

# 40 Years of Penguin Rescue

**20** Unknown Origin

**35** KZN North Coast

**4** Durban

**70** KZN South Coast

**8** Transkei



**137**

African penguins, found stranded on beaches in KZN have been admitted into SAAMBR's rehabilitation facility.

## Cause of Stranding

Malnutrition & dehydration

Infection & disease

Injury

Fishing gear

Plastic ingestion

Strandings often coincide with the sardine run

## Age of Penguins

Adult

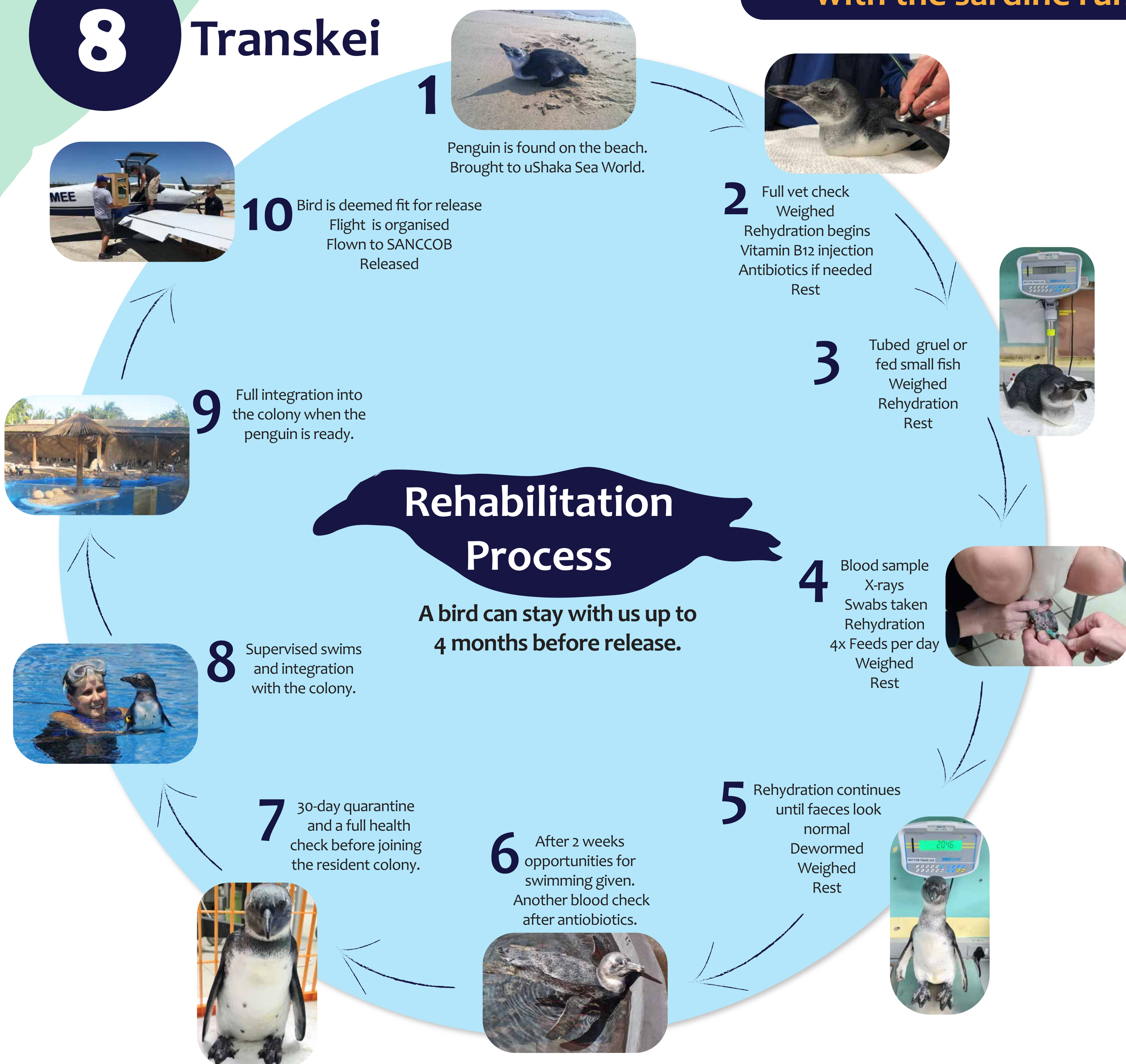
**16%**

Juvenile

**84%**

## Rehabilitation Process

A bird can stay with us up to 4 months before release.



## MV Treasure Ship Oil Spill Penguin Rescue June 2000

The "Treasure" oil spill off Cape Town resulted in one of the largest oiled wildlife responses in history.

The priority was to get the **unaffected adult penguins** away from the oil. Rescuers collected 19 000 penguins and transported them 800km away from their nesting grounds and released them to swim home. It was hoped that by the time they arrived home, oil would have been cleaned up.

A further **19 500 oiled penguins** were collected and sent to SANCCOB for rehabilitation.

When removing all the adults, many chicks were abandoned. Officials collected chicks and sent them to facilities like SAAMBR.

SAAMBR received 463 chicks, ranging in weight from 250 grams to over 2 kilograms. Hundreds of volunteers worked tirelessly to hand rear these chicks.

This intensive project lasted 3 months. Once birds were ready to fend for themselves, waterproofed, at goal weight and condition, and deemed fit by vets, they were flown back to Cape Town to be **released onto Robben Island**.



One group of rescued juvenile African penguins at our South beach rescue site.

**463**

Received

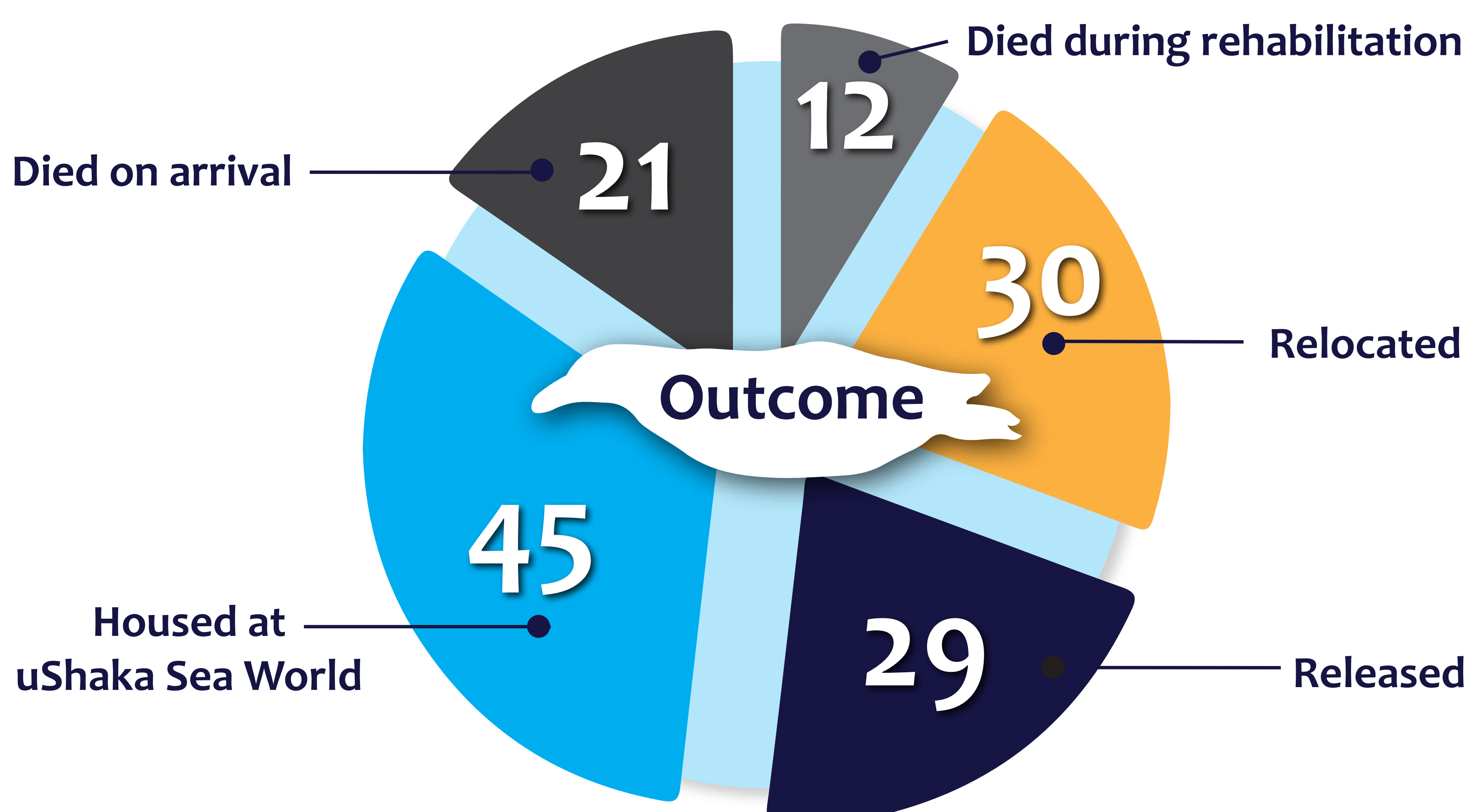
**452**

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Died

Released

SAAMBR's contribution to the rescue was a success.



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