

Tracker News

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Dear Customers and Friends,

As 2017 draws to a close, it has been inspiring to learn of the progress of last year's winners of the Christiane Howey Rising Scholar Award. I'm sure that we will be revealing some of their findings here in future issues.

In these unbelievable times of institutionalized disbelief of scientific findings and diminished funding of research, it has been heartening to receive a record number of proposals for studies of fish and birds ranging from the whale shark to the diminutive Aleutian tern, from obviously enthusiastic young researchers. The quality of these proposals has made it very difficult to choose a winner, so we have again decided to make two awards this year. Congratulations to you both.

In this issue, the work of Phil Whitfield and Alan Fielding together with their many collaborators revealed the illegal persecution of the golden eagles in Scotland, after having to overcome many challenges to their interpretation of the data. The official report on this study¹ must be among the most extensive analyses of data collected from PTTs that we have seen, a truly amazing report detailing the validation of the collected data.

The work of Lukas Müller on great hammerhead sharks and that of Jayson Ibanez, telling the story of a single Philippine eagle, are equally impressive. Thanks to all for sharing your studies with us.

We continue to work on several new devices that we hope to bring to you over the next year. Our new website should become live in the new year with up-to-date information on all of our products.

Thank you for allowing us to provide equipment to you for your research projects; we understand how critical it is for you to have faith in the reliability of your equipment.

May 2018 be a good year for you,
From all of us at MTI – HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sincerely,
Paul and the Team at MTI

¹ Whitfield, D.P. & Fielding, A.H. (2017) Analyses of the fates of satellite tracked golden eagles in Scotland. Scottish Natural Heritage Commissioned Report No 982.



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A young tagged golden eagle "captured" by a trail camera at a bait site during its dispersal phase. Read more on Page 2.

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