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# 510 Grasshopper Buzzard

*Butastur rufipennis*

IUCN Status **Least Concern**  
 IUCN (2019-2)

male mass = 325 g  
 female mass = 350 g  
 mean mass = 338 g

area requirement (of pair/2.2 individuals) = 7.4 km<sup>2</sup>

from Newton (1979) figure 10:  $area\ km^2 = 0.4 + (0.02 * female\ mass\ g)$   
 replaced by direct measurement of field density where we have data

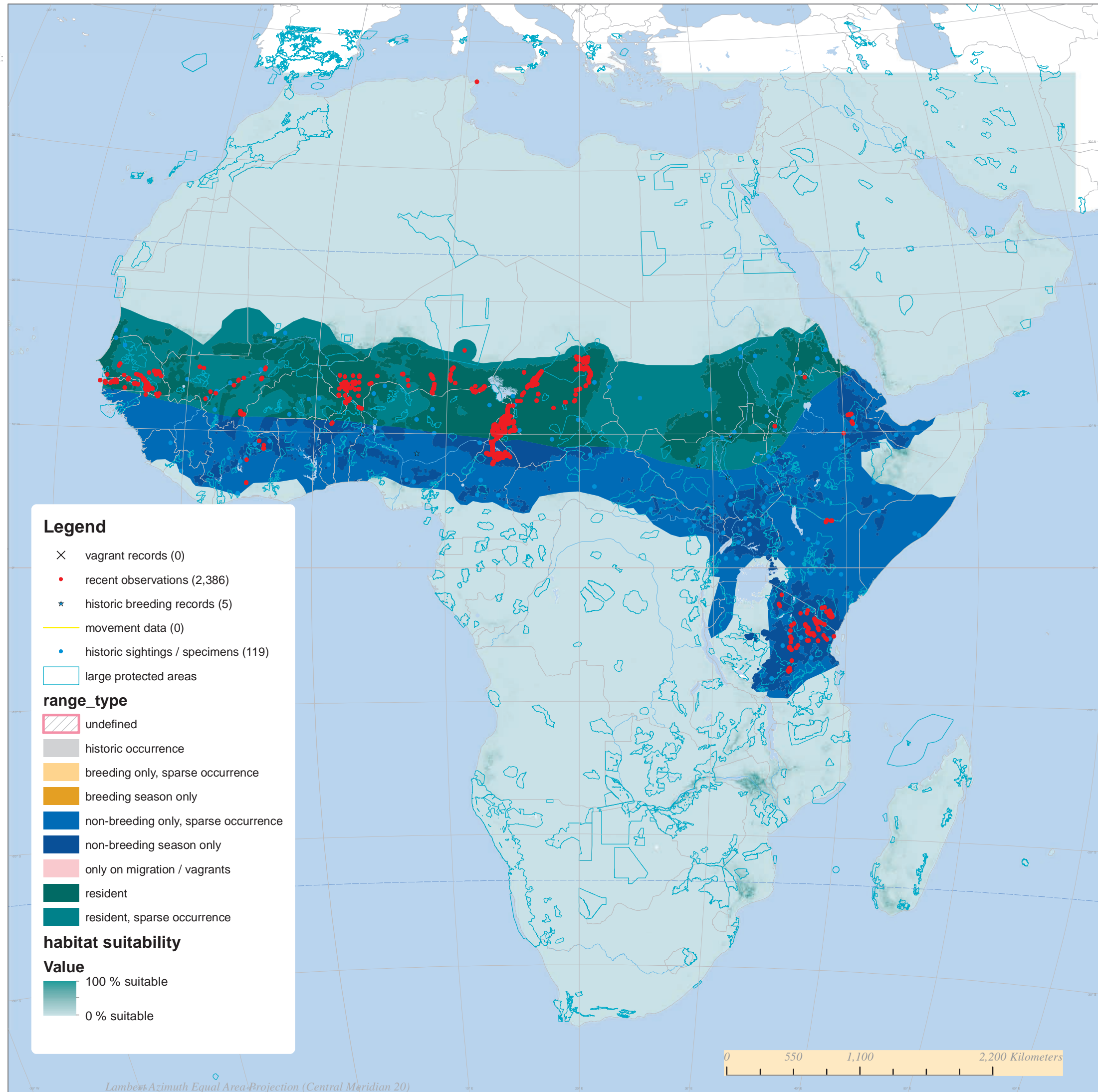
this figure is used for estimating density of breeding individuals and offspring in good habitat  
 we assume twice the area requirement in suboptimal habitat  
 and half the area requirement in optimal habitat  
 breeding population estimates represent theoretical maxima where habitat is saturated  
 nest-site limitation and the floating / non-breeding population are not yet fully accounted for

### HABITAT SPACE ANALYSIS

	extent (km <sup>2</sup> )	individuals	pairs
suboptimal 25-50% suitable	1728763	256978	116808
good habitat 50-70% suitable	364655	108411	49278
optimal habitat 70-100% suitable	1654	983	447
total habitat 25-100% suitable	2095072	366373	137390

### reporting rate from mobile app survey data

2014 (26724 km) : birds per 100 km  
 2015 (87188 km) : birds per 100 km  
 2016 (81150 km) : 0.009858 birds per 100 km  
 2017 (57721 km) : 0.02772 birds per 100 km  
 2018 (19798 km) : 0.040409 birds per 100 km



**Legend**

- × vagrant records (0)
- recent observations (2,386)
- ★ historic breeding records (5)
- movement data (0)
- historic sightings / specimens (119)
- large protected areas

**range\_type**

- undefined
- historic occurrence
- breeding only, sparse occurrence
- breeding season only
- non-breeding only, sparse occurrence
- non-breeding season only
- only on migration / vagrants
- resident
- resident, sparse occurrence

**habitat suitability**

**Value**

- 100 % suitable
- 0 % suitable