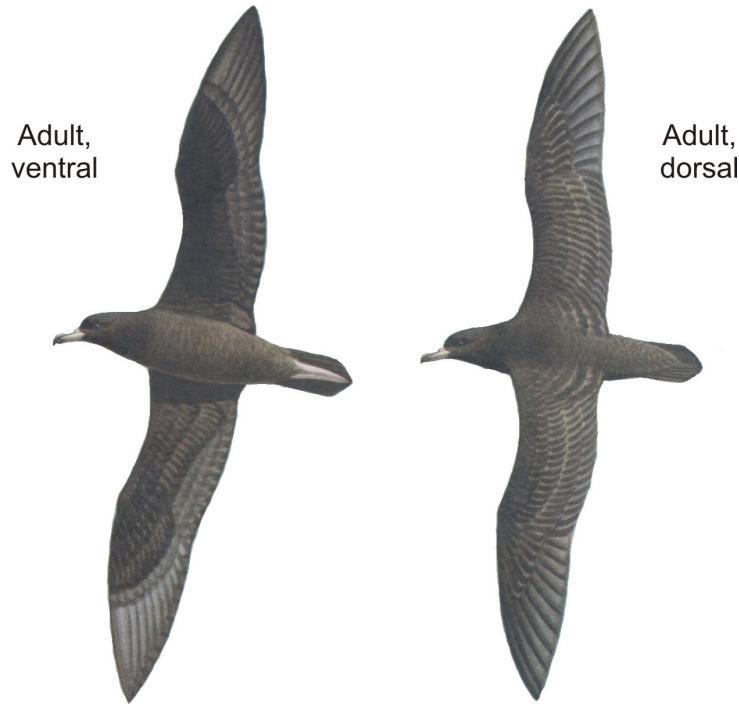


Flesh-footed Shearwater *Ardenna carneipes* Species Code: 077 Band: Z



Identification:

See illustrations – robust distinctly coloured pale horn to cream-white bill with dark tip;
Legs and feet flesh-pink tending to pale brown distally;
Toe nails are blackish, sometimes with light horn or pink bases;
Egg width 38 - 50 mm and length 60 - 75 mm.

Morphometrics:

	Adult Male	Adult Female
Wing:	320 -338 mm	317 – 340 mm
8 th Primary:	200 – 207 mm	195 – 208 mm
Tail:	109 – 118 mm	113 – 123 mm
Bill:	39.9 – 43.7 mm	39.3 – 43.6 mm
Tarsus:	53.5 – 58.8 mm	53.8 – 57.7 mm
Weight:	533 – 692 g	

Ageing:

First birds return to nesting islands in September / early October and breeding birds prepare burrows, no information on pre-laying exodus but egg laying is completed by early December;
Fledglings (1) leave the nesting burrow in early April;
No data on pairing or breeding ages, but probably similar to other shearwaters. Non-breeding birds probably establish pair bonds at 3-4 years, but don't breed until at least 5 years old, so all unknown-age nesting birds should be aged (5+).

Sexing:

No sexual dimorphism in size or plumage;
Both sexes incubate.