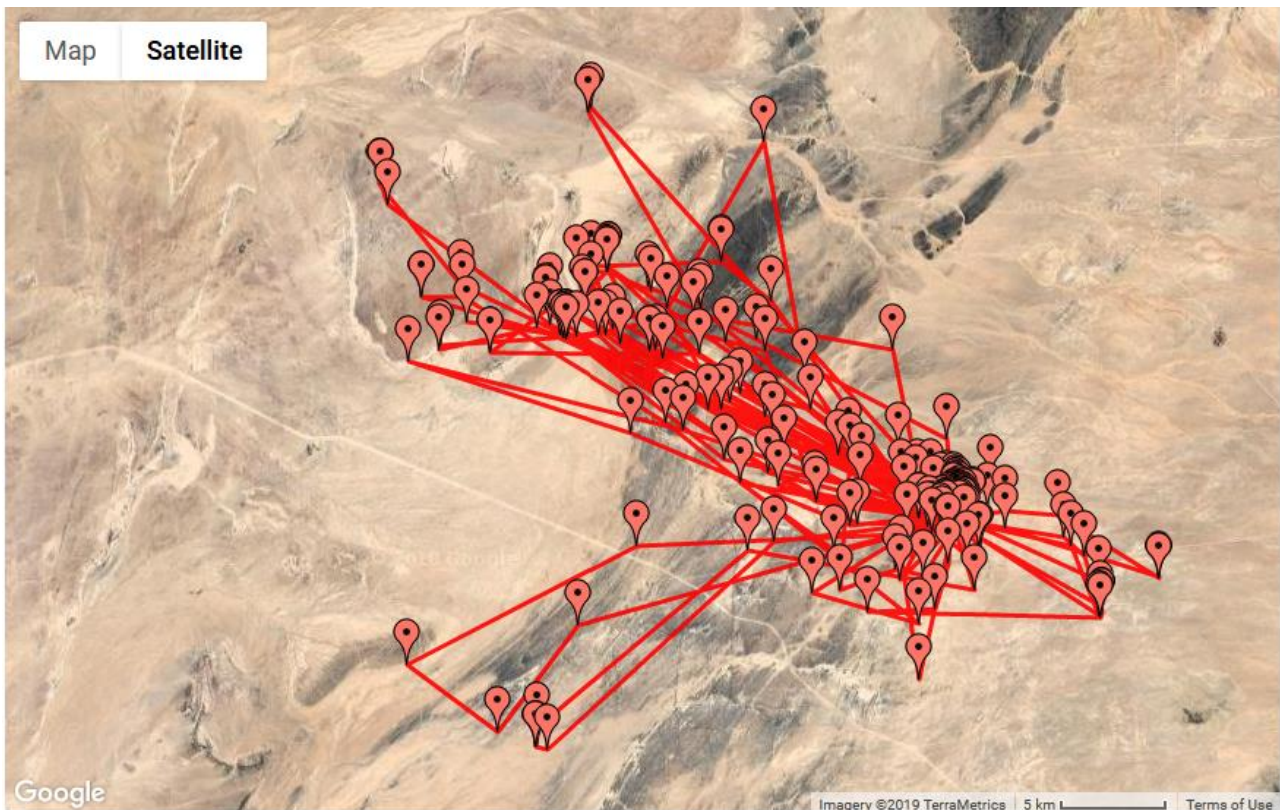
## Tracked Vultures

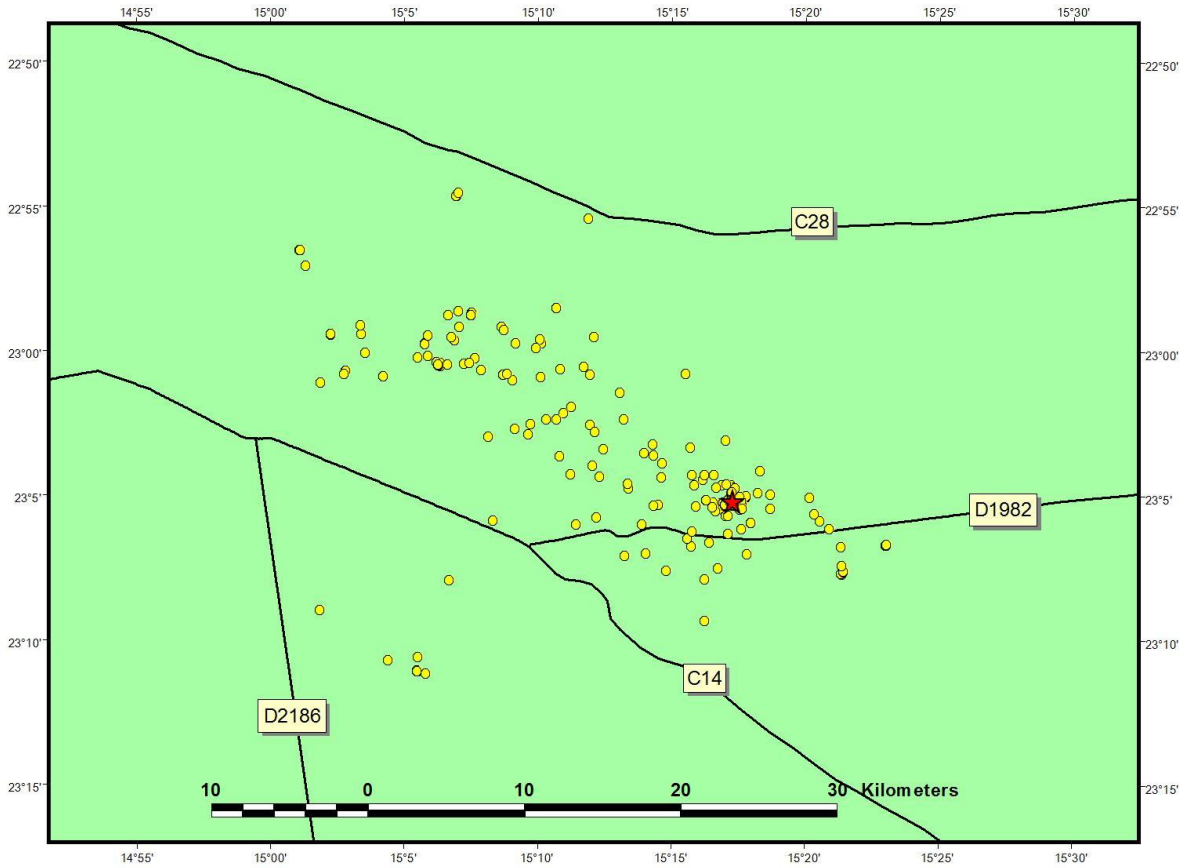
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During November and December 2018 several Lappet-faced Vulture chicks in the Namib-Naukluft Park were fitted with tracking devices. The trackers take a position reading every half an hour and the distances given here are straight line measurements

between the different points. This will become a regular column where we will update you on the various birds' movements. The period covered in this article is from the date when the trackers were fitted to 31 January 2019.

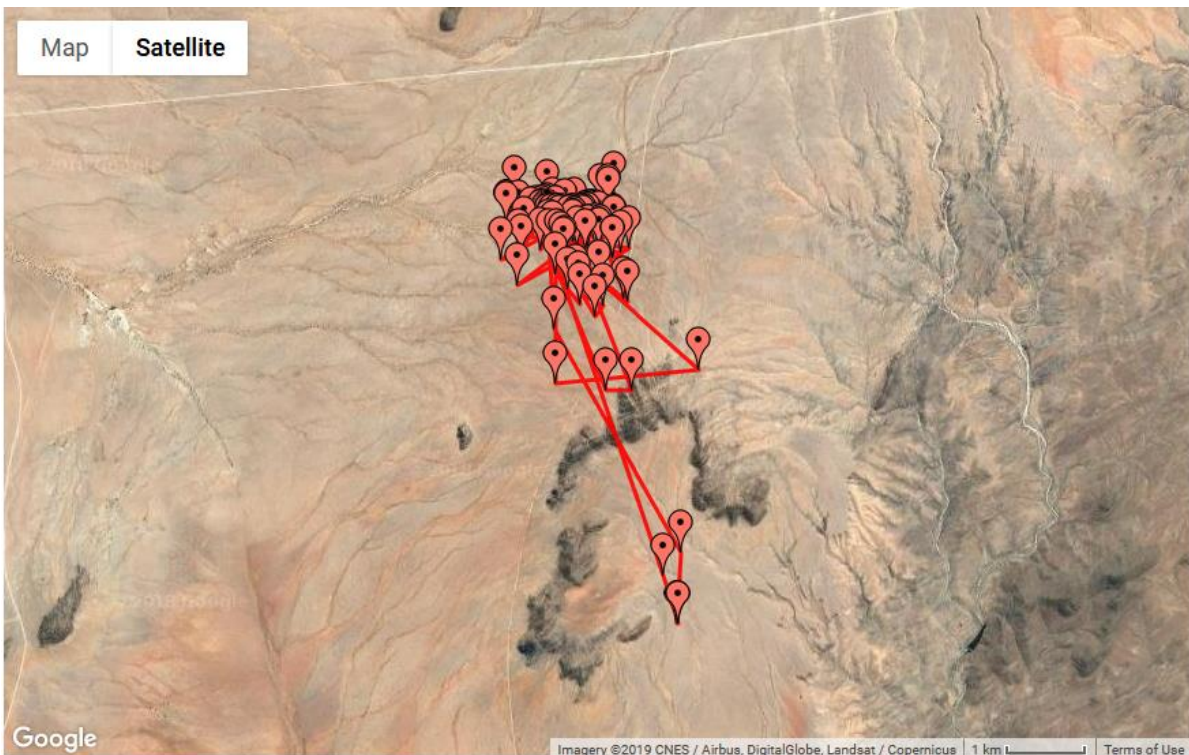
**F242** – Tumasview, tracker fitted 2 December 2018.

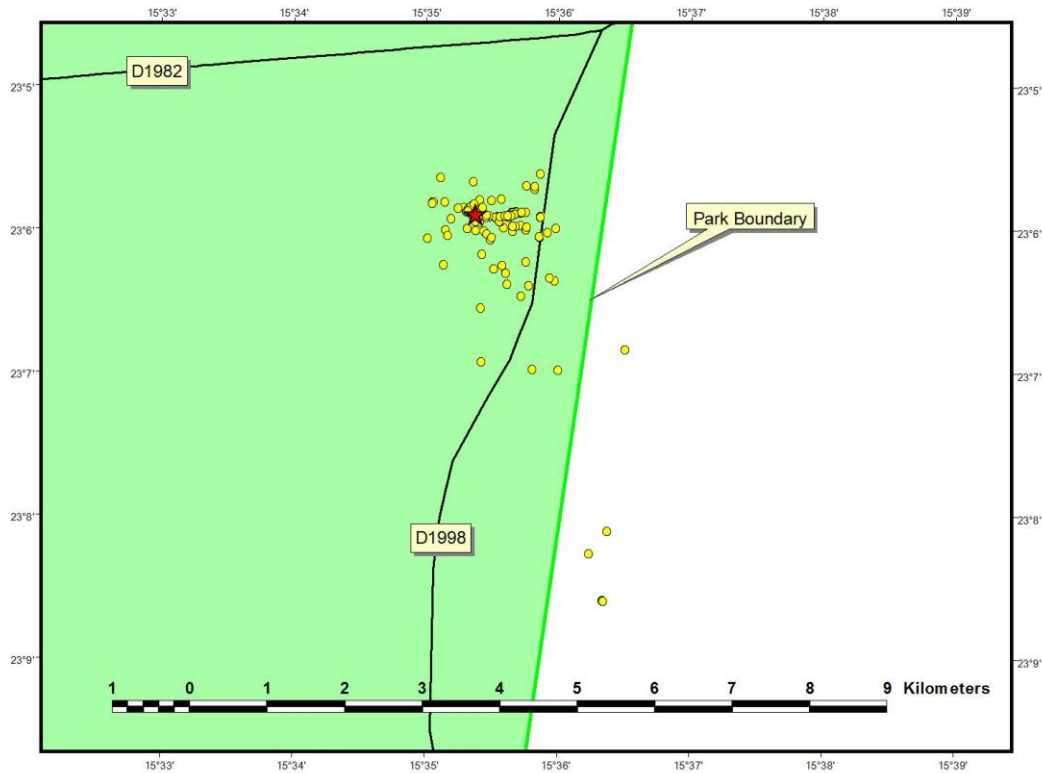




Total distance travelled since tracker was fitted: 1212.8 km  
 Largest daily movement: 72.3 km  
 Highest speed attained: 76.5 km/h

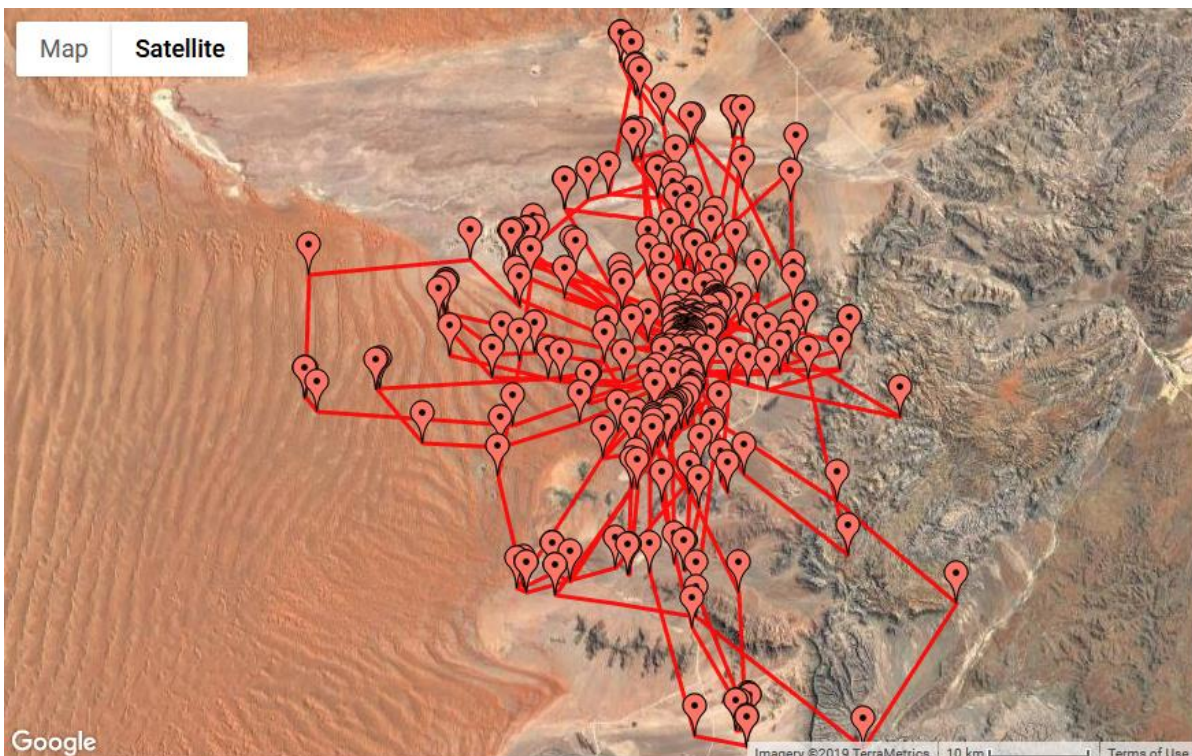
**F247** – Ganab, tracker fitted 2 December 2018.

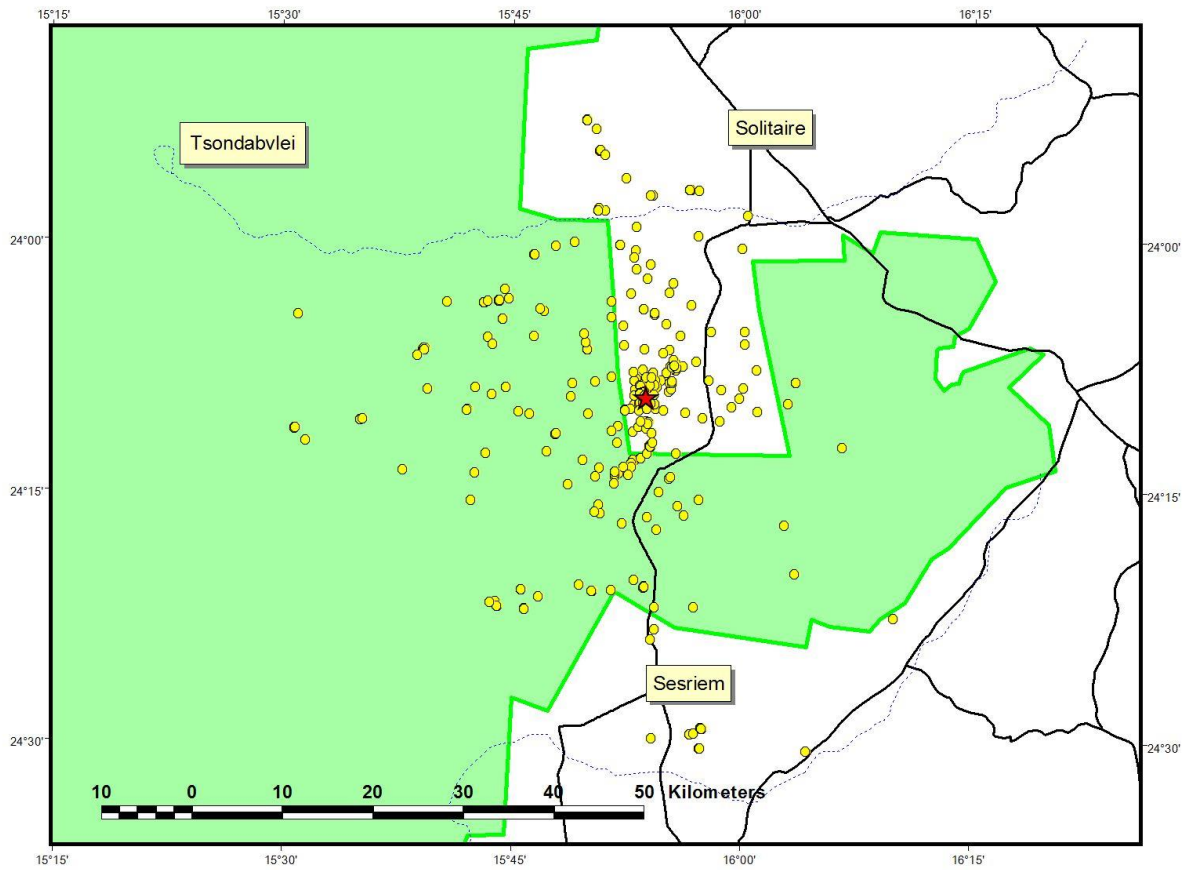




Total distance travelled since tracker was fitted: 67.1 km (this was the youngest bird and it obviously is just starting to “explore”).  
 Largest daily movement: 12.1 km  
 Highest speed attained: 52.6 km/h

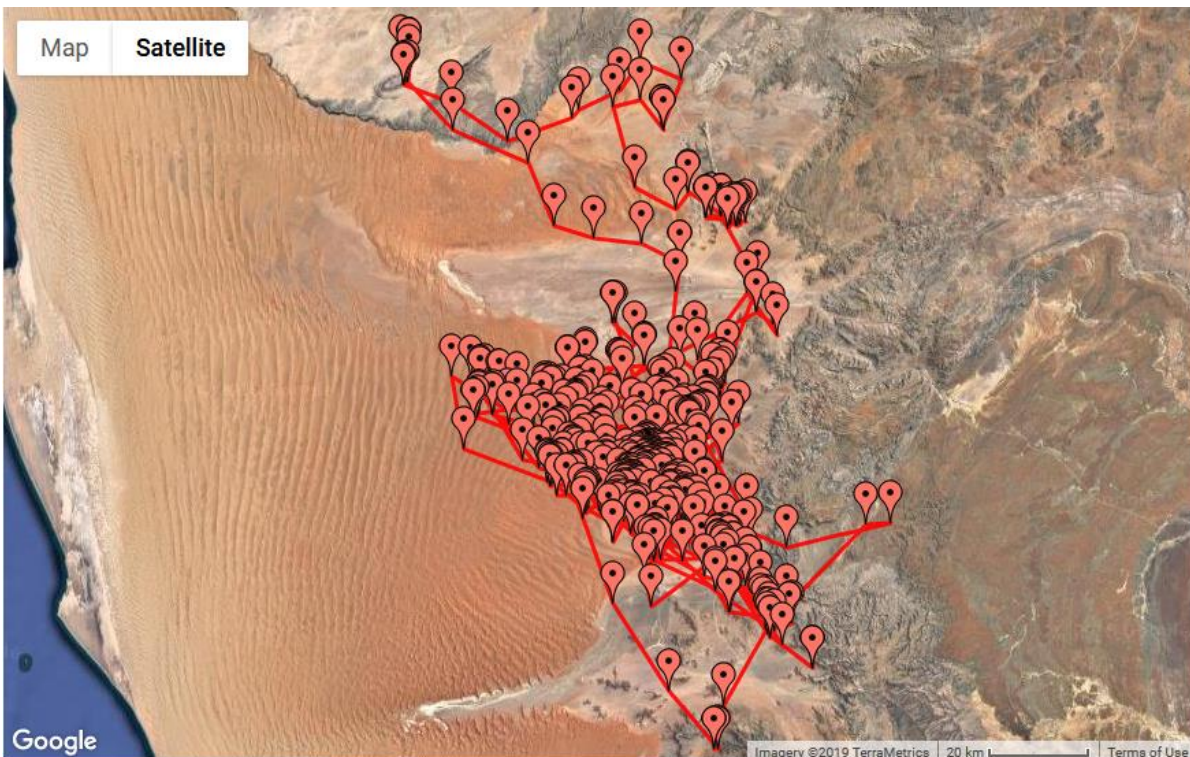
**F248** – Dieprivier (Gondwana, not in the park but close enough!), tracker fitted 4 November 2018.

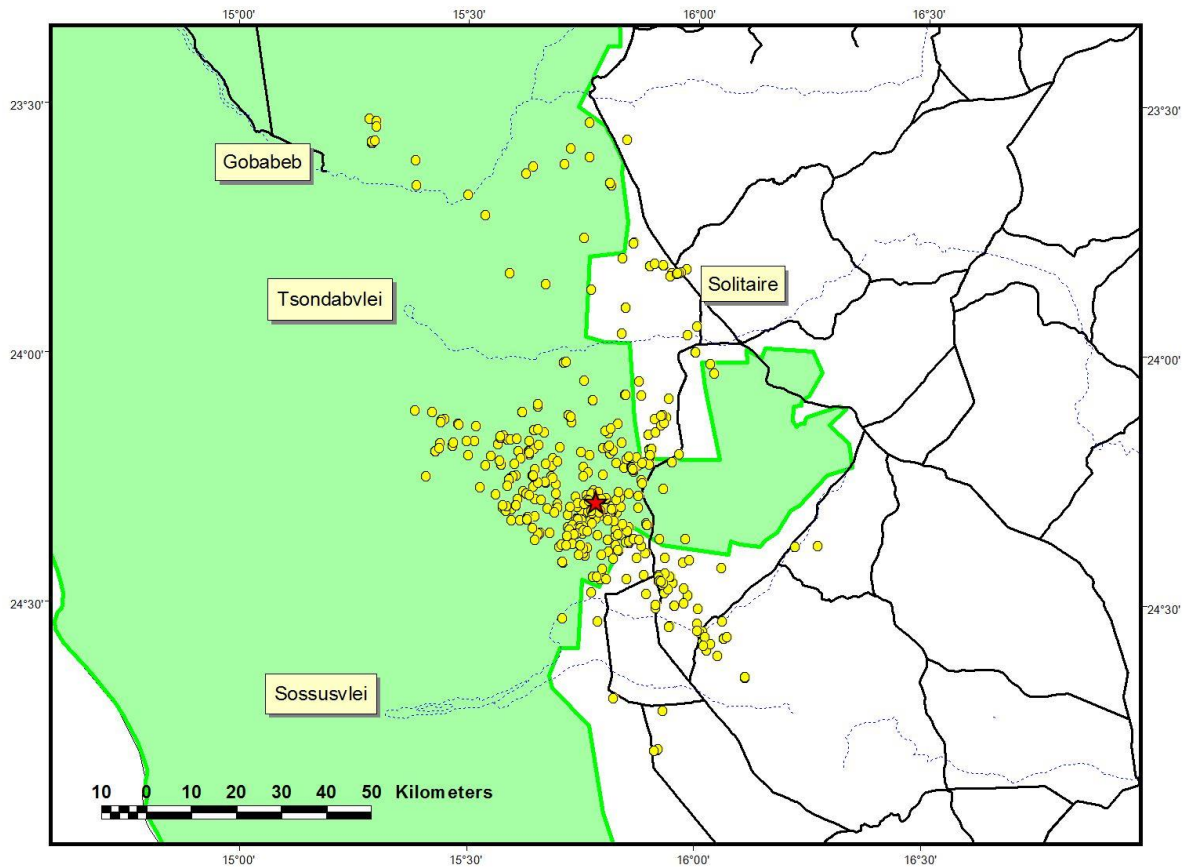




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 Largest daily movement: 127.6 km  
 Highest speed attained: 83.5 km/h

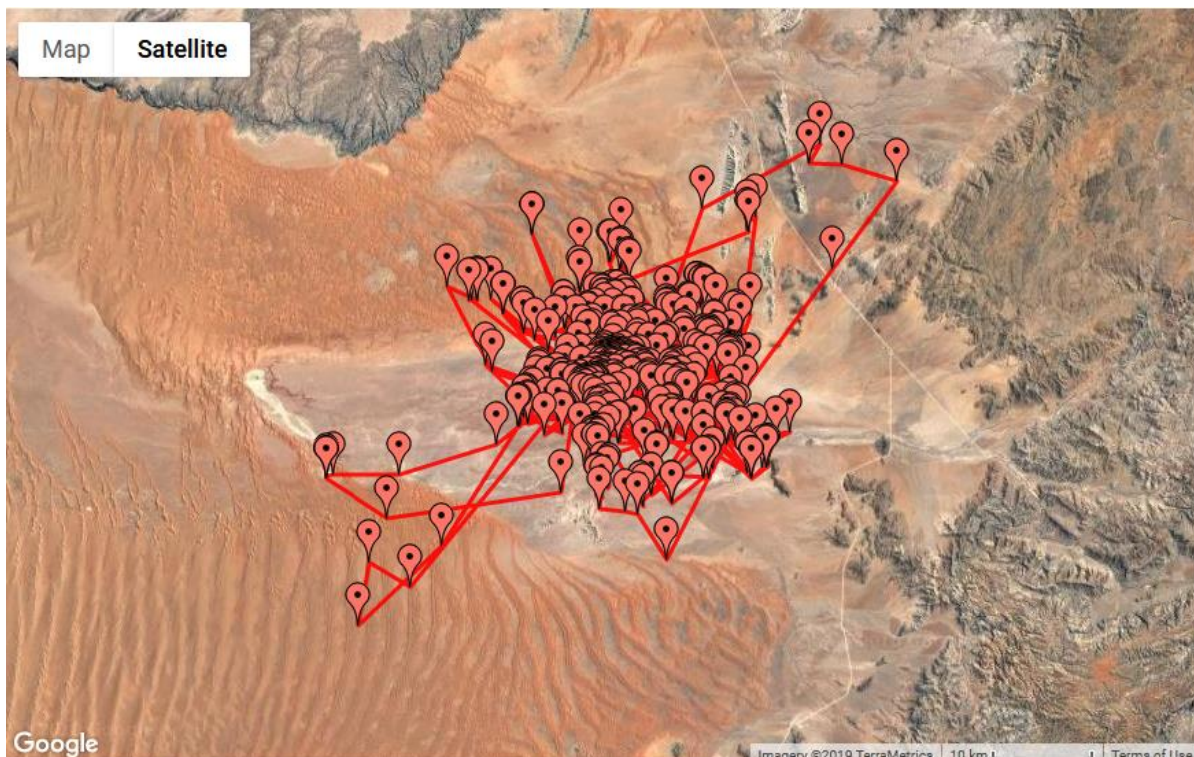
**L718** – Tsamsvlei, tracker fitted 6 November 2018.



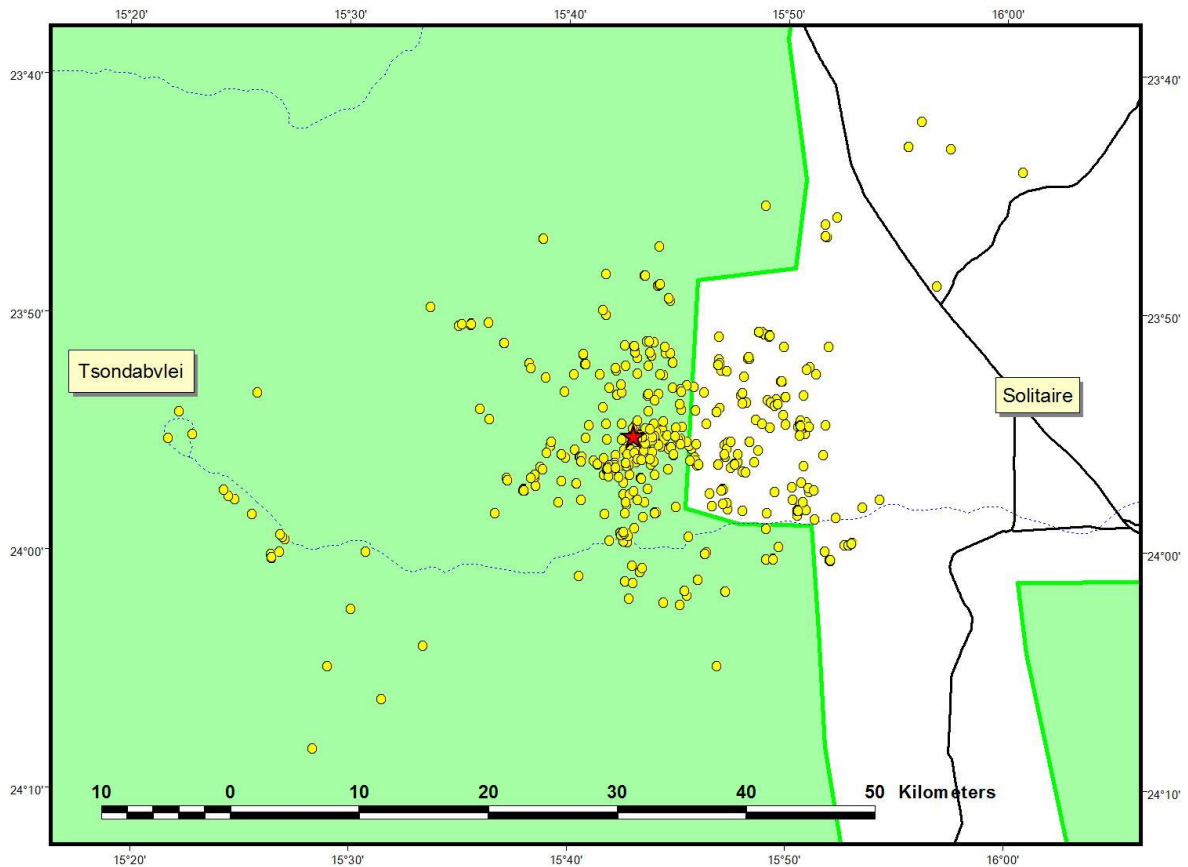


Total distance travelled since tracker was fitted: 3779.7 km  
 Largest daily movement: 151.5 km  
 Highest speed attained: 81.5 km/h

**L722** – Tsondab Plains, tracker fitted 7 November 2018.

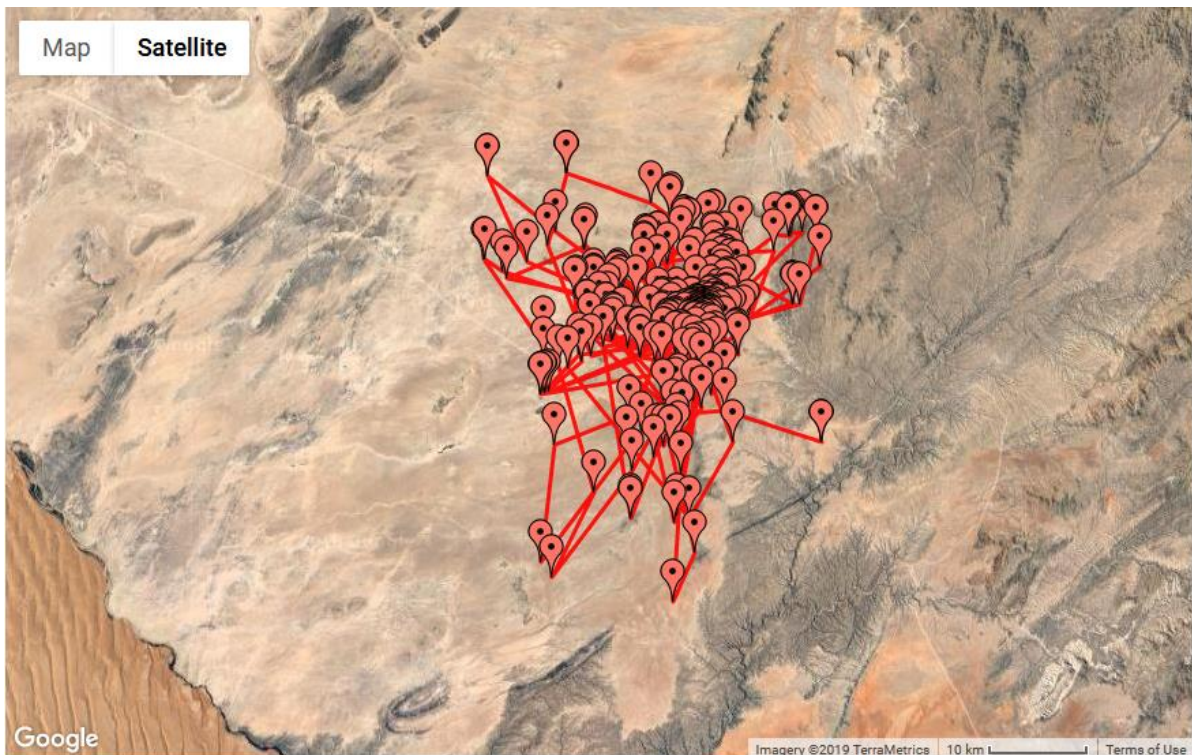


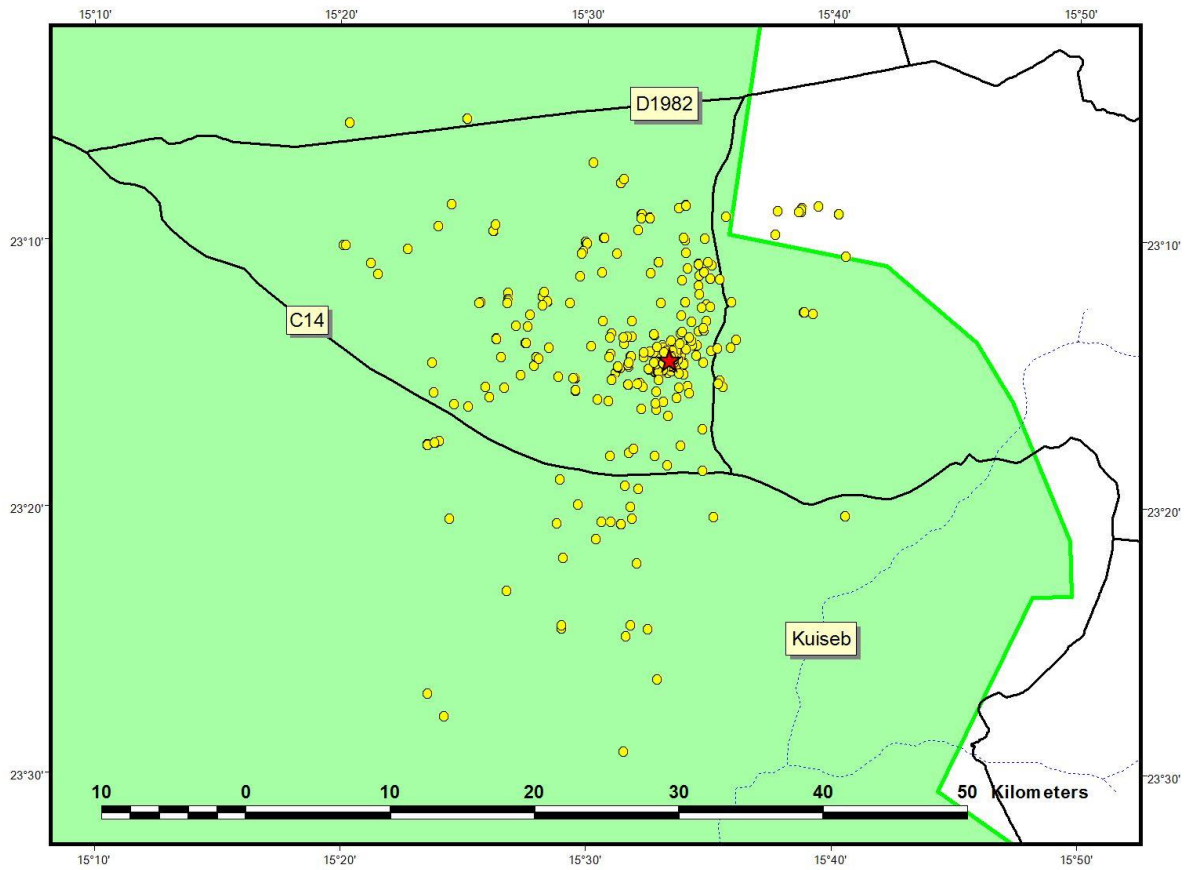




Total distance travelled since tracker was fitted: 2182.5 km  
 Largest daily movement: 101.4 km  
 Highest speed attained: 77.5 km/h

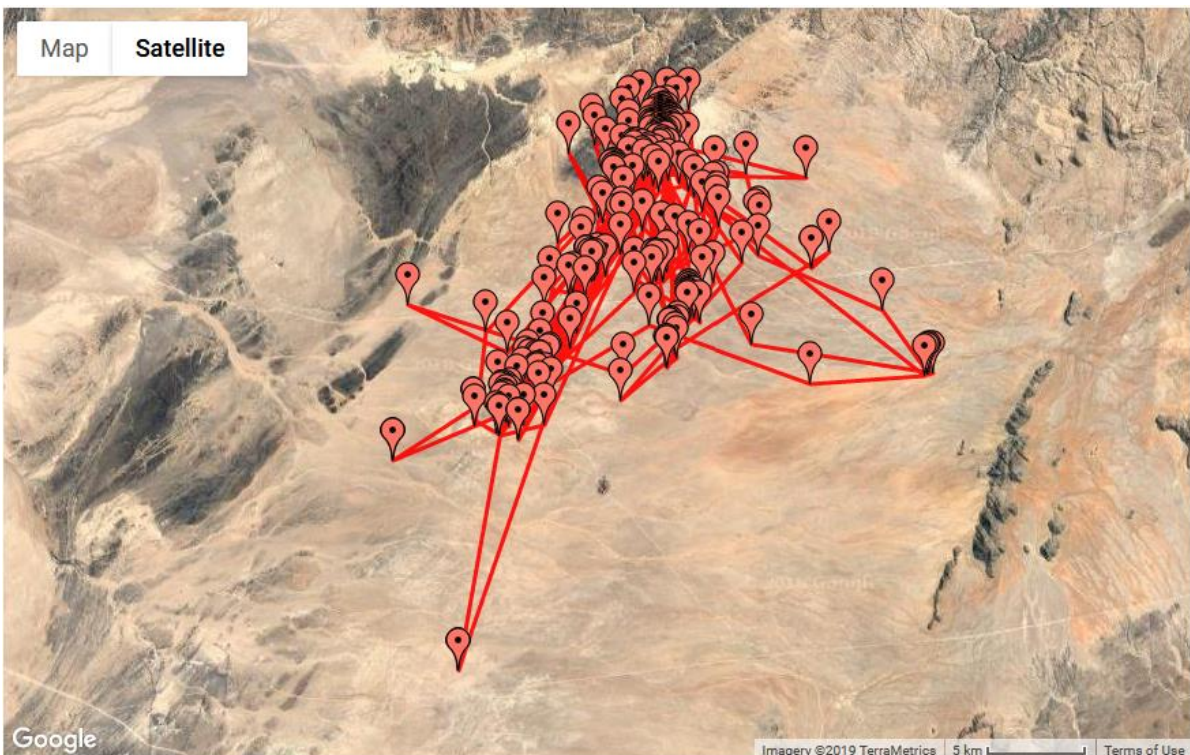
**L727** – Kriess River, tracker fitted 9 November 2018.

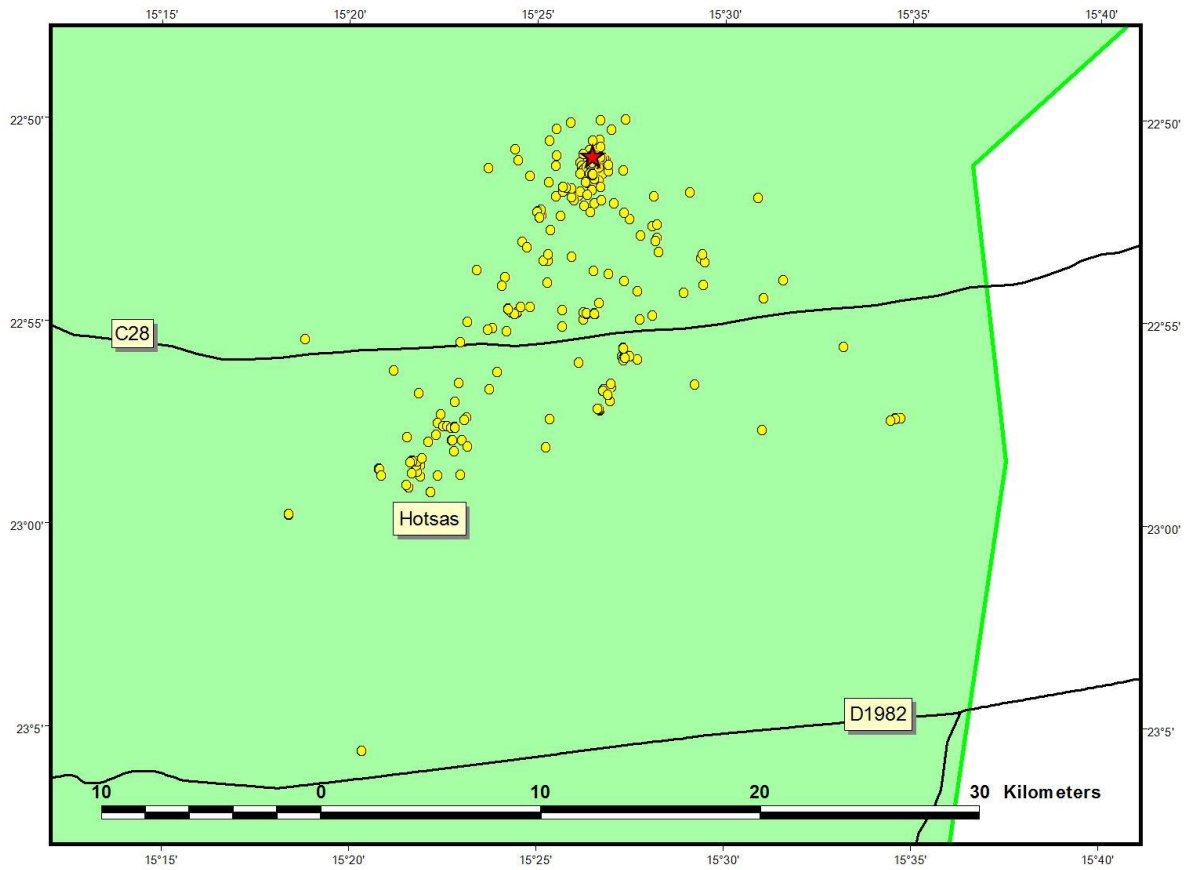




Total distance travelled since tracker was fitted: 1705.4 km  
 Largest daily movement: 137.2 km  
 Highest speed attained: 79.5 km/h

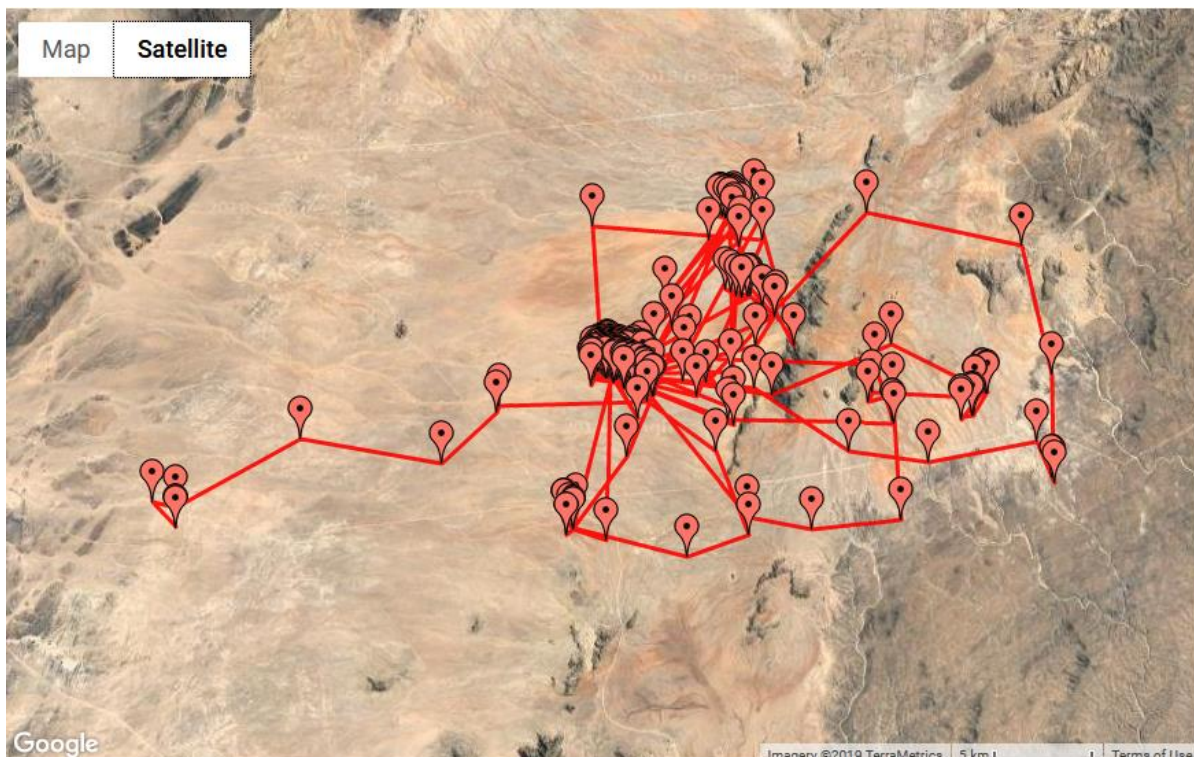
**L729** – Tinkas, tracker fitted 1 December 2018.

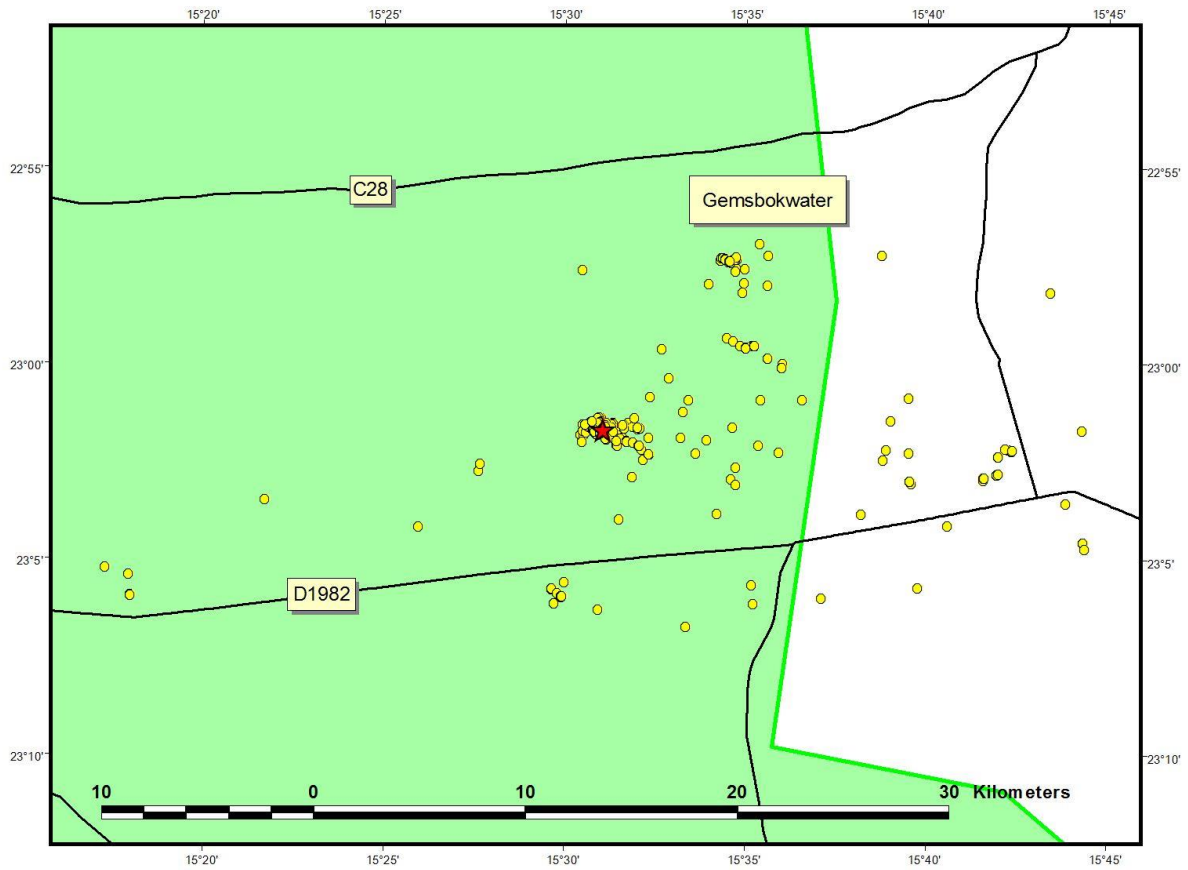




Total distance travelled since tracker was fitted: 1037.5 km  
 Largest daily movement: 58.9 km  
 Highest speed attained: 76.5 km/h

**L740** – Volstruishoogte, tracker fitted 2 December 2018.





Total distance travelled since tracker was fitted: 499.9 km  
 Largest daily movement: 62.8 km  
 Highest speed attained: 61.6 km/h