

Tracker News

MICROWAVE TELEMETRY, INC.



Enduring the Elements

Dear Customers and Friends,

As I write this, I realize that it is twenty years since our first newsletter and coincidentally twenty years since we began incorporating GPS into our PTTs. Looking back, much has happened in these twenty years, and there are even a few PTTs still operating from that time period. Our devices have stood the test of time and the often harsh conditions they have to endure.

In this edition, Teague Scott describes what is probably one of the harshest tests one of our PTTs has endured. (I won't spoil his story, read it next.) Thank you, Teague, for telling us. Such unforgiving conditions are nothing new for our transmitters. You might remember that many years ago we reported pop-up tags being consumed by sharks and surviving their intestinal journey before surfacing and transmitting their data normally. This has since been reported several times, so we are now quite familiar with the data "signature" of a consumed tag.

Sonja Krüger's study of Bearded Vultures again emphasizes the importance of long-lasting PTTs, ones that will virtually last for the lifetime of the individual. Thank you, Sonja, for your story.

To all of you, I would like to extend my thanks for trusting in us to provide you with the devices to support your research; we know it is important to you, and we strive to supply you with the highest quality transmitters that we can produce. Have a successful field season.

Best wishes,
Paul and the Team at MTI



Photo by Teague Scott

Adult female White-headed Vulture tagged with a Solar Argos/GPS 70g PTT by Teague Scott and his colleagues.

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