

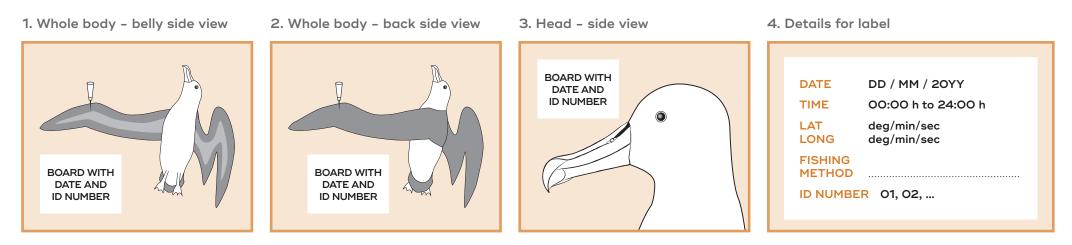
# Guide to photographing dead seabirds



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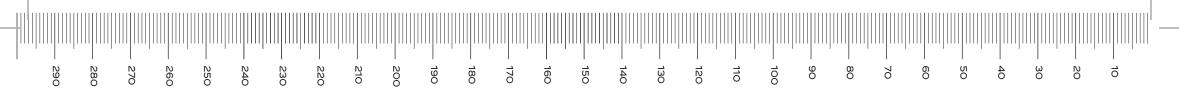
By photographing dead seabirds you will help scientists to identify which species was bycaught. This guide shows you what images to take. The ruler may be placed next to the seabird to help in estimating size. Please place a label next to the dead seabird to help with identification: noting the date and time when the seabird was bycaught (see below). Please also ensure that your vessel's logbook records each seabird bycatch incident.



Please email digital copies of the photographs to: SeabirdTAP@aad.gov.au

### Collecting bands from dead seabirds

By collecting the leg rings from dead banded seabirds you will help scientists track the movements of seabirds. Please remove the leg ring from the dead seabird and send the ring to the **Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme (ABBS)**, GPO Box 787, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia, telephone +61 (0)2 6274 1111, email **abbs@environment.gov.au**, website **www.environment.gov.au/science/bird-and-bat-banding**.



## Guide to collecting feather samples from dead seabirds for genetic analysis



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By collecting feather samples from dead seabirds you will help scientists to conduct genetic analyses that help identify which species was bycaught. This guide shows you what samples to take. Taking care in collecting feather samples will help to prevent contamination. Please also ensure that your vessel's logbook records each seabird bycatch incident.

#### 1. Details for ID label

DATE DD / MM / 20YY TIME OO:OO h to 24:OO h LAT deg/min/sec LONG deg/min/sec FISHING METHOD ID NUMBER O1, O2, ...



2. Belly side - pull feathers from here

3. Back side view - pull feather from here



### **DO NOT CUT FEATHERS - PULL** - DNA analysis is done using the base of the feather.

## Posting samples

When posting, please place bagged feather sample inside a second ziplock bag with absorbent material and seal. Please then place this package inside a postage bag and seal. Please mark front of postage bag 'Scientific research specimen, not restricted Special Provision A180 applies'. Also provide the words 'Not restricted' and 'Special Provision No. A180' on air waybills.

Please post to: Dr Barbara Wienecke, Australian Antarctic Division, 203 Channel Hwy, Kingston TAS 7050.