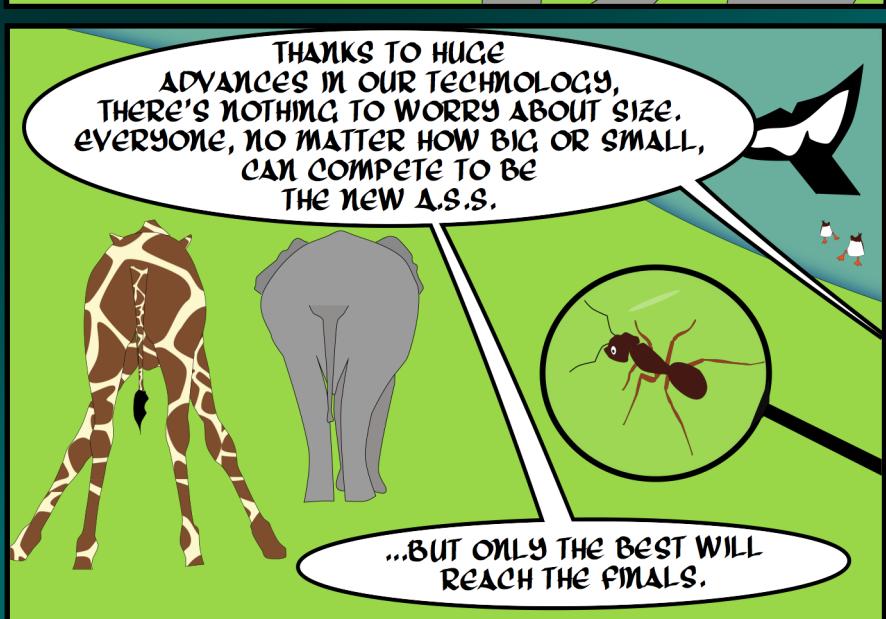
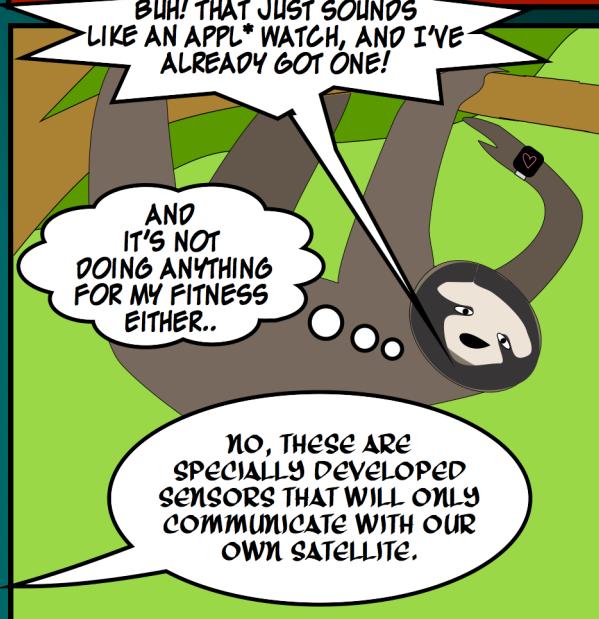
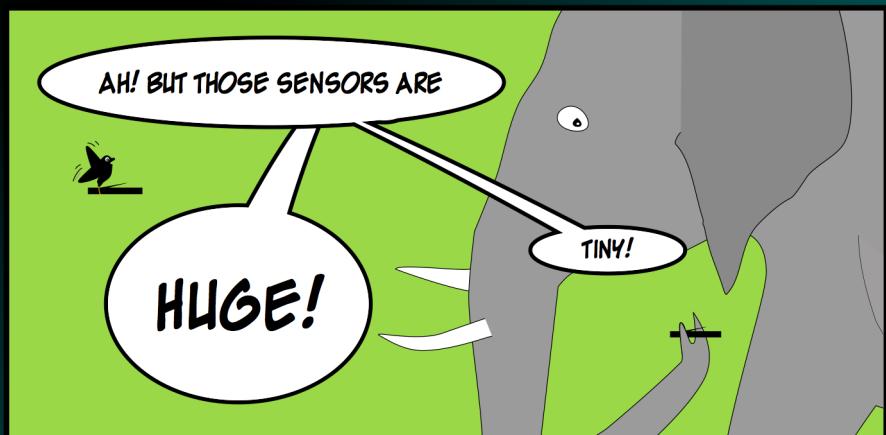


LOOKING FOR THE NEXT ANIMAL SUPER SPY

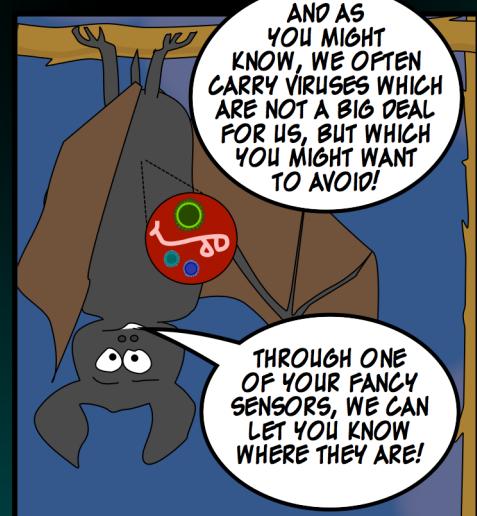
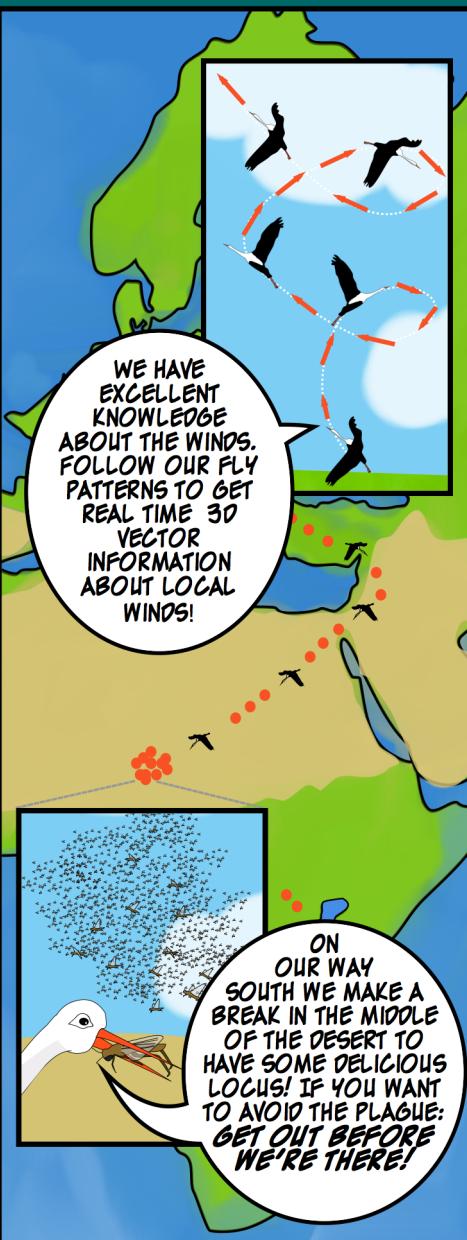
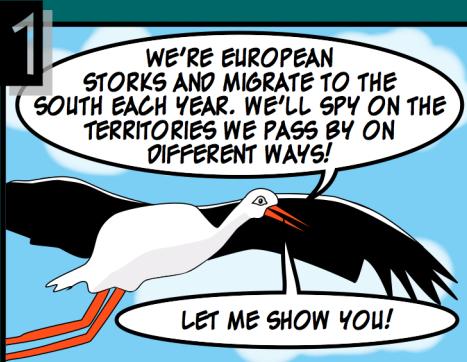


A COMIC INSPIRED BY THE TALK BY MARTIN WIKELESKI

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:



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.

ALSO, IF WE LET YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE, YOU CAN KEEP AWAY AND WE REDUCE HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICTS.

HEY!

YOU STOP DESTROYING OUR ECOSYSTEMS AND START WATCHING US ONLY FROM THE DISTANCE WITH YOUR SATELLITES AND COMPUTERS!

EVERYONE? WELL THAT'S KIND OF UNFAIR AFTER ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THE FINALS! BUT AT LEAST YOU START PAYING ATTENTION TO OTHER SPECIES BESESIDES CUTE PANDAS AND WHALES!

HEY! WATCH IT!

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

THE "BIG-TRACKING DATA" GATHERED BY ANIMALS IS AWESOME FOR SCIENCE! WE CAN USE THE POSITION INFORMATION TOGETHER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS TO CREATE PREDICTIVE MODELS. THIS IS THE ULTIMATE PROOF OF UNDERSTANDING!

BUT NOT ONLY SCIENTISTS! POLICY MAKERS AND CONSERVATION MANAGERS CAN ALSO USE THIS DATA TO INVOLVE CITIZENS AND ENGAGE THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

MANY PEOPLE COULD BENEFIT IF THE INFORMATION IS MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ONLINE. AND WE SAVE MONEY ON NEW STUDIES IF WE ALL COLLABORATE!

SURE, HUMANS. LET US (OTHER) ANIMALS TEACH YOU A THING OR TWO ABOUT THE WORLD WE ALL LIVE IN.

EVIL? WHAT HAPPENS IF THE INFORMATION IS MISUSED?

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

HAHA! NOW THAT WE HAVE ACCESS TO THE EXACT POSITION OF THIS ENDANGERED TUNA FISH, CATCHING THEM IS SO MUCH EASIER! THANK YOU CONSERVATION GROUPS FOR TAGGING THEM FOR US!

WHY ARE THERE FISHING NETS EVERYWHERE WE GO?

IF WE HAD KNOWN THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY, WE WOULD HAVE NEVER HELPED YOU! BUT WOULD YOU HAVE AGREED IF WE REFUSED?

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

[1] KAYS ET. AL. SCIENCE, 2015

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

THE END.

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