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California Condor Recovery Program

2019 Annual Population Status

Total World Population 518

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

Wild Free Flying Population 337

AZ /UT Wild 98

CA Wild 200 – SoCa 99; VWS 63; PNP 38

Baja Wild 39

Total Captive Population: 181

(Includes pre-release captive chicks in breeding facilities and field sites)

Wild Chicks Fledged 14

AZ/UT 4 (1 pending confirmation)

CA 9 (SoCa 4, 1 pending; VWS 3 confirmed, 1 pending; PNP 2)

Baja 1 (1-2 additional nests likely)

Captives Released to Wild 32

AZ/UT 10

CA 20 (6 VWS; 1 PNP; 13 FWS)

Baja 2



Captive Breeding

Captive Breeding is conducted at the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey, Los Angeles Zoo, San Diego Zoo and Safari Park and Oregon Zoo in the U.S. and Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City, Mexico.

Captive breeding pairs	50	(48 in the U.S.; 2 in Mex.)
Chicks produced:	34	(32 in the U.S.; 2 in Mex.)
Chicks available for release in 2019:	32	
Chicks held for future breeding:	1	(2018-1)
Captive chick deaths:	0	(2018-3)
Captive adult deaths:	1	(SB#39 aspergillosis infection)
Captive juvenile deaths:	1	(SB #917 predation pre-release)

2019 Deaths in the Wild Free-flying Population **17** (2017=17, 2018=20)

AZ/UT 5 (2018=7)

CA 12 (2018=11)

{SOCA 4 (2018=9)

{CECA 8 (2018=2)

Baja 0 (2018=2)

2019 Cause of Death

Lead toxicosis _____ **9**

(2018=6)

{AZ/UT 3 (2018=1)

{SOCA 1 (2018=3)

{CECA 5 (2018=2)

Power line 1

Pending final necropsy / COD: 3

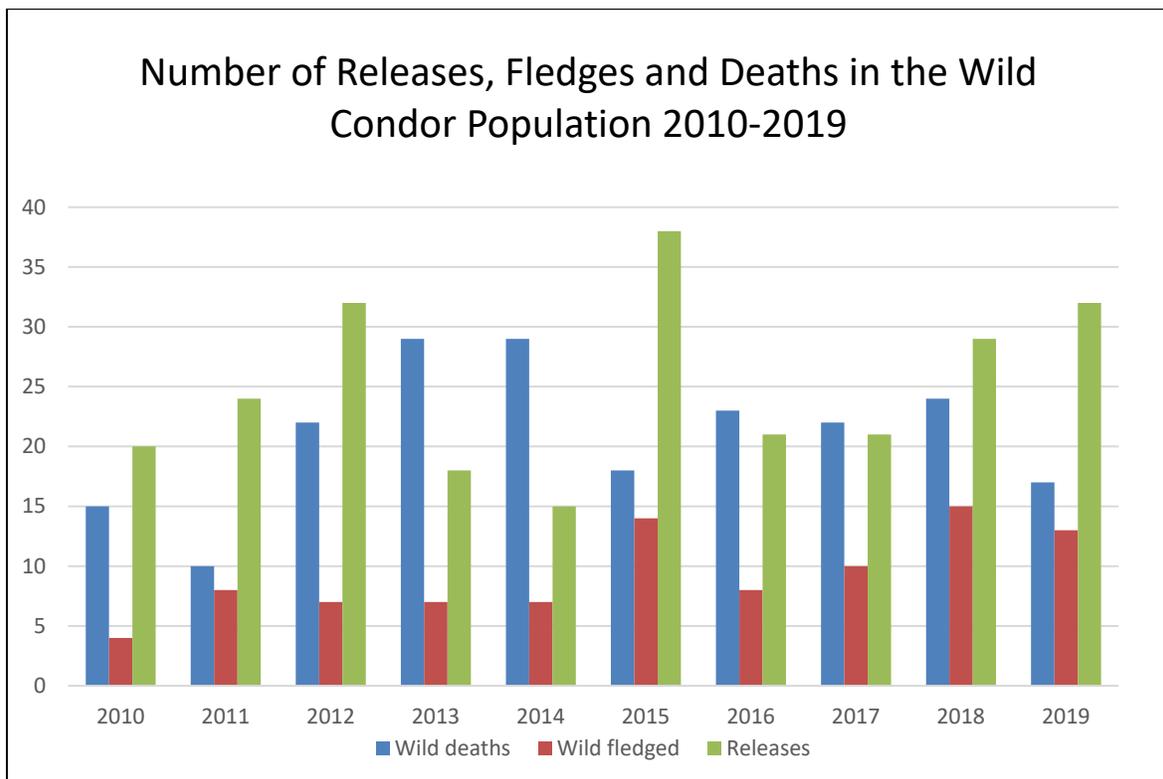
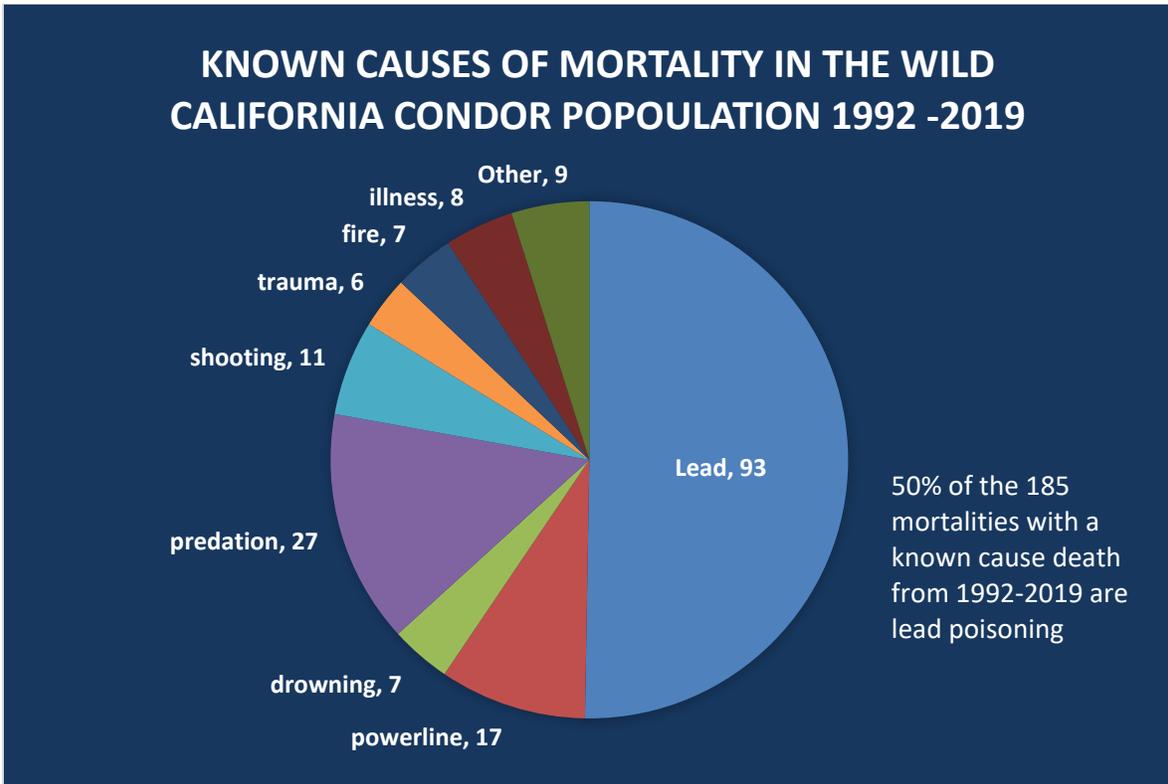
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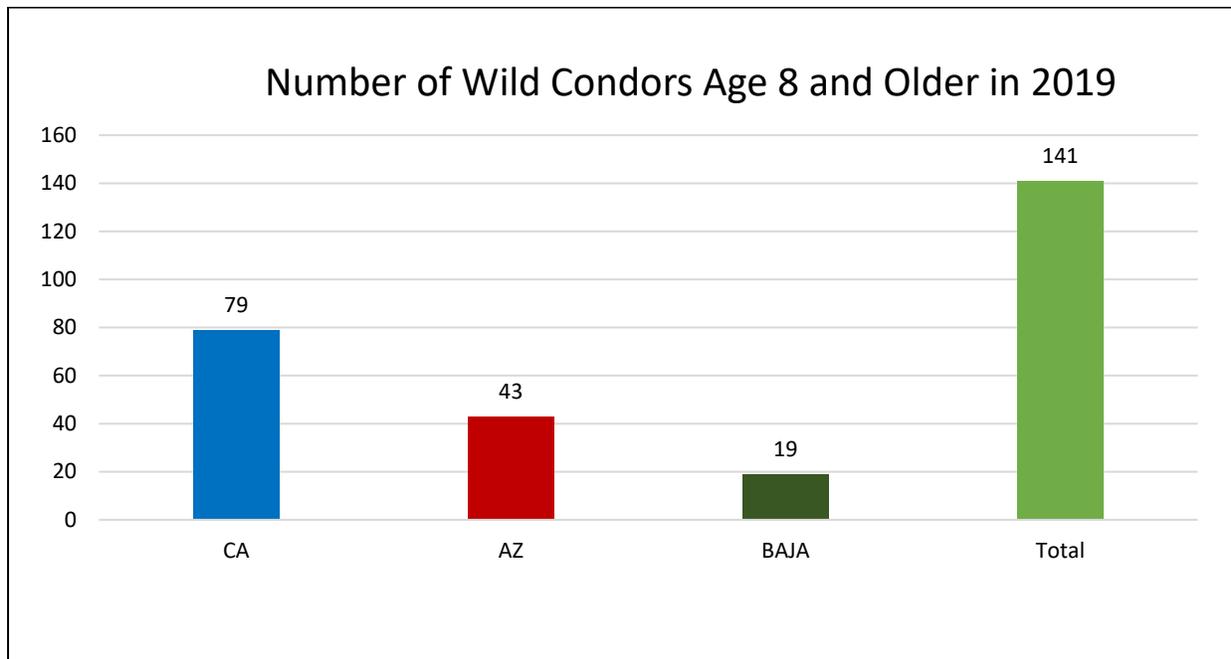
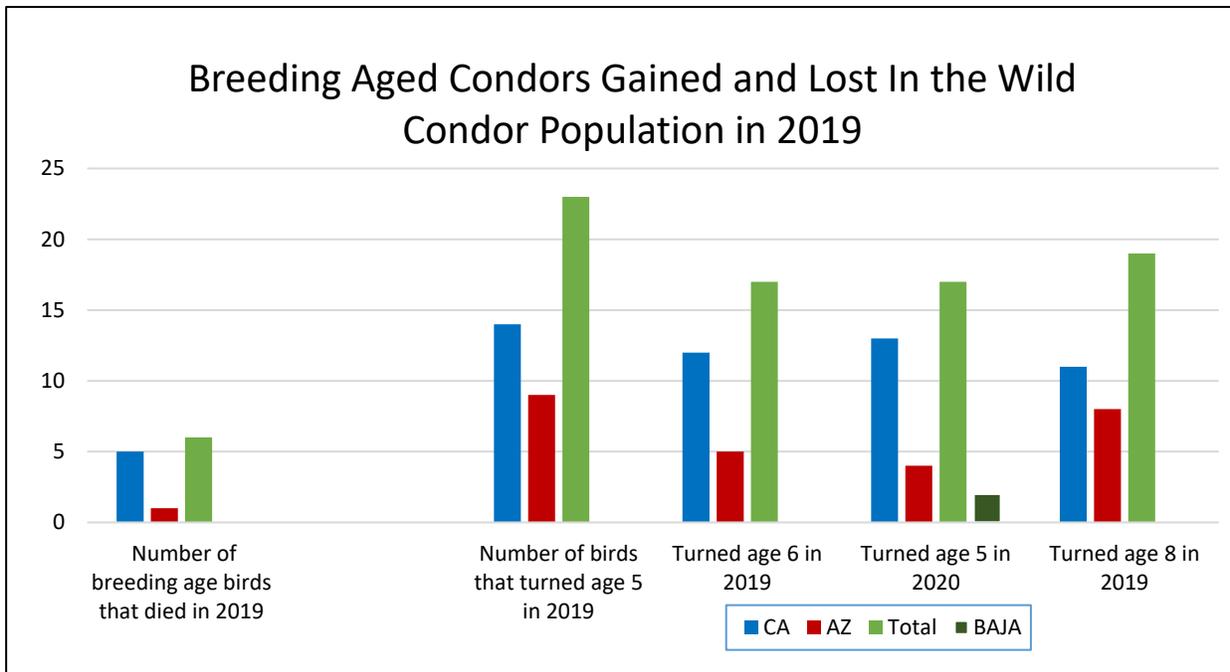
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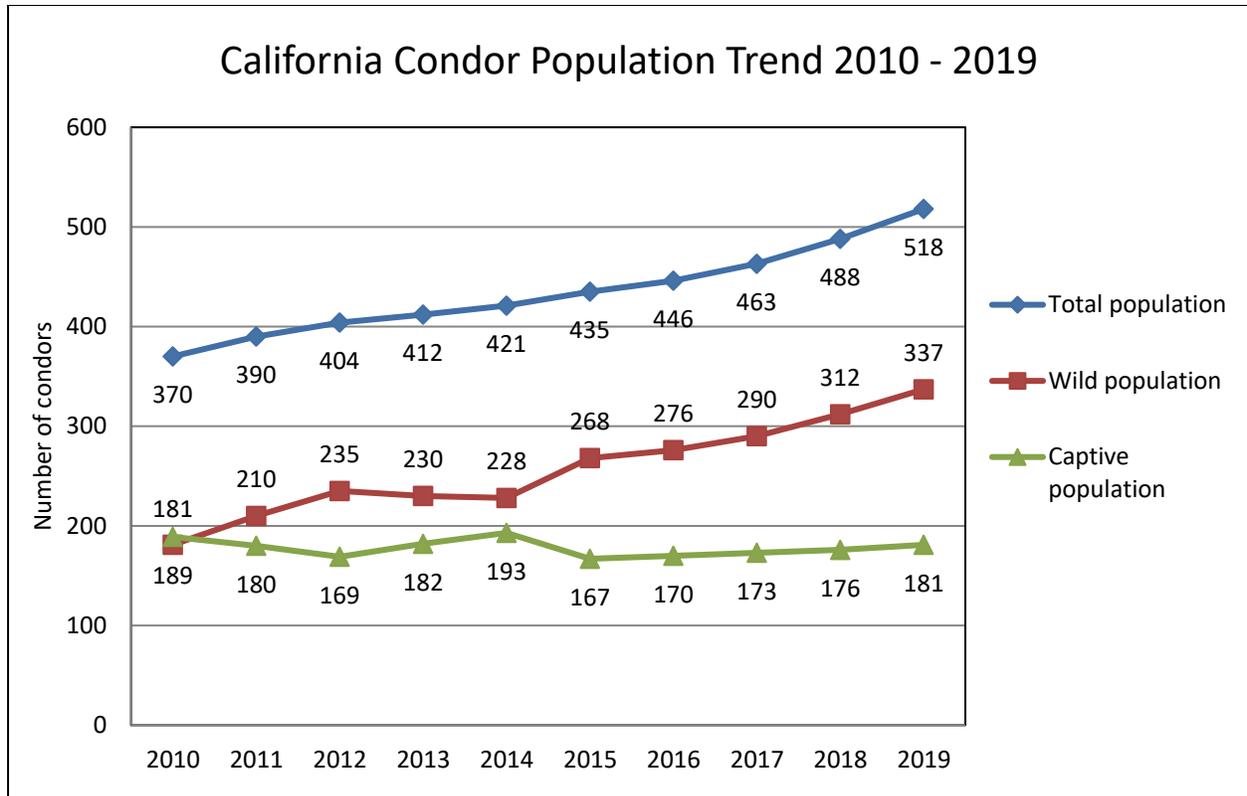
From 1992 through 2019 there have been 93 documented deaths from lead poisoning in the free flying population.

Lead poisoning is responsible for 50 percent of the 185 condor deaths where a cause of death has been determined.

An additional 93 free-flying condors have been presumed dead after missing for more than 365 days.







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