



Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

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As the Red List Authority for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, BirdLife International has carried out two partial reviews of the status of bird species for the IUCN Red List since its comprehensive re-evaluation of all species in 2008. The 2009 update was released in May 2009, and the 2010 update will be published in May 2010.

The 2009 and 2010 updates of the IUCN Red List has resulted in three changes to the status of ACAP listed species.

- Southern Giant-petrel *Macronectes giganteus* was downlisted from Near Threatened to Least Concern in 2009 owing to a new synthesis of population trends by colony showing that even the most pessimistic overall trends did not qualify it for Near Threatened.
- Chatham Albatross *Thalassarche eremita* will be downlisted from Critically Endangered to Vulnerable in May 2010 owing to a new review of evidence showing that past habitat quality declines have not continued and that populations have remained stable (or even increased) in recent years.
- Laysan Albatross *Phoebastria immutabilis* will be downlisted from Vulnerable to Near Threatened in May 2010 because projected declines have not eventuated and the overall population trend for 1992-2005 at least has been stable.

In total, 17 of the 22 species of albatross are listed as threatened with extinction (three Critically Endangered (CR), six Endangered (EN) and eight Vulnerable (VU), with the remaining five all qualifying as Near Threatened (NT), together with four of the seven species of petrel listed under ACAP (all four being Vulnerable, with one Near Threatened and two Least Concern (LC)). Hence, overall 72% (21 of 29) ACAP-listed species are threatened.

The Table below gives the current (2010) Red List category for all species

Common name	Scientific name	IUCN Red List category
Waved Albatross	<i>Phoebastria irrorata</i>	CR
Short-tailed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria albatrus</i>	VU
Black-footed Albatross	<i>Phoebastria nigripes</i>	EN
Laysan Albatross	<i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i>	NT
Wandering Albatross	<i>Diomedea exulans</i>	VU
Antipodean Albatross	<i>Diomedea antipodensis</i>	VU
Amsterdam Albatross	<i>Diomedea amsterdamensis</i>	CR
Tristan Albatross	<i>Diomedea dabbenena</i>	CR
Northern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea sanfordi</i>	EN
Southern Royal Albatross	<i>Diomedea epomophora</i>	VU
Sooty Albatross	<i>Phoebetria fusca</i>	EN
Light-mantled Albatross	<i>Phoebetria palpebrata</i>	NT
Black-browed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche melanophrys</i>	EN

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Campbell Albatross	<i>Thalassarche impavida</i>	VU
Shy Albatross	<i>Thalassarche cauta</i>	NT
White-capped Albatross	<i>Thalassarche steadi</i>	NT
Chatham Albatross	<i>Thalassarche eremita</i>	VU
Salvin's Albatross	<i>Thalassarche salvini</i>	VU
Grey-headed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche chrysostoma</i>	VU
Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i>	EN
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross	<i>Thalassarche carteri</i>	EN
Buller's Albatross	<i>Thalassarche bulleri</i>	NT
Southern Giant-petrel	<i>Macronectes giganteus</i>	LC
Northern Giant-petrel	<i>Macronectes halli</i>	LC
White-chinned Petrel	<i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i>	VU
Spectacled Petrel	<i>Procellaria conspicillata</i>	VU
Westland Petrel	<i>Procellaria westlandica</i>	VU
Parkinson's Petrel	<i>Procellaria parkinsoni</i>	VU
Grey Petrel	<i>Procellaria cinerea</i>	NT