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In the southern hemisphere, Bearded Vulture pair bonding and nest building take place in April and May. By mid-June, wild pairs start laying their clutches, and subsequently, the 54-day incubation period commences.

During this time, members of the Bearded Vulture Recovery Programme spread across the Maluti-Drakensberg range, monitoring known pairs to check breeding activity.

Bearded Vultures usually produce a clutch of two eggs, but will only raise one young due to an evolutionary behaviour called 'canism' where the older chick kills the younger one.

By late July, the egg harvest

period begins. Specialized teams face challenging landscapes, hiking and climbing high up in the mountains to access the remote Bearded Vulture nests and retrieve the second egg from each nest.



Nest-cam photo taken at a known breeding pair monitored by Dr Sonja Krüger/ Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife