

The image features a large red speech bubble with a white outline and a downward-pointing tail. Inside the bubble, the word "ALBATROSS" is written in a blue, outlined, sans-serif font. The background consists of several concentric circles, some solid and some dashed, in a light gray color, creating a ripple effect.

ALBATROSS

What is an albatross?

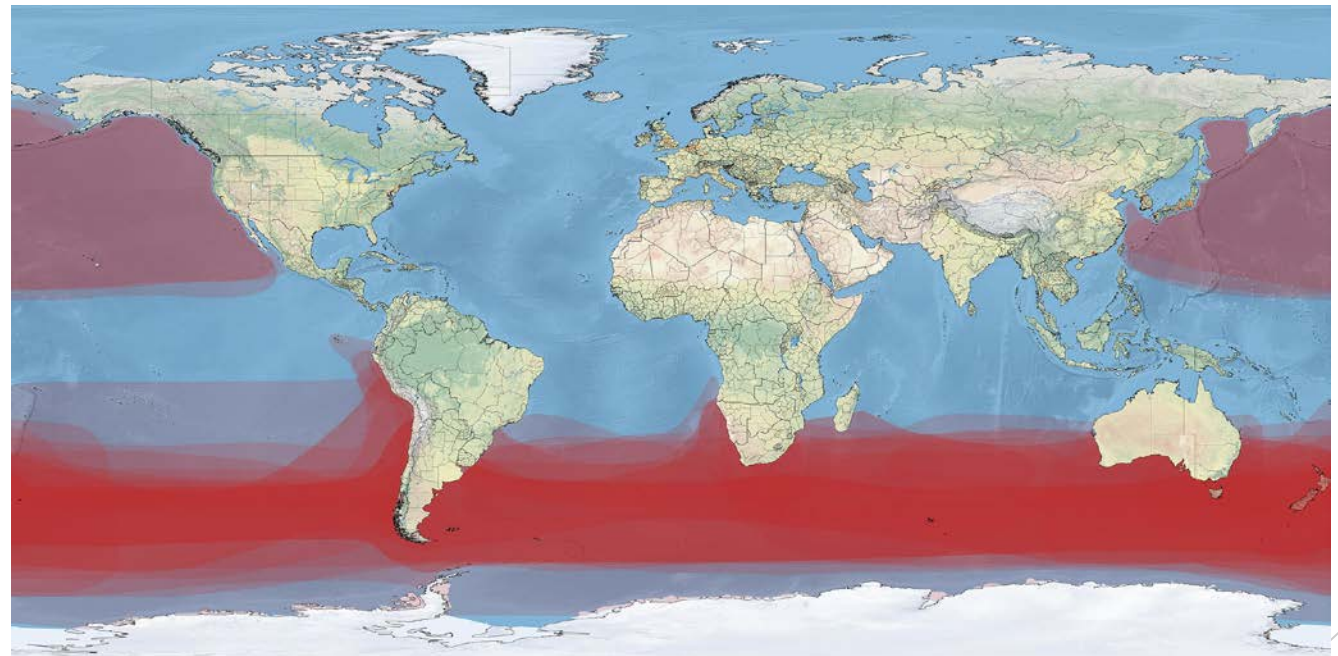
An Albatross is a large seabird from the biological family, **Diomedidae**. One of the biggest flying birds is the genus great albatross which has the longest wingspan , reaching 3.7 meters!



More details

There are 22 albatross recognized species. A famous one is the royal albatross.

The albatross diet includes **cephalopods, fish and offal**. They live in the Southern Ocean and the North Pacific.



Global range density of albatross

ALBATROSS SPECIES



ROYAL ALBATROSS



BLACK-FOOTED ALBATROSS



SHY ALBATROSS



WANDERING ALBATROSS



SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS



YELLOW-NOSED ALBATROSS

Relations with humans longline

- They have been described as the " *the most legendary of all birds*"
- **Albatrosses** are popular birds for birdwatchers
- *In golf*, shooting three under par on a single hole has recently been termed scoring an '**albatross**'
- They have been used in a lot of phrases in poems
 - **BUT**
- Out of the 22 species, 17 are threatened according to **bird life**
- A main threat is the commercial longline fishing
- Albatross plumes were popular in the early 20th century. In 1909 alone, over **300,000** albatrosses were killed



THREATS

- Ingestion of **plastic flotsam** is a big problem for all the seabirds
- Another threat is **introduced species**, such as rats or feral cats
- **Human activities** such as hunting, pollution near military buildings e.t.c



Conservation

- In Falkland islands there's a huge reduce to **black-browed albatross**. Conservationists are trying to remove introduced species.
- One important step towards protecting albatrosses and other seabirds is the 2001 treaty, the **Agreement on the conversation of albatrosses and Petrels**. The treaty requires countries to take specific actions to reduce bycatch, pollution and to *remove introduced species from nesting islands*.

Life cycle of an albatross

First the egg is laid by an adult
Second the egg hatches and the parent looks after him until he can fly. Last it becomes an adult