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THE STATUS OF SOUTHERN GIANT PETRELS *Macronectes giganteus* AT THE FRAZIER ISLANDS, WILKES LAND, EAST ANTARCTICA

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Censuses of the Southern Giant Petrel colonies on the Frazier Islands, Wilkes Land, recorded 140 nests on the three islands in November 1983 and an estimated 174 in December 1989. The population declined from approximately 200 nests in the mid 1950s to only 53 chicks in 1982/83, but an increased number of nests and chicks reported from the 1983/84 season onwards suggest that the population is presently increasing in numbers, with over 120 chicks fledging in 1984/85 and 1989/90.