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The Gadfly Petrel Conservation Group was established in 2009 by the Global Seabird Programme of BirdLife International with the aim of improving knowledge and conservation status of one of the most threatened and least known groups of seabirds. Thus:

- 3 out of 4 *Pseudobulweria* are Critically Endangered, the other is Near Threatened.
- In *Pterodroma*, of 32 species, 4 species are Critically Endangered, 7 Endangered, 10 Vulnerable, 4 Near Threatened; only 7 are Least Concern.
- A few species have substantial active conservation programmes; many species have little or no effective action at the present time.
- At sea distributions, and the foraging ecology of many species are unknown

Many of the species in these groups are known or thought to share similar ecological requirements on the breeding grounds where threats from introduced predators, habitat loss/alteration and vulnerability due to limited numbers of known nesting sites are some of the common threats. This makes sharing knowledge of management successes (and failures) of disproportionate importance to the future conservation of these species. The main aims of the Group are to:

- Improve conservation status through better knowledge and associated practical action
- Improve estimates of population size and trends
- Determine success of existing management measures at IBAs for these species
- Identify conservation priorities (especially those of a collaborative nature and relevant to multiple taxa) and develop appropriate fundraising proposals
- Improve knowledge of at sea distribution
- Improve Identification/Taxonomy

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