



**Use of Falcon Robot GBRS and fireworks  
to deter birds in Brasília, Brazil**



## AIMS

1. Remove and deter birds from security area
2. Reduce collisions risk between birds and aircrafts
3. Evaluate effectiveness of the use of Falcon Robot GBRS and fireworks combined



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# AREA

- Safety area of 400.000m<sup>2</sup>;
- Central peninsula of Paranoa Lake;
- 13km from Brasilia International Airport;



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# LOCAL DIAGNOSIS

- 28 species of birds
- 10 species represents risks to aircrafts;
- 5 High risk species:
  - *Phalacrocorax brasilianus* (Neotropic Cormorant)
  - *Ardea alba* (Great Egret)
  - *Nycticorax nycticorax* (Black-crowned Night Heron)
  - *Egretta thula* (Snowy Egret)
  - *Patagioenas picazuro* (Picazuro Pigeon);
- Large trees and lack of predators - resting and nesting sites.



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# ACTIONS

- Nest removal
- Bird repellent gel on perches
- Fireworks
- Falcon Robot GBRS





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# NEST REMOVAL





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# BIRD REPELLENT GEL





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# FIREWORKS





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# FALCON ROBOT GBRS





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# MONITORING

- Birds population census
- Evaluate the effectiveness of control methods





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- Normality test – Kolmogorov-Smirnov
- Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney
  - Populations mean – before actions X after actions
- Percentage of population reduction





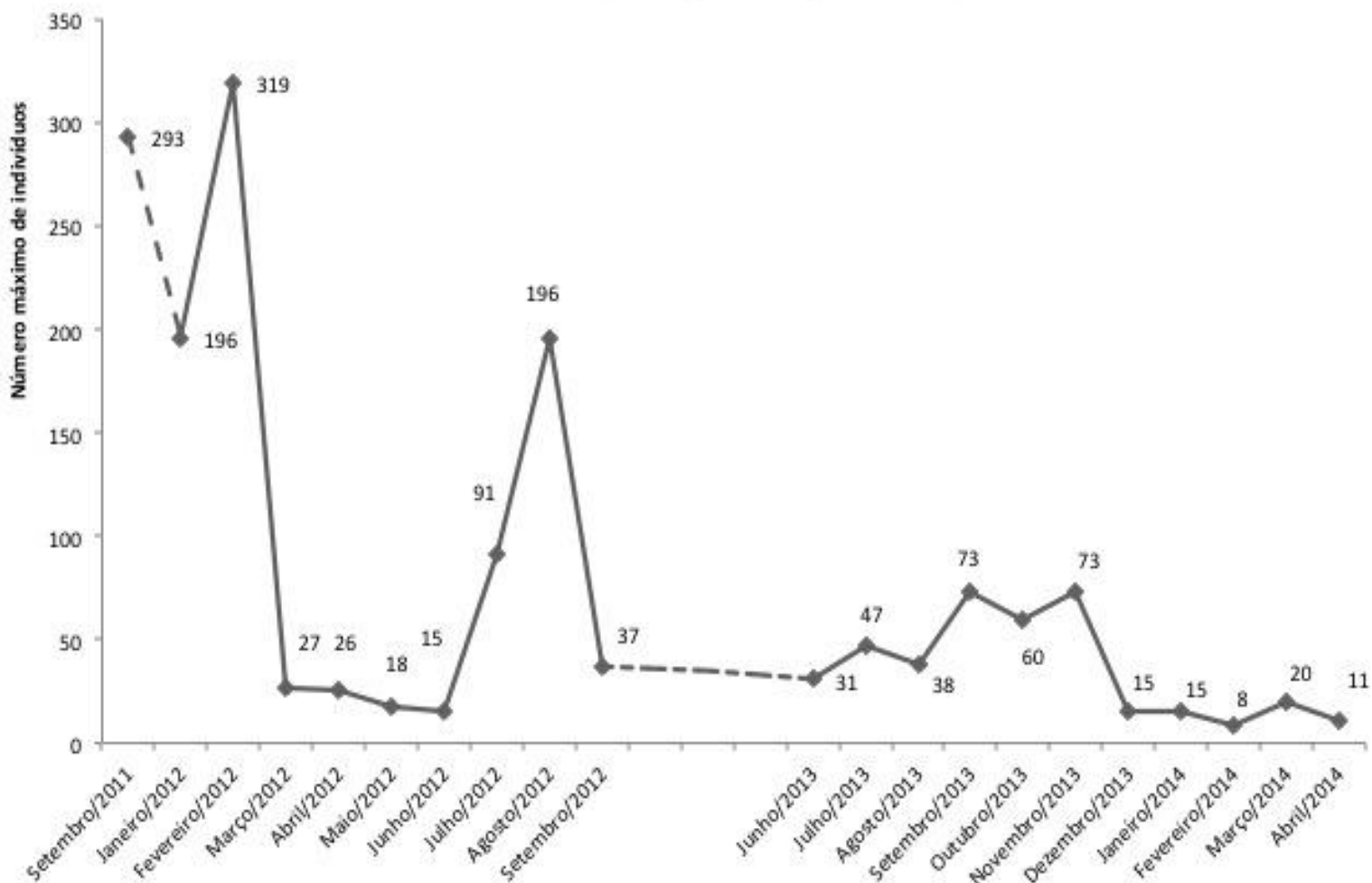
- Neotropic Cormorant (W=6.681; N=141; **p<0,001**)
- Great Egret (W=6.781,5; N=141; **p<0,001**)
- Snowy Egret (W=6.864; N=141; **p<0,001**)
- Picazuro Pigeon (W=7.496,5; N=141; p=0,118)



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## Asa-branca (*Patagioenas picazuro*)

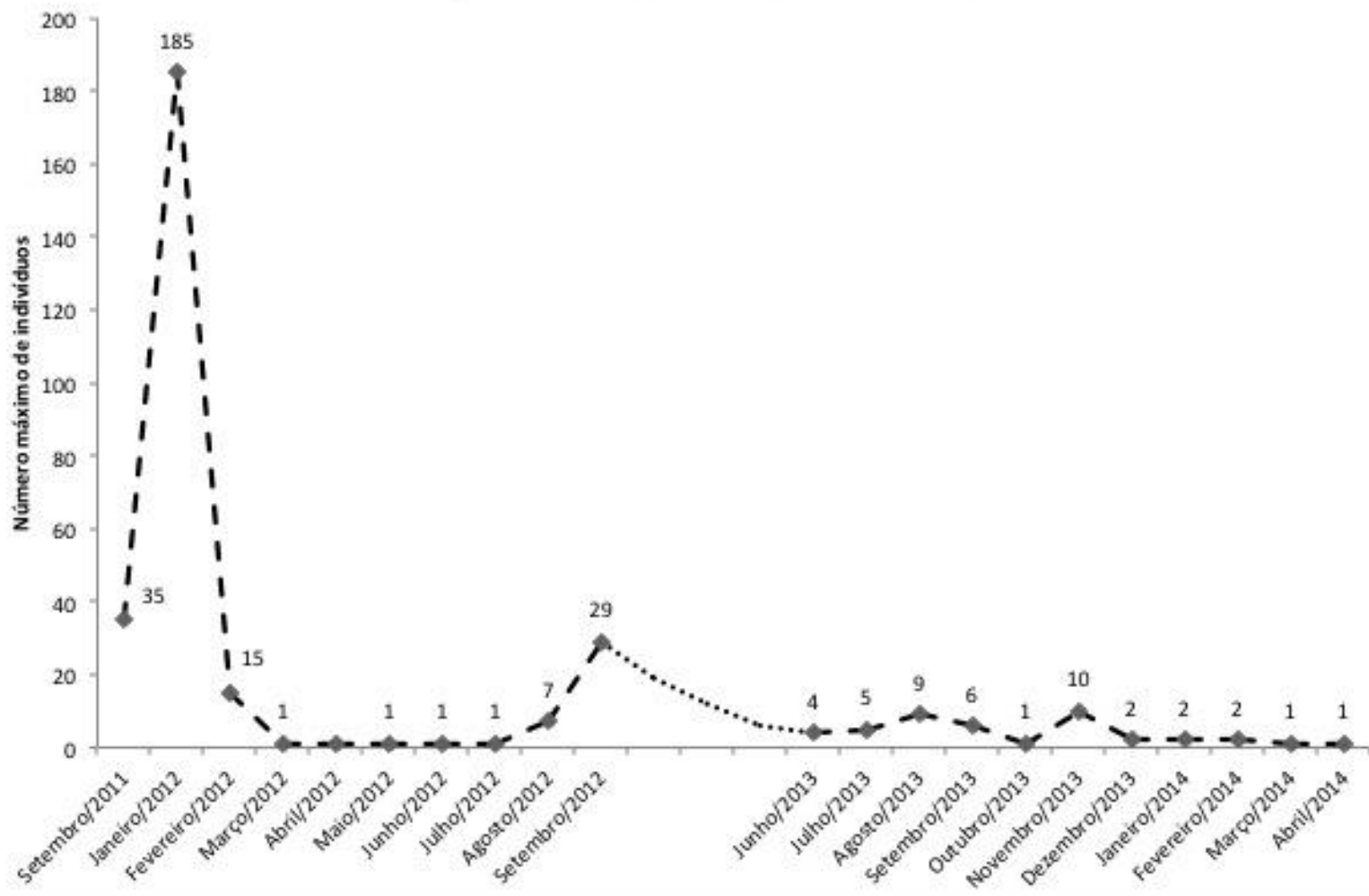




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## Garça-branca-grande (*Ardea alba*)

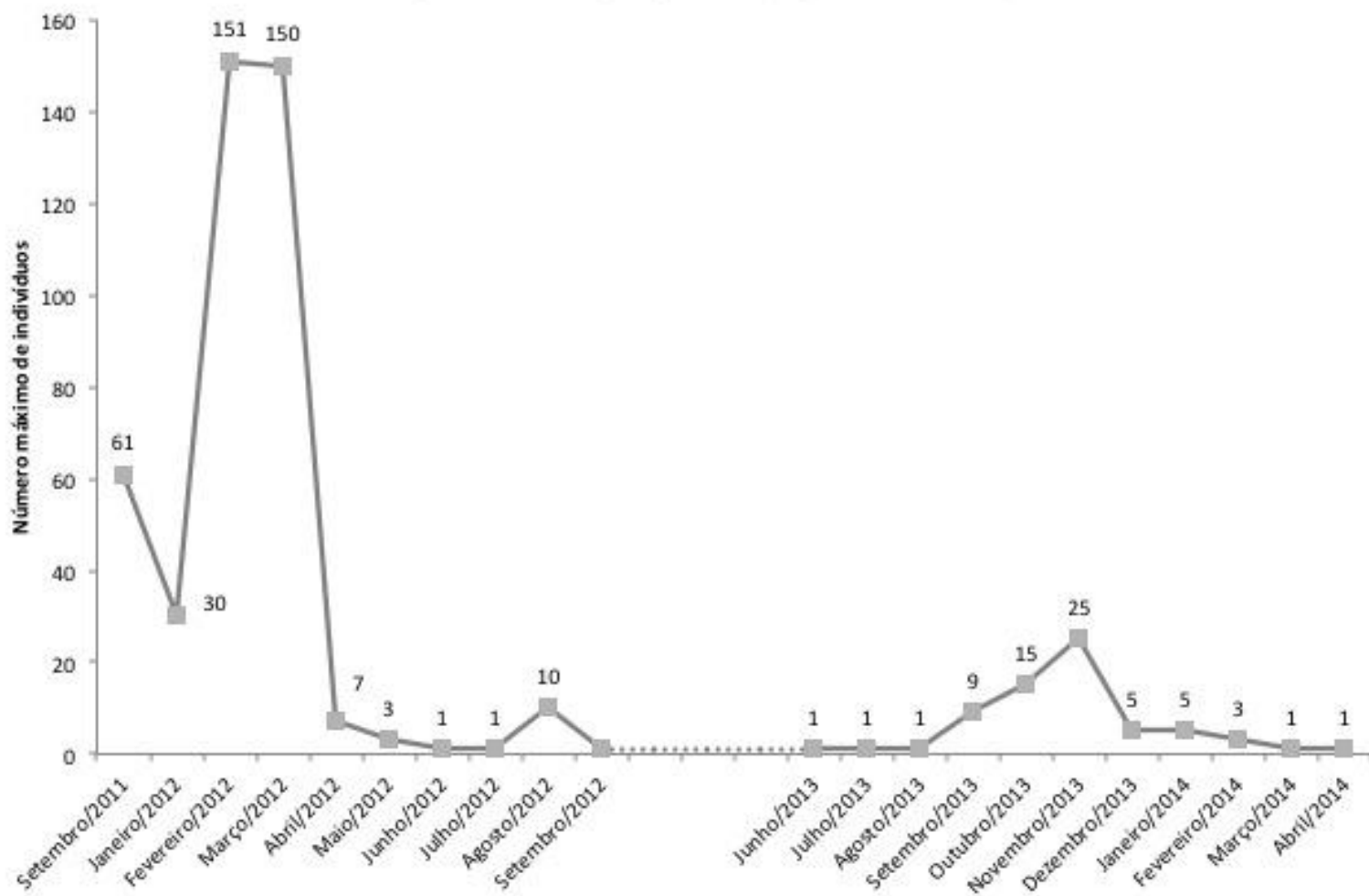




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## Garça-branca-pequena (*Egretta thula*)

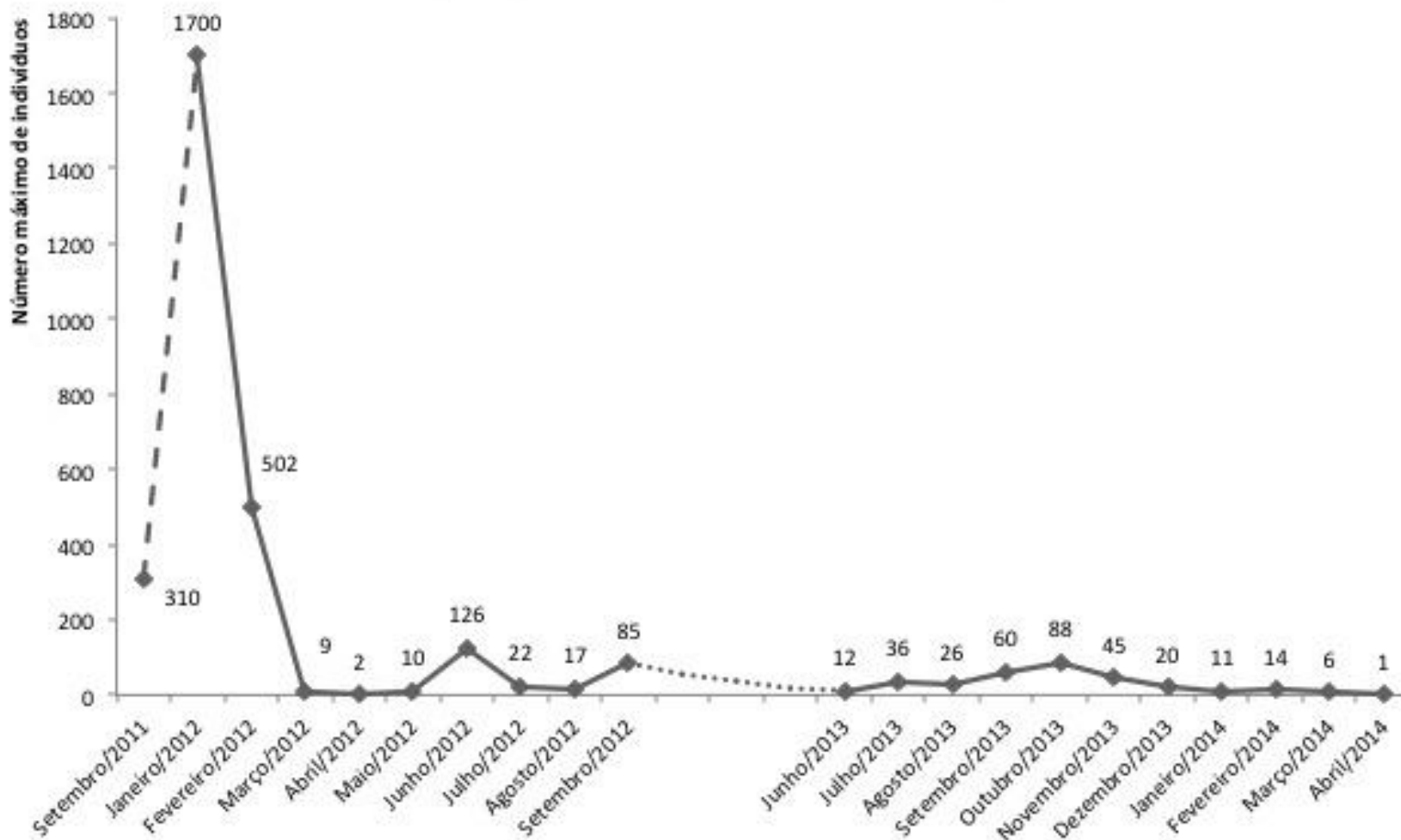




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## Biguá (*Phalacrocorax brasilianum*)





Species	Mean ± DP				Reduction	
	Before actions	After actions: 2012	After actions: 2013	After actions: 2014	After actions: 2012	After actions
	Sep/11 and Jan/12	Feb to Sep/12	Jun to Dec/13	Jan to Apr/14	Feb a Sep/12	Jan a Apr/14
Neotropic Cormorant ( <i>Phalacrocorax brasilianum</i> )	215,0 + 428,9	8,5 + 17,6	13,8 ± 17,2	8,2 ± 8,9	96,0%	<b>96,2%</b>
Great Egret ( <i>Ardea alba</i> )	15,0 + 37,9	3,8 + 7,4	2,6 ± 2,2	7,8 ± 16,8	74,7%	<b>48,0%</b>
Snowy Egret ( <i>Egretta thula</i> )	37,9 + 41,6	1,9 + 2,5	5,4 ± 4,2	4,1 ± 4,9	95,0%	<b>89,2%</b>
Picazuro Pigeon ( <i>Patagioenas picazuro</i> )	71,3 + 92,8	18,0 + 27,2	10,4 ± 10,5	5,5 ± 7,5	74,8%	<b>93,0%</b>
Número total de aves	51,5 + 188,4	11,6 + 23,9	6,9 ± 9,2	6,3 ± 9,0	77,5%	<b>88,0%</b>



## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Significant reduction of birds populations
- Significant reduction of collisions risk between birds and aircrafts