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## 450 Madagascar Buzzard

*Buteo brachypterus*

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

male mass = 650 g  
female mass = 750 g  
mean mass = 700 g

area requirement (of pair/2.2 individuals) = 15.4 km<sup>2</sup>

from Newton (1979) figure 10: area km<sup>2</sup> = 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	392387		
good habitat 50-70% suitable	200176		
optimal habitat 70-100% suitable	71201		
total habitat 25-100% suitable	663764		

### reporting rate from mobile app survey data

2014 (26724 km) : birds per 100 km

2015 (87188 km) : birds per 100 km

2016 (81150 km) : birds per 100 km

2017 (57721 km) : birds per 100 km

2018 (19798 km) : birds per 100 km

