



# International Aspects of the NMFS Seabird Program – the Perfect Fit

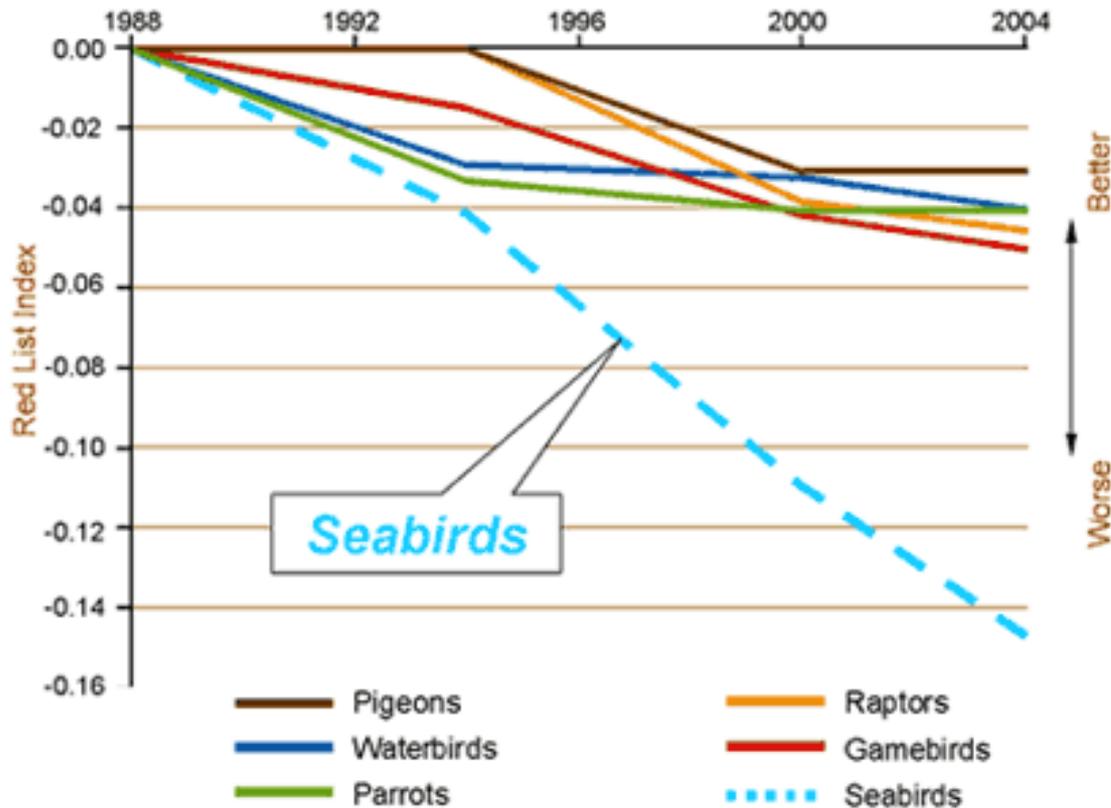


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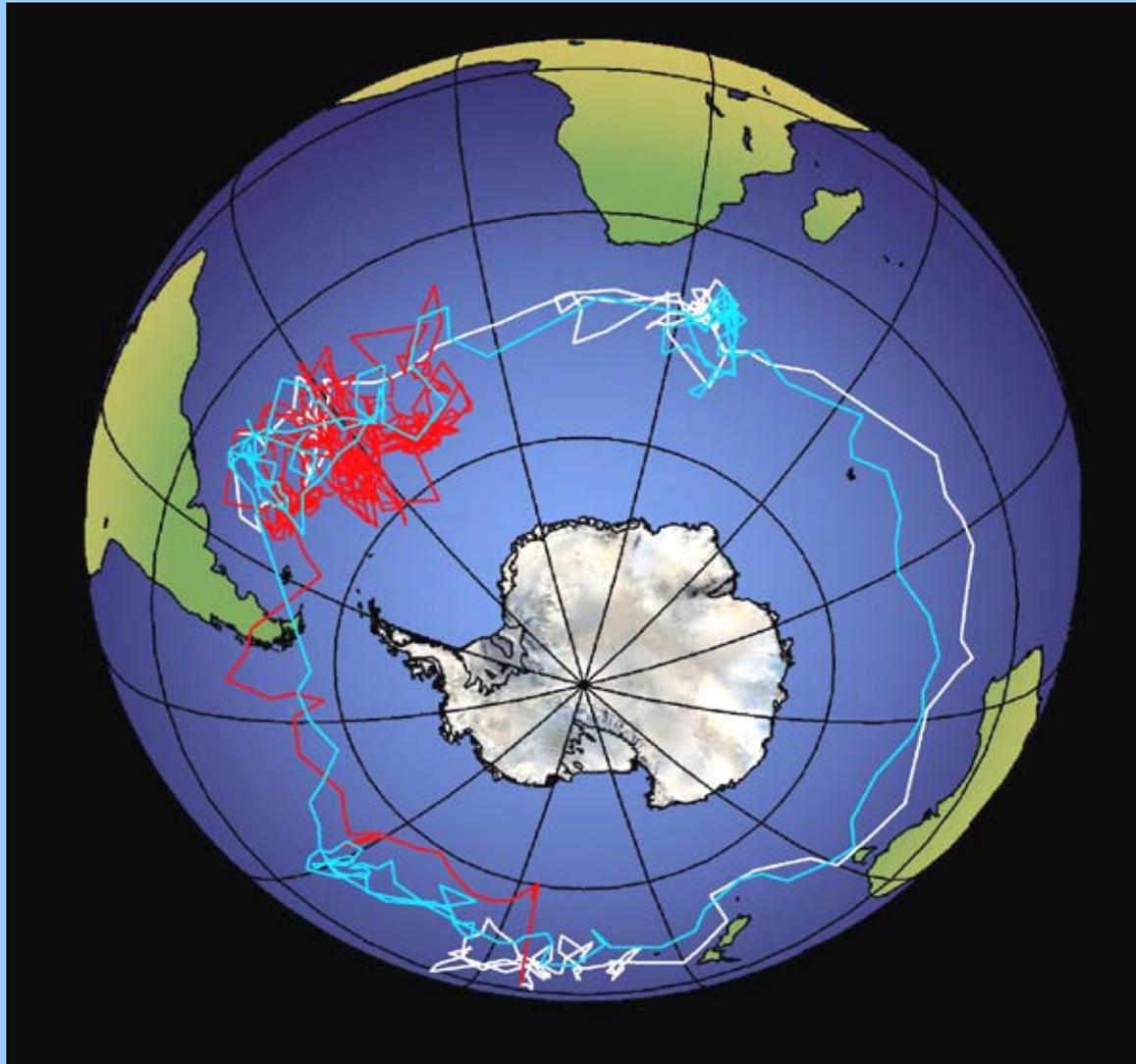
# Global Status and Threats

Red List indices for selected species-groups





# Circumpolar Movements



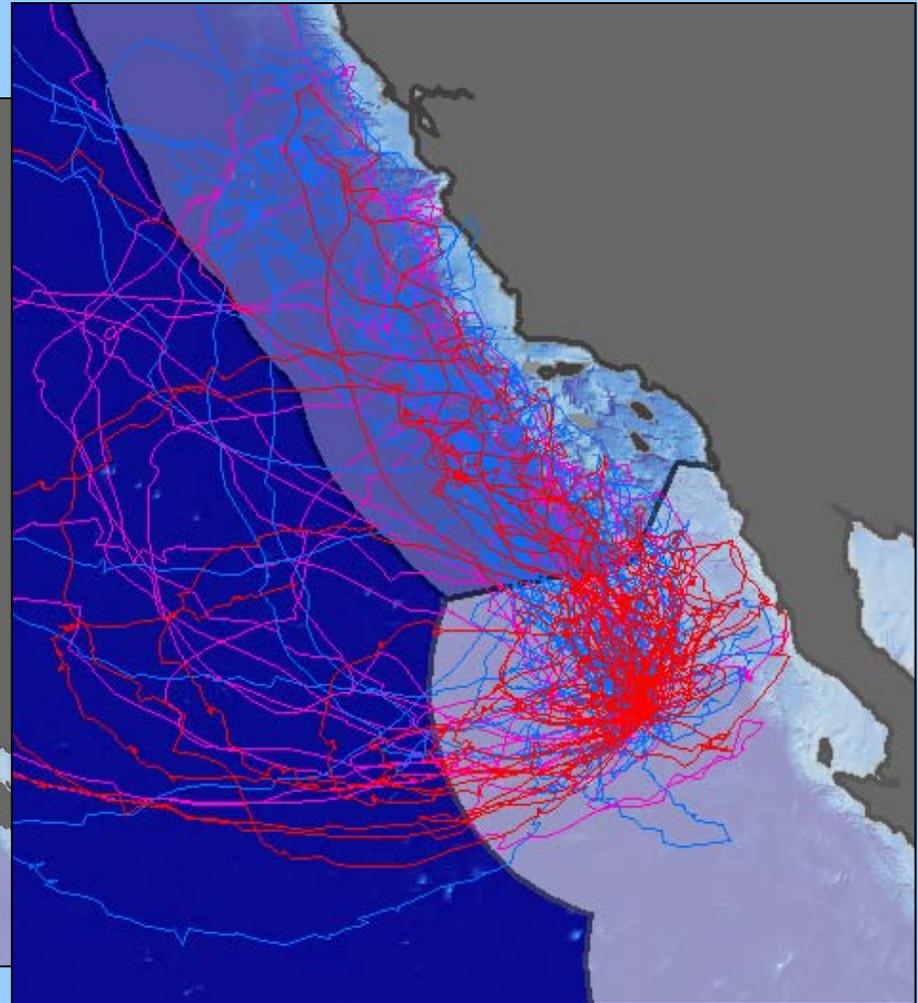
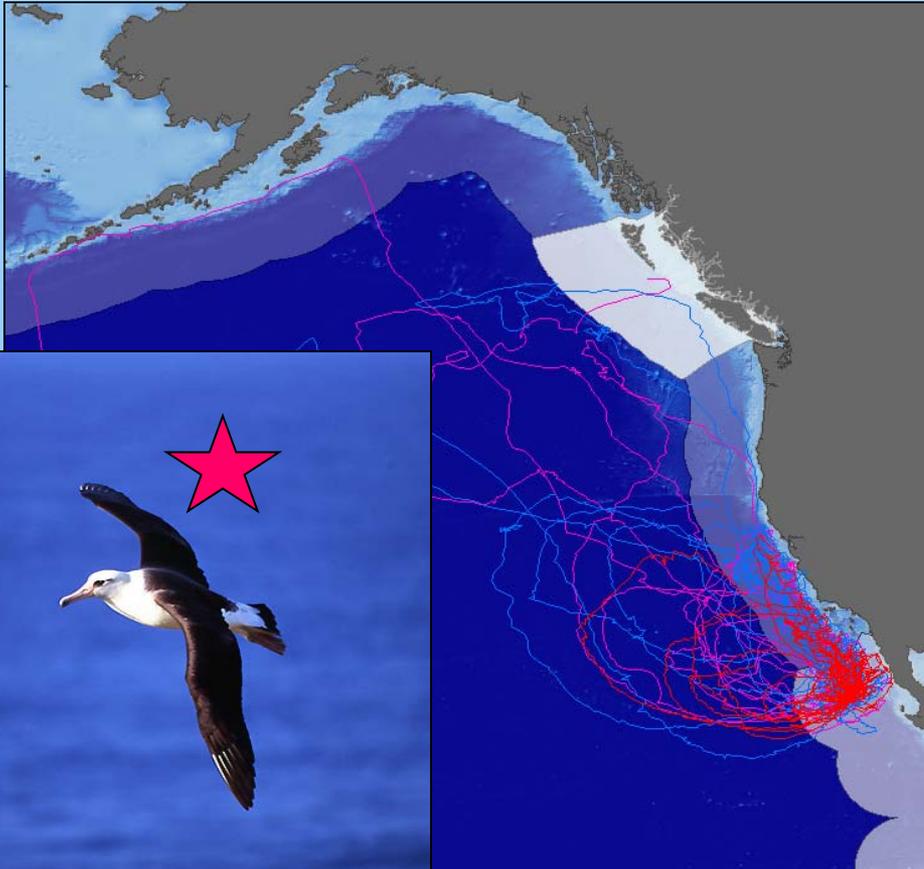
Albatross from South Georgia

- Winter 1999
- Summer 2000
- Winter 2000





# Bilateral and Trilateral Movements



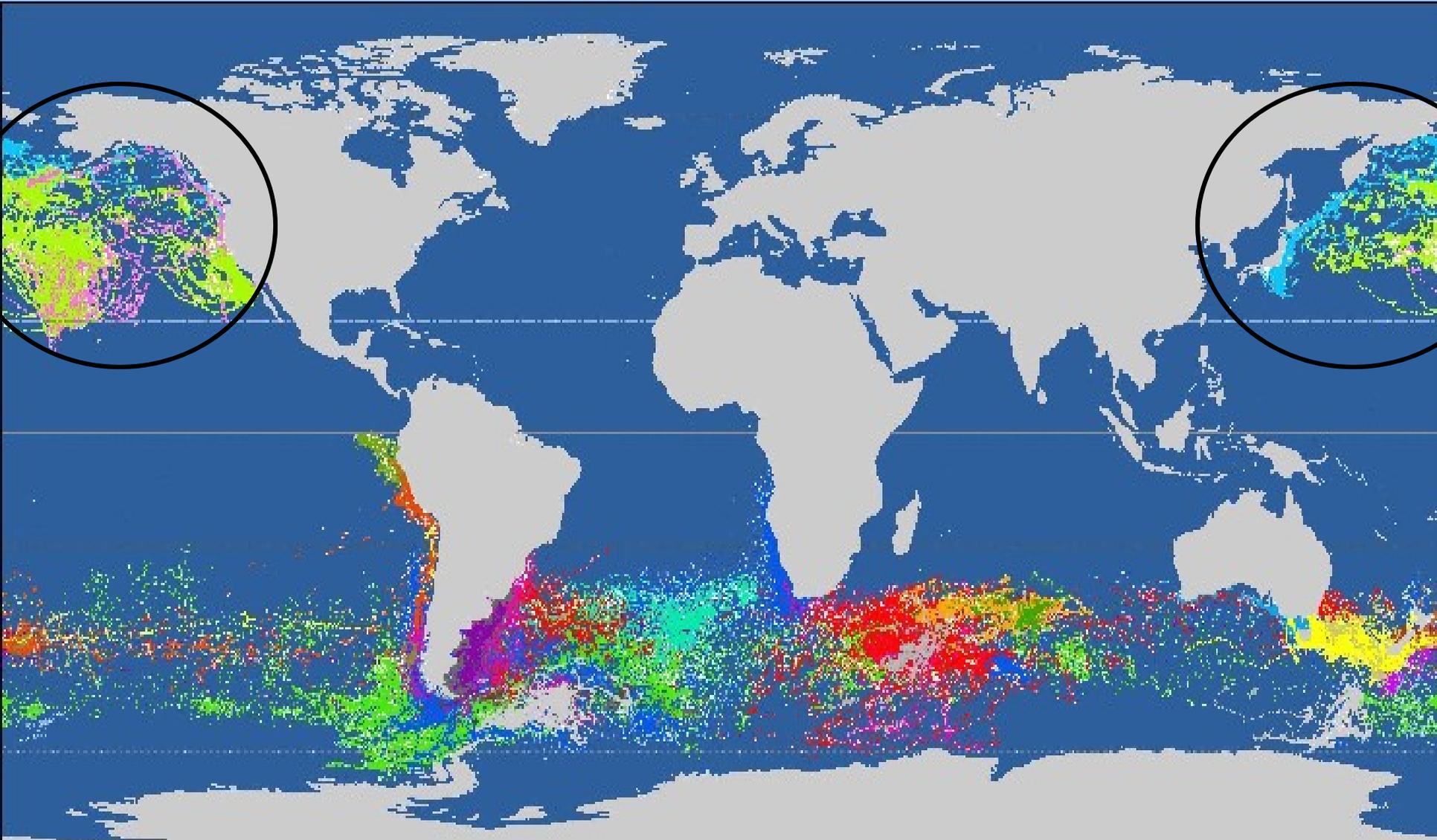


# Trans-equatorial Movements

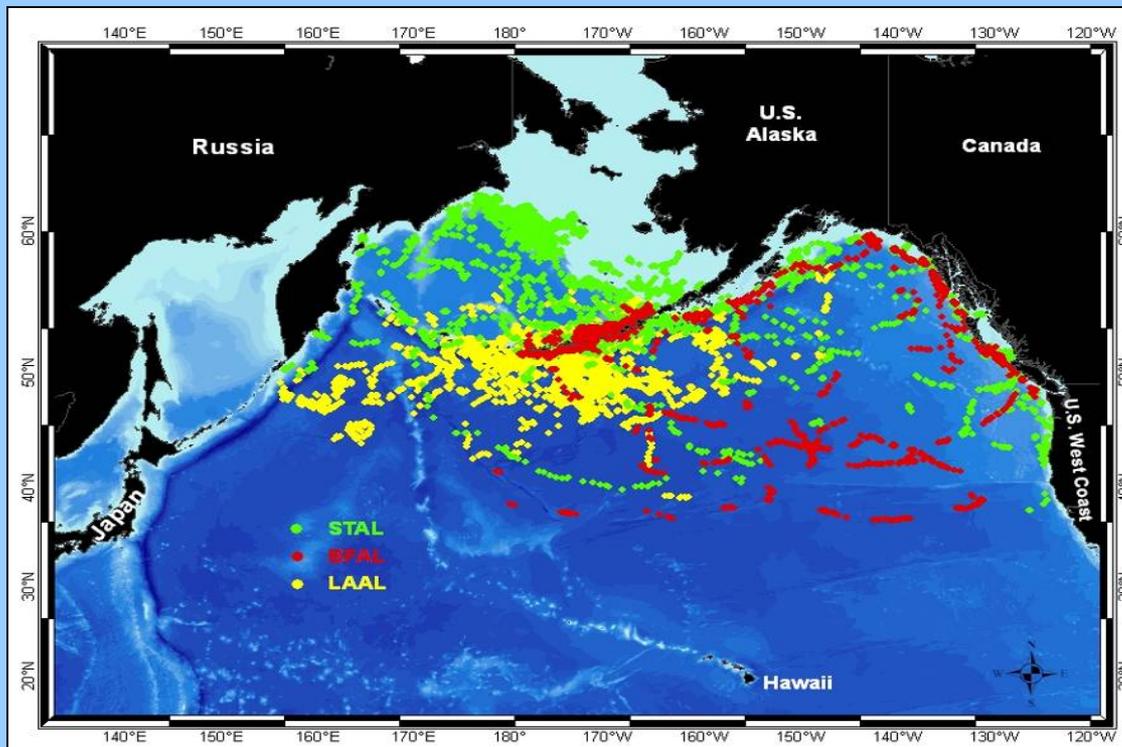




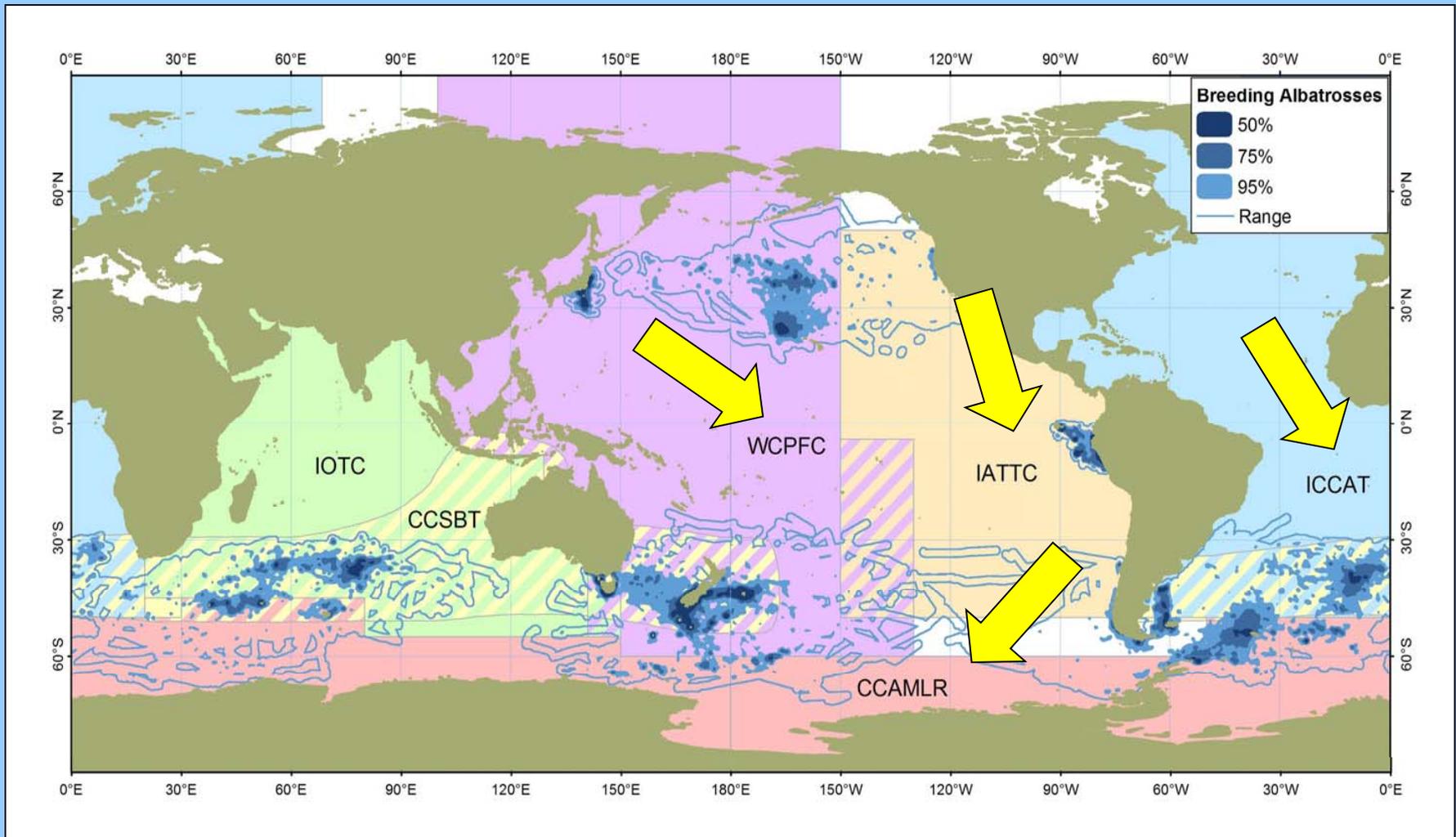
# Global Distribution



# Shared Species, Shared Responsibility



# Shared Threats, Shared Jurisdiction





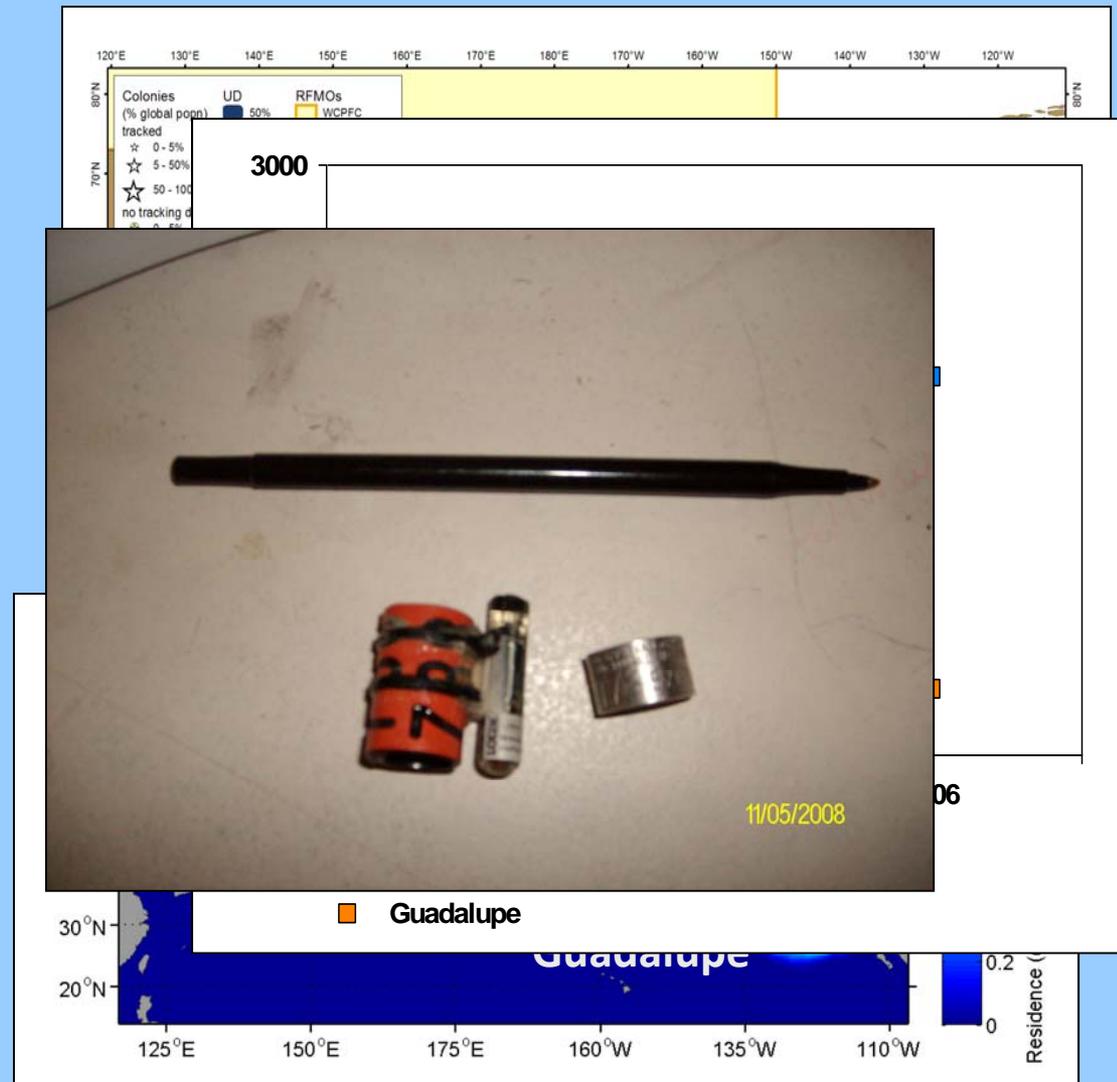
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- Species we care about
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# Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)

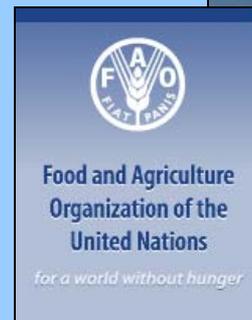
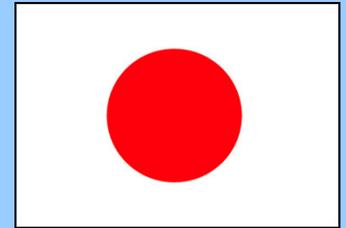
- ACAP entered into force in 2004
- ACAP is the only multilateral agreement to conserve albatrosses and petrels by coordinating activities to mitigate threats to their populations
- There are 13 parties to ACAP
- U.S. involvement –
  - Been going to meetings since 2001
  - Sent me on secondment in fall 2006
  - Began working on accession in Spring 2007
  - Bush Administration submitted Agreement to the Senate in Sept 2008
  - NOAA and USFWS submitted legislation to Congress in Jan 2009
  - Obama Administration said ACAP a priority among treaties in May 2009
  - Ongoing – Pam and others briefed the House of Representatives Friday





# Other International Activities and Partnerships

- International Fora –
  - Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management (the Trilats)
  - The Committee on Environmental Cooperation (the CEC)
  - Bilateral Fisheries Agreements (e.g. Japan, Canada)
  - Bilateral Science & Technology Agreements (e.g. Korea)
  - UN Food and Agriculture Organization
  - Waterbird Conservation Council
  - Pacific Seabird Group
  - Northwest Atlantic Marine Bird Conservation Cooperative
- International Project Support –
  - WWF in Russia
  - UCSC in Mexico
  - Pro Delphinus in Peru
  - Ecological Risk Assessment at ICCAT



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# Questions?

# Answers



1. Greater Shearwater
2. Waved Albatross
3. Grey-headed Albatross
4. Laysan Albatross
5. Sooty Shearwater
6. Short-tailed Albatross
7. Black-footed Albatross
8. Laysan Albatross
9. Buller's Albatross
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