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HOPPER MOUNTAIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPLEX
CALIFORNIA CONDOR RECOVERY PROGRAM
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California Condor Recovery Program

2018 Annual Population Status

Total World Population 488

(2017=463, 2016=446, 2015=435)

Wild Free Flying Population 312

(Increased by 7.5% from 2017=290, 2016=276, 2015=268)

AZ /UT Wild 88

CA Wild 188

Baja Wild 36

Total Captive Population: 176

Wild Chicks Fledged 15

(2017=10)

AZ/UT 3

CA 10 (SoCa- 6, PNN - 1, VWS-3)

Baja 2

Captives Released to Wild 29

(2017=21)

AZ/UT 7 (4 still pending release in 2019)

CA 22 (includes one 2016 hold back)

Baja 0



| Captive breeding pairs: | 48 |
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| Pairs that produced chicks: | 26 |
| Chicks produced: | 34 |
| Chicks held for future breeding: | 1 |
| Captive chick deaths: | 3 |
| 2018 Deaths in the Wild Free-flying Population | |
| (2017=17) | |
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AZ/UT 7 CA 11 {SOCA -9 {CECA -2 Baja 2

Cause of Death

Lead toxicosis: 6

{AZ/UT1

{SOCA 3

{CECA 2

Pending final necropsy / COD: 6

Shot: 2

Unknown missing in the wild: 1

Undetermined: 1

Predation: 1

Emaciation: 1

Bacterial Infection: 1

3 Wild Chick Deaths: Since 1992 there have been 83 documented deaths from lead poisoning. Lead poisoning makes up 40% of the 207 deaths where a carcasses was recovered in the free-flying population

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