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Cover photograph: The Martial Eagle *Polemaetus bellicosus* is a declining African endemic which was recently uplisted to 'Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List', although data on population trends are almost entirely lacking. In this issue Arjun Amar and Daniël Cloete used the Southern African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP) 1 and 2 datasets to quantify population changes over a 20-year period. They found an overall decline in reporting rates of c.60%, with a fairly uniform pattern of decline and a contraction of range across the atlas area. Declines were lower inside (42%) than outside (64%) protected areas, supporting the uplisting of the species' threat status and suggesting that even within protected areas the species is not immune to the drivers of decline. Image credit: © Marie-France Grenouillet (<http://www.planetstillalive.com>).

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