

WANDERING ALBATROSS

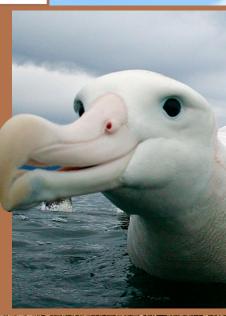
Whoosh... a majestic wandering albatross has just swooped overhead, gliding effortlessly above the Southern Ocean. Let's learn more.

With an average wingspan of up to 3.5 metres, the wandering albatross is a giant of the air. Such a huge bird needs lots of food for energy, so they scour the sea for juicy squid-like cephalopods, small fish and crustaceans. which they catch from the surface or just below.



Wandering albatrosses can travel huge distances to find food, often following longline fishing fleets and feeding on the bait that is attached to hooks. 'Bycatch' is the term for animals accidentally harmed by fishing gear. Alongside other organisations and the fishing industry, WWF is working to promote safe fishing methods for seabirds.

WWF has also helped establish a large protected area in the seas around South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands - an important foraging area for wandering albatrosses.



The wandering albatross can stay in the air without flapping its wings for several hours at a time, because of its massive wingspan.

They are some of the most far-ranging birds and have been known to fly right around the Southern Ocean three times in one year, covering 75,000 MILES!



Fisheries certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) have agreed to use equipment and fishing methods that are less harmful to sea creatures and birds, like the wandering albatross. Look out for the MSC logo when you buy fish — including tuna.

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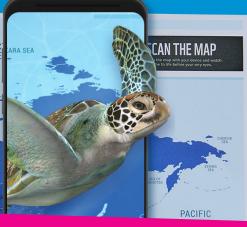
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