

## **T4A data ownership** YOUR data and T4A data. (2008.09.17)

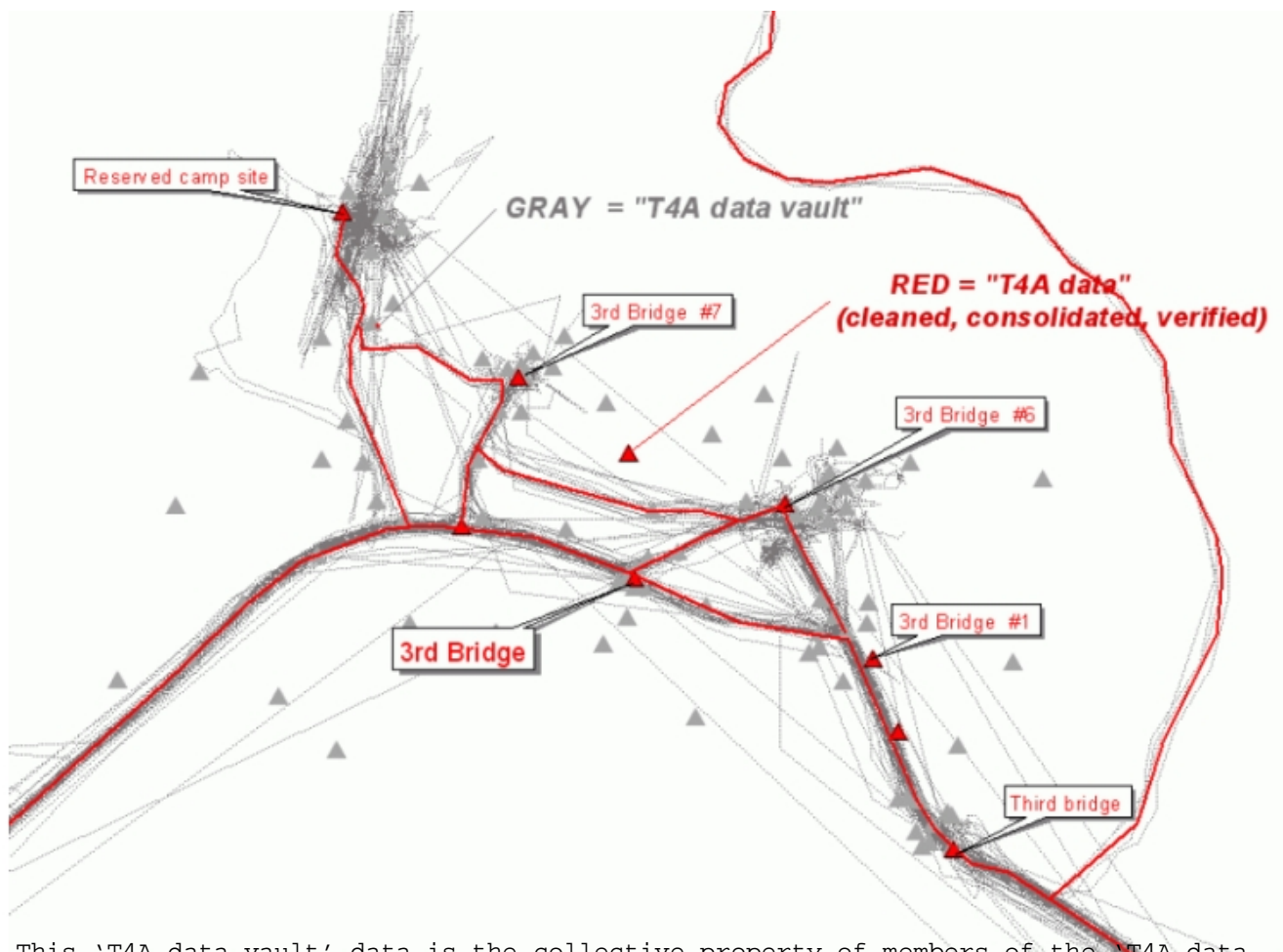
Based on the principles on SYNERGY and SYMBIOSIS the Tracks4Africa philosophy of MAPPING AFRICA is both ORGANIC and HOLISTIC.

Submitting your GPS data to T4A is a choice. You do or you don't. You play the honey badger/honey bird game or you don't. Recording GPS data for T4A must be by-product of leisure/business travel.

### 1. The 'T4A data vault'

The GRAY lines (below) are the GPS recordings in the 'T4A data vault'.. It contains 7.5 million km of raw GPS track data and 215,000 waypoint data submissions from members of the T4A Data Community.

The 'T4A data vault' contains field data collected by T4A Data Members in accordance with T4A quality standards [http://tracks4africa.com/misc/t4a\\_standards.pdf](http://tracks4africa.com/misc/t4a_standards.pdf) (945kb)



This 'T4A data vault' data is the collective property of members of the 'T4A data community' and this data cannot be sold and it cannot be distributed without your permission because your data is your data. T4A Pty Ltd is the legal custodian of this 'T4A data vault' and by sending your data you empower T4A to do something useful with it.

## 2. The 'T4A data set'

These are the RED lines you see. It is the spatial average of countless independent GPS recordings. It is cleaned, consolidated, checked and rechecked with every new data submission. The 'T4A data set' covers only 500,000km of roads/tracks and only 42,000 POI's (points of interest). It is super accurate, high quality and reliable data.

[http://tracks4africa.com/misc/t4a\\_coverage.gif](http://tracks4africa.com/misc/t4a_coverage.gif) (129kb)

This 'T4A data set' is NOT your property. It is property of T4A Pty Ltd and T4A Pty Ltd will employ this data commercially to generate revenues to sustain our operating costs I.e. to clean and to consolidate your data and the data of 600+ other members and you cannot and you will not claim that such income is done at your expense.

## 3. Testing and verifying the T4A Maps.

Following every [Data Submission Report](#) only the maps which your data has impacted will be sent to you.

This is NOT your 'free' maps in return for your data. When you receive the T4A maps you have a job to do. CHECK to see if your data submissions have been processed.

Data Members should always request the latest T4A maps for trip planning and field data collection.

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