



South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

Office of the Commissioner
Government House
Stanley
Falkland Islands

Dear Permit Holder,

Please note that the bird strike proforma is still being finalized for the 23/24 season and will be attached with your permit when issued.

It is important that we collect accurate and complete data on bird strike incidences. This brings uniformity to the data collection across tourism and fishing vessels. The information collected is not used to penalise the reporting vessel, but will help us better understand the issue and to develop appropriate mitigation measures. It is an infringement of your Visit Permit not to report bird strikes.

Bird strikes (including birds released unharmed) must be recorded in the GSGSSI Bird Strike Proforma, and emailed to the Government Officers each time a bird strike occurs.

GSGSSI Bird Strike Reporting:

1. **Adhere to your bird strike policy/plan.** This will have been submitted to GSGSSI when applying for a permit to visit, and all staff and crew onboard the vessel must be familiar with the measures set out therein.
2. **Complete the GSGSSI Bird Strike Proforma (attached).** Email it to the Government Officers when a bird strike occurs. A new form needs to be completed for each bird strike.
3. **If you have a question – ask.** Government Officers at KEP will be happy to assist you in how to complete the form or answer questions.
4. **Report honestly and accurately.** Failing to comply with GSGSSI Bird Strike procedures during your visit is an infringement of your Visit Permit, and may affect any current and future permitting.

Thank you for your cooperation with this vital reporting.

Kind regards,

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