

# Tracker News

MICROWAVE TELEMETRY, INC.



## 25 Years Later and 93 Grams Less!

Dear Customers and Friends,

The end of the year is always a time to reflect, to understand what has been accomplished, and to determine what needs improving, as well as to identify potential future goals. Thinking back to the early days of our company, I had no idea what we might be able to achieve. From being able to track a few dozen bird species with the then-revolutionary 95g PTT-100 in 1991, we now have the potential to track virtually half of all bird species with the introduction of our 2g Solar PTT.

These advances, made over the last 25 years, were not an individual effort — there are many team members whose expertise helped make this possible. To them, I am forever grateful for their support and help breaking through numerous technological barriers. As well, my colleagues here at MTI, our friends at CLS, and you, our loyal customers, have inspired me to develop new devices to address serious conservation issues. However, we're not done yet — we will continue to strive towards the impossible: a tracking device that weighs nothing and lasts forever.

This issue of *Tracker News* features more impressive research using our devices. Henri Weimerskirch describes his study of juvenile frigatebirds in the Indian Ocean. Sara Zimorski and Eva Szyszkoski discuss tracking reintroduced whooping cranes in Louisiana, while John Neill and Adam Brewerton share the results of their American white pelican study in Utah. Finally, Johannes Kamp, Ruslan Urazaliev, and Paul Donald explain their work with sociable lapwings using 5g PTTs. We can't thank you enough for your stories. It inspires us all to hear how our devices are being used to understand and conserve animals.

From our family, and the MTI Team, we wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Paul and the Team at MTI



Photos by Jim Watson (top) and Ewan Weston (bottom)

Bald eagle tagged with an early 95g PTT-100 (top) and spoon-billed sandpiper fitted with a 2g Solar PTT (bottom).

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