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## A proposal to compile the ACAP Breeding Site accounts into a single ACAP publication

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## **SUMMARY**

It is proposed that the ACAP Breeding Site series posted to *ACAP Latest News* (82 accounts to date) be completed with the *c.* 50 outstanding accounts and then be updated, edited and published as an ACAP book.

To date, 82 illustrated accounts of sites which support a breeding population of at least one ACAP-listed species have been posted to *ACAP Latest News* since February 2013. All known breeding sites for Australia, Ecuador, Mexico, Norway and South Africa have been covered, including ones with now extinct colonies, such as Bouvet Island.

Each breeding site account normally includes:

- 1. A brief description of the locality with its name, locality, size, habitat and vegetation.
- 2. Information on breeding ACAP-listed species: names, numbers, trends and monitoring efforts,
- Conservation status: management plan, nature reserve, Important Bird Area and World Heritage Site status and alien control/eradication efforts past, present or planned,
- 4. Up to 10 or so selected references, and
- 5. Five to eight photographs with captions showing the locality, its habitats, colonies and ACAP species.

Approximately 50 sites remain to be written up. These include:

Chile: Islas Guafo, Ildefonso, Mocha, Robinson Crusoe and Santa Clara

**France**: Iles Apôtres, Cochons, de l'Est and Pingouins (Crozet Islands)

Japan: Mukojima (Ogasawara Islands)

**New Zealand**: Chatham (translocation site), Forty-Fours and Three Kings

**Spain**: Conills, Espartar, Vedrà and Vedranell (Ibiza), Malgrats (Mallorca)

**USA**: Barking Sands (Kauai), French Frigate Shoals, Gardner Pinnacles, Lisianski, Ka'ula, Necker, Niihau and Pearl & Hermes Reef

**Disputed Territories**: Remaining individual islands in the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)<sup>1</sup> and South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)<sup>1</sup> and the Senkaku Islands

**Antarctic Continent**: Remaining colonies of Southern Giant Petrels *Macronectes giganteus* on and around the Antarctic Peninsula.

It is proposed that the remaining sites be written up with the aid of volunteers when possible and posted to *ACAP Latest News* during the course of 2016 and 2017. All the accounts would then be updated where necessary, edited and brought together into a single ACAP publication in 2018.

Anticipated costs will include editing, layout and printing (if hard copy is to be produced). Costs will be different if the compilation is to be only an e-publication or if hard copy is produced – as seems desirable.

Consideration should be given to whether the planned publication should be produced in all three ACAP languages, or only in English.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (Islas Georgias del Sur y Islas Sandwich del Sur) and the surrounding maritime areas".