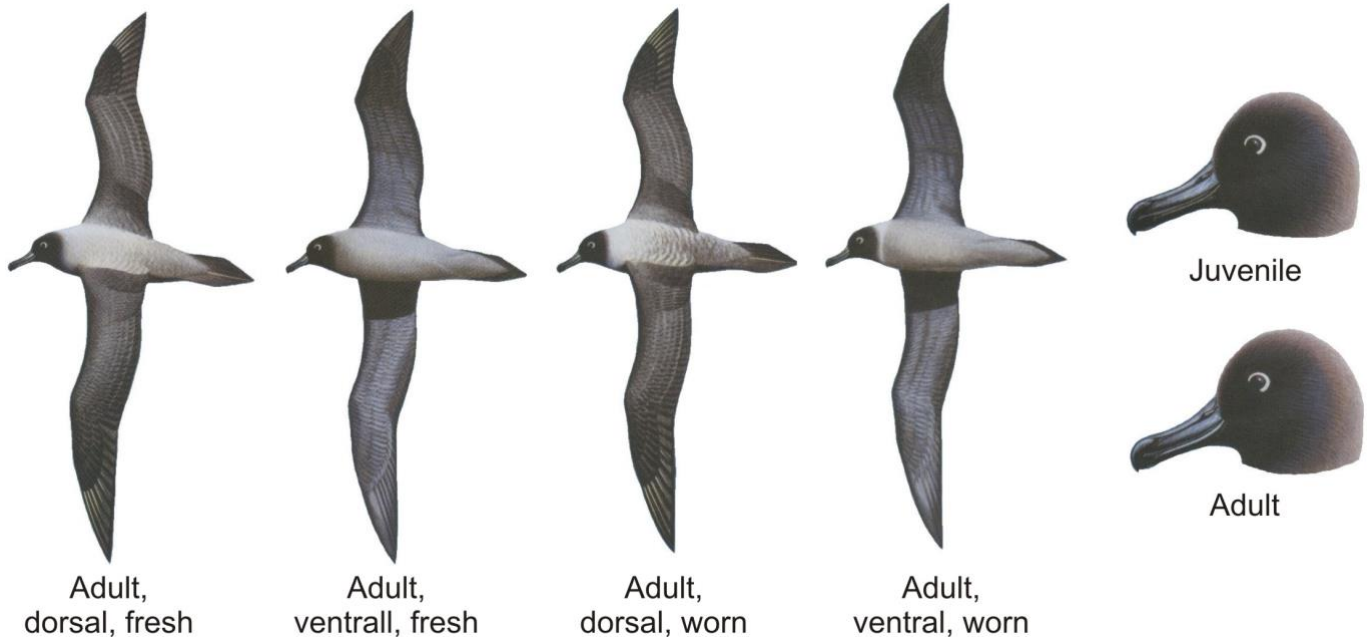


Light-mantled Sooty Albatross *Phoebastria palpebrata* Species Code.: 054 Band: M



Morphometrics:

	Males	Females
Wing:	503 – 568 mm	490 – 569 mm
Tail:	249 – 302 mm	236 – 301 mm
Bill (tip to skull):	103 – 117 mm	98 – 117 mm
Tarsus:	80.0 – 91.5 mm	78 – 88.0 mm
Middle Toe:	120 – 131 mm	116 – 115 mm
Weight:	2.800 – 3.360 kg	2.620 – 3.700 kg

Ageing:

Juvenile mantle and upper back is brownish grey with scalloping created by brownish grey open pennaceous tips to feathers, but the adult mantle and upper back is brownish grey with white to cream open pennaceous tips to feathers up to 1 cm wide;
In juveniles the proximal third of primary shafts are creamy white merging to blackish brown on the distal half of the shaft, whereas in adults the primary shafts are black-brown with a white central stripe;
The groove (sulcus) in the upper mandible of juveniles is dark-grey or brownish, in adults the groove is pale greyish blue;
See illustrations above for plumage differences caused by wear;
Adult plumage is probably attained at post-juvenile moult in first winter;
Age of first breeding is at least 7 years of age.

Sexing:

Method of sexing of live birds in the field is not documented in HANZAB;
Both sexes incubate in alternative shifts.