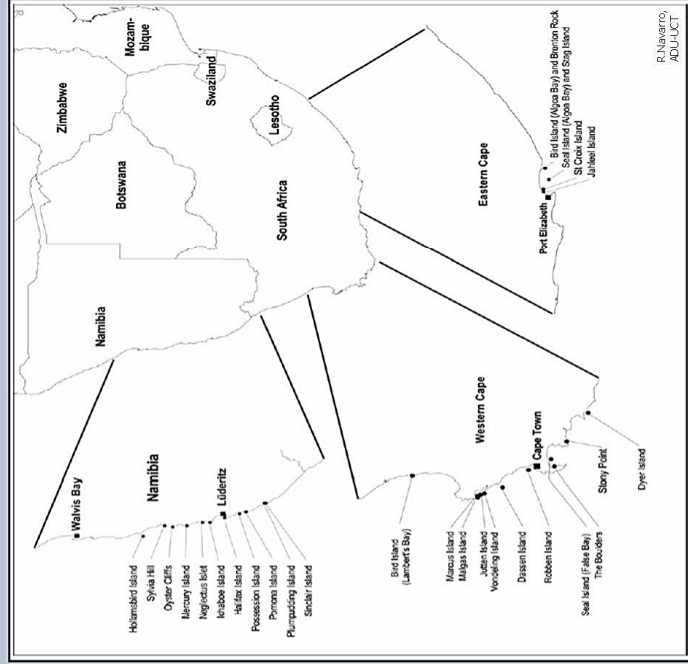


Current Distribution and Population Trends of the African Penguin *Spheniscus demersus*

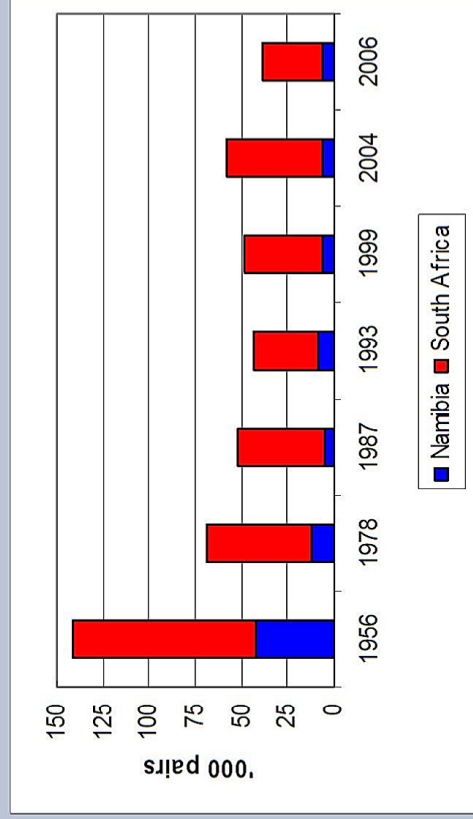
World Distribution Map of African Penguins



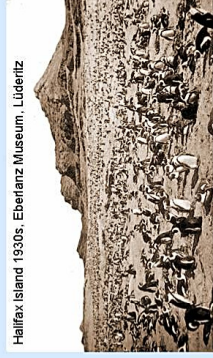
Summary of Population Trends

- ❖ African penguins are endemic to southern Africa.
- ❖ They breed in Namibia as well as the Western and Eastern Cape regions of South Africa.
- ❖ African penguins breed in 15 localities in South Africa; 13 offshore coastal islands and 2 mainland colonies.
- ❖ They breed in 11 localities in Namibia; 9 offshore coastal islands, and 2 mainland colonies.
- ❖ The overall number of breeding African penguins decreased by 74% from 141 000 pairs in 1956/57 to 36 000 pairs in 2006/07.
- ❖ The number of penguins breeding in South Africa decreased by 66% from 99 000 pairs in 1956/57 to 33 000 pairs in 2006/07.
- ❖ The Namibian population has decreased by 90% from 42 000 pairs in 1956/57 to 3 200 pairs in 2006/07 and continues to decline at 4.8% per year.
- ❖ The species is listed globally as "Vulnerable" although in Namibia they are listed as "Endangered".

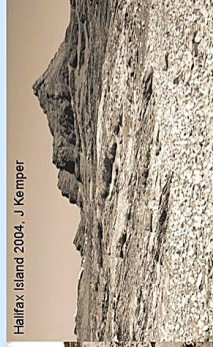
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