



**Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels**

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To assist Parties to consider the proposal to amend Annex 1 with regard to the correct spelling of *T.melanophris*, the United Kingdom provides the following extract from *The Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* – Case 3449.



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#### **Case 3449**

***Diomedea melanophris* Temminck, 1828 (currently *Thalassarche melanophris*; Aves, Procellariiformes): proposed conservation of original spelling**

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this application, under Articles 33.2.3 and 33.3 of the Code, is to rule that the name of the Black-browed Albatross *Diomedea melanophris* Temminck, 1828 (currently *Thalassarche melanophris*) is confirmed as the correct original spelling. Since 1839, half of authors have used *melanophris* and the other half *melanophris*, following Temminck's (1839) incorrect subsequent spelling. The difference is not statistically significant, and it is proposed that the original spelling is confirmed as correct to follow the priority and to promote stability.

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