

## 9. REGIONAL ATLAS COMMITTEES

For SABAP1, Regional Atlas Committees (RACs) were established to collate checklists, vet and submit these checklists to the ADU, and coordinate SABAP1 activities at a regional level. For SABAP2, RACs will play a similar role but will have two primary functions:

- (a) To ensure quality of data for SABAP2 (i.e. vetting of rare and out-of-range species)
- (b) To coordinate atlasing efforts and fill gaps to obtain better coverage

Since RACs will be vetting rarities and out-of-range species they will act as Regional Rarity Committees.

### Note:

1. RACs will NOT be curating Field Data Sheets for SABAP2. **All data sheets must be submitted directly to the ADU.**
2. Contact details of RAC Chairpersons are given below. Please refer to the SABAP2 website for updates.

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## **10. SABAP2 BIRD CLUB COORDINATORS**

In addition to RACs, each bird club will have a SABAP2 champion. This person will act as an integral link between the bird club and SABAP2 project team and RACs, and will coordinate all activities and resources that are linked to SABAP2. If you have any questions regarding how to get involved with SABAP2 and you are a member of a bird club then please contact your nearest bird club coordinator. For those of you who do not belong to a bird club we would strongly recommend that you consider joining one as this would greatly strengthen the coordination of atlasing activities in your region and contribute to increased coverage.

For a list of bird clubs in your region please refer to Appendix 2 (or the SABAP2 website).

## **11. NEWSLETTERS AND FEEDBACK**

A quarterly newsletter will be published in both electronic and hardcopy formats. This will contain information on how the project is progressing, announcements concerning any changes or updates and identifying gap areas to increase coverage. Your local bird club, through the SABAP2 bird club coordinator, will also publish reports on progress in your home region.

## **12. QUESTIONS AND QUERIES**

If you have any questions or queries regarding the project, please contact Neil Smith at BirdLife South Africa (Tel. 011 789 1122 or 0828593788, e-mail [neil.smith@sabap2.org](mailto:neil.smith@sabap2.org)), or Doug Harebottle at the ADU (Tel. 021 650 2330, 082 736 3087, e-mail: [doug.harebottle@sabap2.org](mailto:doug.harebottle@sabap2.org)).