

### **Short-tailed Albatross *Phoebastria albatrus* deaths in North Pacific Fishery**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reports the incidental take of two Short-tailed Albatross *Phoebastria albatrus* in the Bering Sea. The species is classified as Endangered with an estimated world population of 1,000 birds. Two individuals were killed in late September 1998 by the hook-and-line groundfish fishery in the Bering Sea; one of the birds was recovered and identified from its ring to be an eight years old bird from a Japanese breeding colony. The species is protected under the United States' Endangered Species Act with an incidental take of four birds in the 1997–1998 period being permitted. If this limit is exceeded all operations causing such take must cease, pend-

ing consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

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### **Highest Bulgarian count of White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala***

A sighting of 780 White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala* at Vaya Lake, an Important Bird Area, on 9 February 1999 is the highest ever count for Bulgaria. The sighting was made by a Swiss bird-watching group on a tour organised by BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria.

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## **Erratum**

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As a result of an unfortunate technical error, the copyright line at the top of the opening page of each paper in the above contained the wrong year and volume number (Volume 9, 1999). It should read as follows:

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