



Egyptian vulture monitoring techniques and how to search for nests?

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1. Identify potential areas where cliff complexes are available, the time period of your survey and take in mind that:

- The data on the seasonal breeding is scarce;
- Presence of other vulture species nesting on the cliffs (Ruppells vultures, Bearded vultures) sometimes is an indicator;
- Because of its ecology the Egyptian vulture is more difficult to find (nests are well hidden) and sometimes it takes time to find the nest;
- Presence of food always should be considered on the places where you search Egyptian vultures;



2. When once chosen, all the cliffs in the area should be checked (or at least those which are accessible):

- Choose a good observation point;
- Search for flying Egyptian vultures;
- Search for white washes and signs of nests on the cliff;
- Search for other raptor species nests;
- Always take coordinates;



3. Take your time...

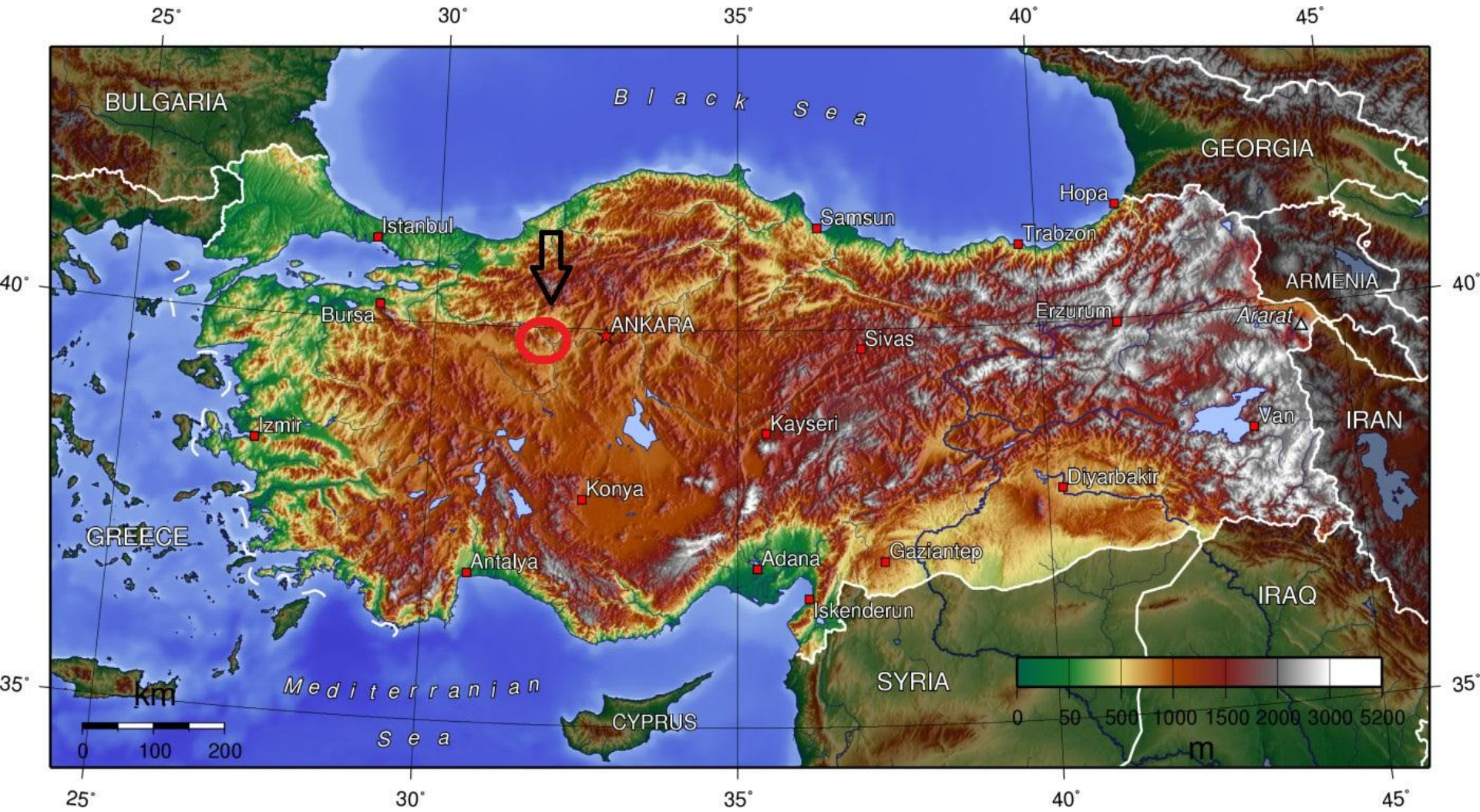
- If the area is too big plan as many days as possible in order to check consecutively all the cliffs;
- If you spot Egyptian vulture concentrate on the place of observation;
- Some tricks...



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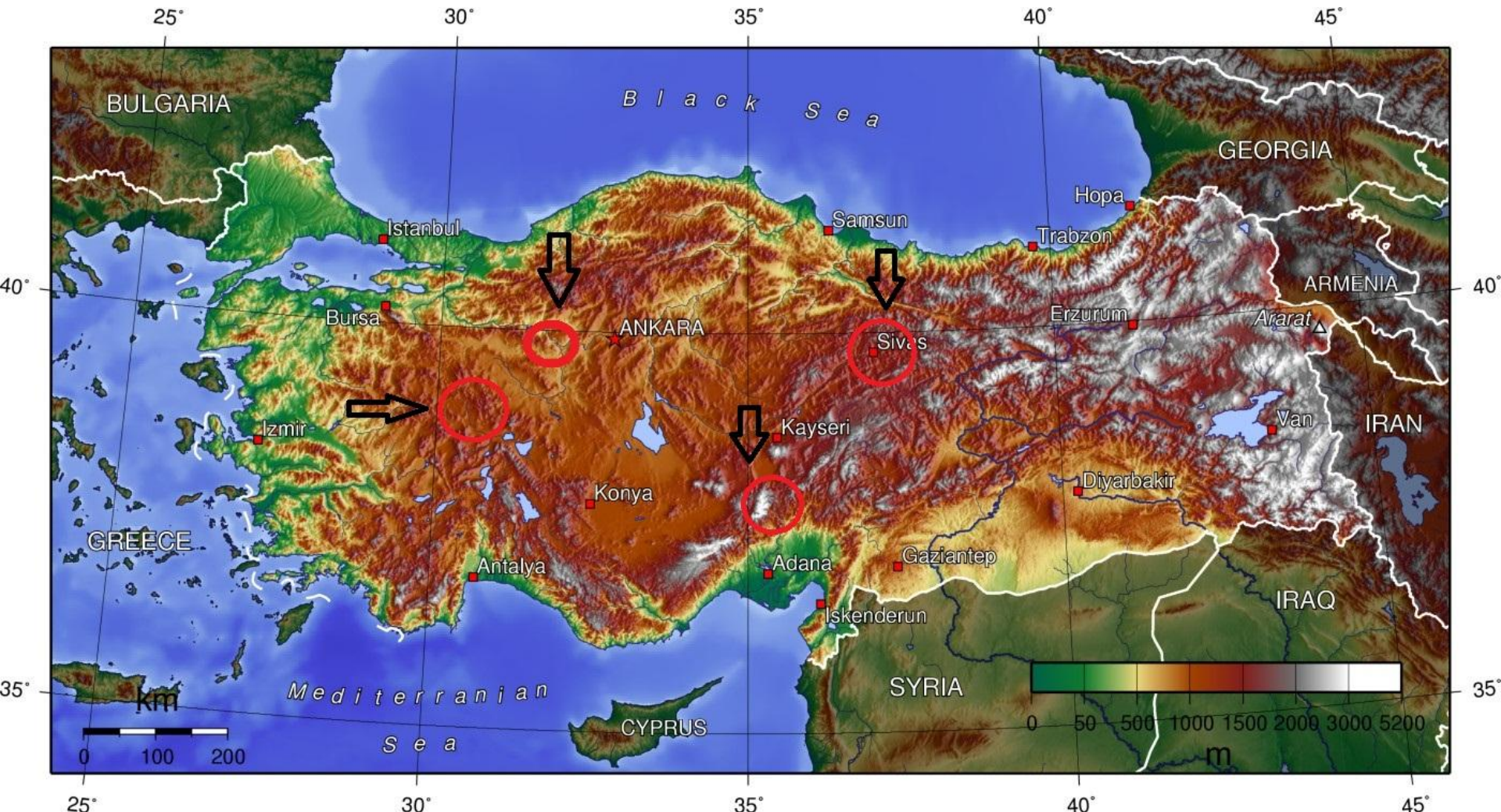
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Census on the population size

- Survey of different and as many as possible potential breeding areas;
- Extrapolation (where possible)



The big gap...

< 7500 pairs



**Thank you for your
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