Supplementary information

Temporal and spatial differences in three-egg clutch frequency of the African Black Oystercatcher

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Appendix 1: African Black Oystercatcher average clutch size, and one-, two-, and three-egg composition (%) across six coastal regions of southern Africa, over the last five decades

Coast line	Decade	Average Clutch Size	Percentage of nests			n
			1-egg	2-egg	3-egg	
Namibia	1965–1974	–	–	–	–	–
	1975–1984	2.00	0	100	0	6
	1985–1994	–	–	–	–	–
	1995–2004	1.66	34	66	0	41
	2005–2014	2.00	21	79	0	92
West Coast	1965–1974	1.91	9	91	0	11
	1975–1984	1.90	10	90	0	20
	1985–1994	2.00	0	100	0	18
	1995–2004	2.00	5	95	0	40
	2005–2014	–	–	–	–	–
Lamberts Bay to Cape Point	1965–1974	1.89	12	87	1	92
	1975–1984	1.82	19	80	1	212
	1985–1994	2.00	0	100	0	3
	1995–2004	2.01	9	81	10	445
	2005–2014	1.78	30	62	8	124
Cape Point to Breede River	1965–1974	1.77	23	77	0	39
	1975–1984	1.85	18	80	2	253
	1985–1994	1.78	24	74	2	446
	1995–2004	1.80	24	73	4	442
	2005–2014	1.93	13	80	7	120
Breede River to Cape St. Francis	1965–1974	2.00	0	100	0	3
	1975–1984	1.77	23	77	0	26
	1985–1994	1.80	20	79	1	123
	1995–2004	1.76	26	73	2	580
	2005–2014	2.00	20	76	4	106
East Coast	1965–1974	2.29	0	71	29	7
	1975–1984	2.00	4	92	4	53
	1985–1994	1.79	21	79	0	19
	1995–2004	2.03	1	95	4	212
	2005–2014	2.04	0	96	4	112
Total	1965–1974	1.88	14	84	2	152
	1975–1984	1.85	17	82	2	570
	1985–1994	1.79	22	76	1	609
	1995–2004	1.87	18	78	5	1760
	2005–2014	1.88	17	79	5	554