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Population status and trends for *Thalassarche* cauta (Shy Albatross)

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SUMMARY

BirdLife International recently invited participation in the globally threatened bird forums process to discuss proposed revisions to the global threat status (IUCN Red List Category of Extinction Risk) for selected species including *Thalassarche cauta* (Shy Albatross). Consideration is being given to uplisting Shy Albatross from Near Threatened to Vulnerable on the Red List of Threatened Species. The Population and Conservation Status Working Group has not been able to discuss the proposal in the timeframe allocated for these consultations, with contributions to the nomination process having closed in August 2017, ahead of the Tenth Meeting of the Advisory Committee and related Working Group meetings in September 2017. BirdLife International has indicated an intention to hold over any decision on Shy Albatross until 2018. Shy Albatross is endemic to Australia and is already listed in Australia as Vulnerable under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). In this paper we review the global threat status for Shy Albatross against the IUCN criteria to assist discussion within the Population and Conservation Status Working Group about the proposed uplisting of Shy Albatross from Near Threatened to Vulnerable on the Red List of Threatened Species.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That PaCSWG:

- Review information concerning the proposed revision to the global threat status (IUCN Red List Category of Extinction Risk) for *Thalassarche cauta* (Shy Albatross).
- 2. Consider commenting on the proposal to uplist Shy Albatross from Near Threatened to Vulnerable on the Red List of Threatened Species.

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