

LOOKING FOR THE NEXT ANIMAL SUPER SPY



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IN A WORLD WHERE OVER 7 MILLION ANIMAL SPECIES HAVE EVOLVED DEVELOPING SPECIAL SKILLS TO INHABIT IT, A STRANGE MEETING WAS SUMMONED TO GATHER THEM ALL. AFTER EVERYONE INTERESTED FROM LAND AND SEA HAD ARRIVED, A MYSTERIOUS VOICE STARTED TO TALK:




WELCOME ANIMALS TO THE FIRST EVER
ANIMAL SUPER SPY RECRUITING EVENT (A.S.S.R.E.)

AS YOU ALL KNOW: THE WORLD IS IN DANGER.
AND BECAUSE WE THINK YOUR SUPER SENSES ARE NEEDED
TO SAVE IT, WE WILL BEGIN WITH A CONTEST TO FIND:

THE FIRST ANIMAL SUPER SPY (A.S.S.)



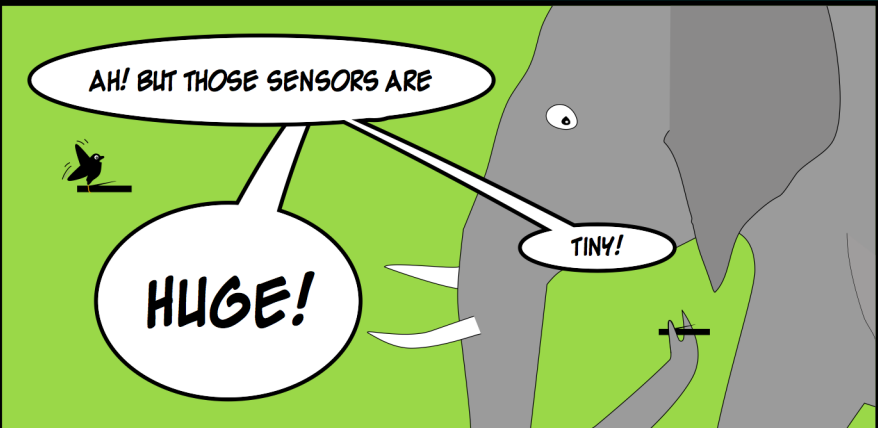
EACH PARTICIPANT WILL
BE EQUIPPED WITH A SENSOR TAG,
WHICH WILL KEEP US INFORMED ABOUT
YOUR LOCATION AND VITAL
CONSTANTS.



BUH! THAT JUST SOUNDS
LIKE AN APPL* WATCH, AND I'VE
ALREADY GOT ONE!

AND
IT'S NOT
DOING ANYTHING
FOR MY FITNESS
EITHER..

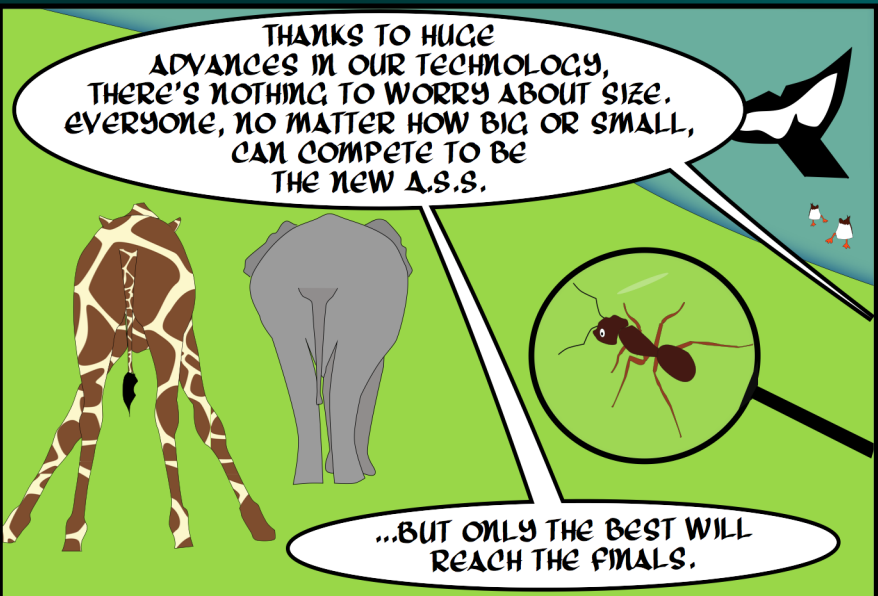
NO, THESE ARE
SPECIALLY DEVELOPED
SENSORS THAT WILL ONLY
COMMUNICATE WITH OUR
OWN SATELLITE.



AH! BUT THOSE SENSORS ARE

HUGE!

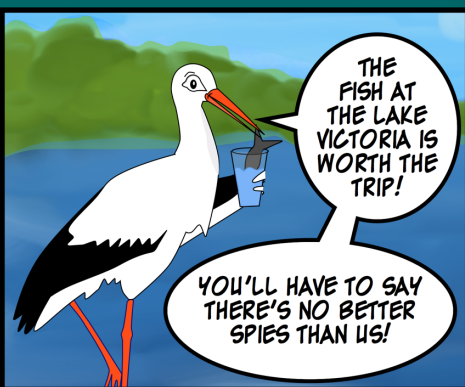
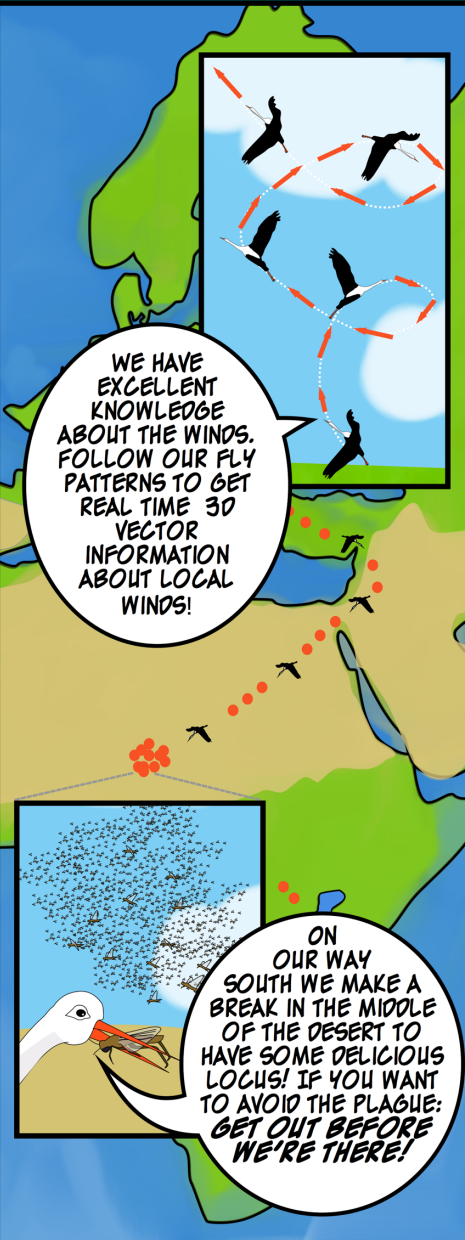
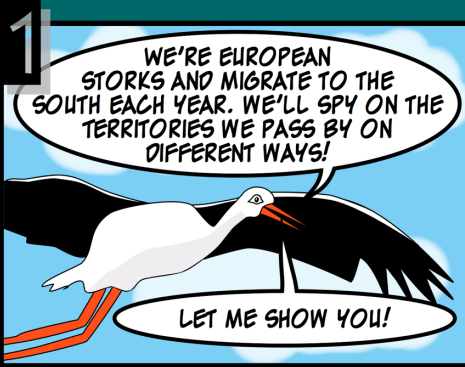
TINY!



THANKS TO HUGE
ADVANCES IN OUR TECHNOLOGY,
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT SIZE.
EVERYONE, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL,
CAN COMPETE TO BE
THE NEW A.S.S.

...BUT ONLY THE BEST WILL
REACH THE FINALS.

AFTER A THOROUGH SELECTION PROCESS, 3 FINALIST WERE CHOSEN. THEY WERE ASKED TO PRESENT THEIR SUPER SPYING SKILLS IN MORE DETAIL:

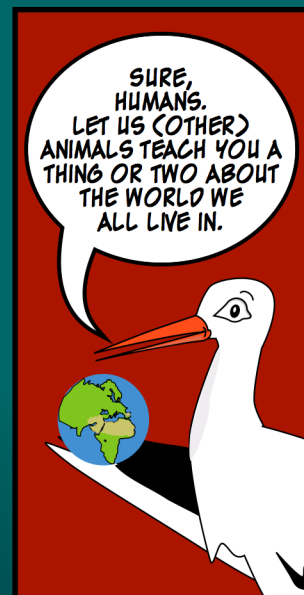
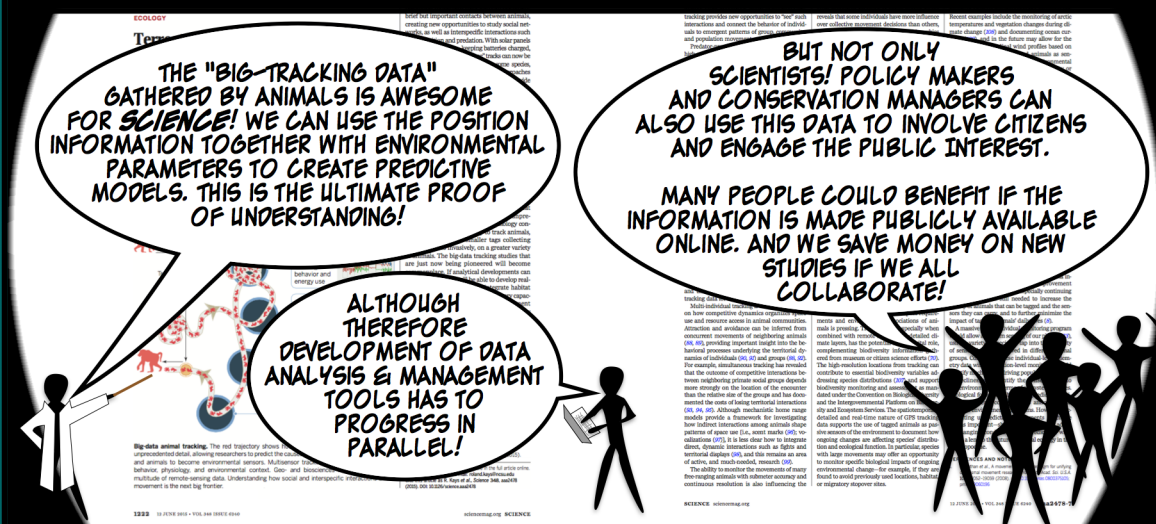


AND THE WINNER IS:

THE ANIMALS? WITH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANIMAL'S DYNAMICS AND THEIR INTERACTIONS WITH ECOLOGICAL FACTORS, CONSERVATION GROUPS CAN IMPROVE THEIR APPROACHES TO HELP.

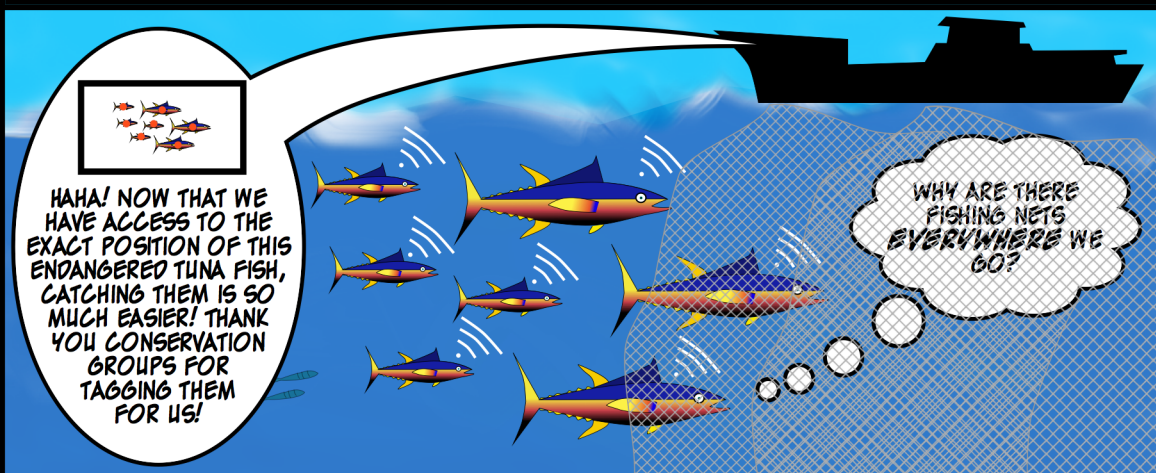


HUMANS? THERE'S LOTS TO LEARN AND TO GAIN FROM WHAT THE ANIMALS CAN SHOW US [1].



EVIL? WHAT HAPPENS IF THE INFORMATION IS MISUSED?

"Eine Geschichte ist dann zu Ende gedacht, wenn sie ihre schlimmste mögliche Wendung genommen hat." *
Dürrenmat, Die Physiker.



ONLY TIME WILL TELL. BUT LIKE WITH ALL ADVANCES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THE BEST OUT OF IT.

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* "A STORY IS ONLY TOLD ENTIRELY, IF ITS WORST POSSIBLE OUTCOME HAS BEEN THOUGHT THROUGH"

THE END.

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