

**From:** [Island Database Team](#)  
**To:** [McChesney, Gerry](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Seabird Conservation Review  
**Date:** Monday, November 7, 2016 4:06:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [AshyStormPetrel\\_PVA\\_ExpertReview.xlsx](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Gerry,

We are sending out one final request for a review of the attached spreadsheet. If you have limited time, please focus your review on the Threats Summary tab.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.

Best,  
Don Croll

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**From:** **Island Database Team** <[islands.db@ucsc.edu](mailto:islands.db@ucsc.edu)>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 13, 2016 at 3:09 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Seabird Conservation Review  
**To:** [Gerry\\_McChesney@fws.gov](mailto:Gerry_McChesney@fws.gov)

Dear Gerry,

Several weeks ago we sent you the email below requesting a review of seabird data in our expanded Threatened Island Biodiversity Database. We are excited about moving forward with using these data for seabird conservation planning. Hopefully you can find the time to review the attached spreadsheet and add or revise its content according to your expert knowledge. In particular, we are looking for information on adult and juvenile dispersal (leaving the natal breeding island and returning to a different island to breed), impacts of invasive species to the seabirds on breeding islands (direct impacts on hatching and fledging success, and on adult survival), and demographic data. Our plan is to use this information to conduct a series of population viability analyses to model the extinction risk of threatened seabirds and to examine potential conservation scenarios.

It has also come to our attention that many of the experts we contacted also received a request from BirdLife International for a similar review of data. We have been in communication with BirdLife and would like to clarify that some of the key data we're asking you to review is different than the information requested from BirdLife. We have agreed to mutually share all of our compiled information with BirdLife to build the most comprehensive database on island breeding seabirds.

We hope that you will take a moment to review the attached spreadsheet and send us any

comments/corrections/additional data you may have on the specific seabird species by Friday October 21st.

Thank you,

Bernie Tershy, Don Croll, Kelly Newton, Diana Ruiz, Dena Spatz, Coastal Conservation Action Laboratory, University of California at Santa Cruz

Nick Holmes, Island Conservation

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From: **Island Database Team** <[islands.db@ucsc.edu](mailto:islands.db@ucsc.edu)>

Date: Mon, Sep 19, 2016 at 12:05 PM

Subject: Fwd: Seabird Conservation Review

To: [Gerry\\_McChesney@fws.gov](mailto:Gerry_McChesney@fws.gov)

Dear Colleague,

You were one of over 700 experts contacted to share knowledge on the global distribution of IUCN Red List threatened species and Invasive Alien Vertebrates on islands for the Threatened Island Biodiversity Database. These data are already being used to plan and fund conservation actions to protect globally threatened species from extinction. You can access them any time at <http://tib.islandconservation.org>. Thank you!

Building on this project, we have now expanded the database to include demographic parameters, population sizes on islands, and invasive alien vertebrate impacts for all IUCN critically endangered, endangered, and vulnerable **seabird** species.

We plan to use this expanded database to conduct a series of population viability analyses to model the extinction risk of the world's most endangered seabird species and examine potential conservation scenarios. Once completed, we anticipate that this database and the model built from it will be a powerful tools for informing seabird conservation management. Our goal is to publish our model findings in the peer reviewed literature as well as making it available as an online, interactive, seabird population viability planning tool for seabird conservation practitioners. As in the past, we will acknowledge your invaluable contribution to both platforms.

Now, we are again asking for your help to improve this globally important conservation dataset so we can further refine the type and location of priority conservation actions. Attached is a subset of the data tailored to your species or general area of expertise. We would appreciate it if you could please take a moment to cross check our collected information on demographic parameters, colony locations, colony size, etc., against your own knowledge. In the spreadsheet are detailed instructions on a) how to undertake this review, b) metadata information describing the parameters used, and c) a list of all reviewers contacted. We expect that this review should take you no longer than 30 minutes or so. Please forward this email and request for information to other experts not on our list who may have useful information to contribute to our effort.

Our aim is to conclude this expert review by **October 10th, so we ask you to please provide any corrections or additions by then.** If you have any comments or concerns regarding this process, or would like to be removed from this email list, please don't hesitate to contact us via email at [islands.db@ucsc.edu](mailto:islands.db@ucsc.edu) or telephone at (United States) [831 459 4581](tel:8314594581). We can also arrange communication via Skype.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Bernie Tershy, Don Croll, Kelly Newton, Diana Ruiz, Dena Spatz, Coastal Conservation Action Laboratory, University of California at Santa Cruz

Nick Holmes, Island Conservation

John Croxall, BirdLife International

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