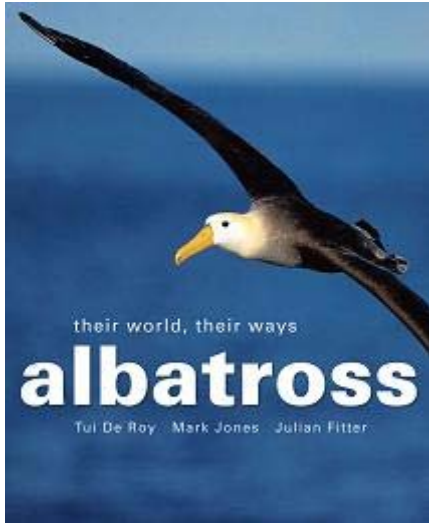


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In "Around Their Necks" [4/08], Tui De Roy and Mark Jones call attention to both the beauty and the plight of albatrosses. Effective albatross conservation requires managing resources while taking into account the surrounding ecosystem--an approach known as "ecosystem-based management." Three initiatives are already in place that illustrate this approach to albatross management. In 2003, BirdLife International compiled a global tracking database; in 2004 the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels encouraged nations to commit to conservation goals. Most recently, in 2007, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service outlined a plan to monitor natural and human impacts on North Pacific albatrosses. Across the globe, resource managers are embracing large-scale and multinational conservation actions to reverse the worsening status of albatrosses.

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