



South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

Office of the Commissioner, Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands

Dear Operator, Expedition Leader and Master,

Please note that the bird strike proforma is now finalized for the 2025-26 season and is available via the dropbox.

It is important that we collect accurate and complete data on bird strike incidences. This brings uniformity to the data collection across all vessels, including tourism, fishing and science. The information collected is not used to penalise the reporting vessel, but will help us better understand the issue and assess the efficacy of our mitigation measures.

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 notifying us of your 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 may impact South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands incredible wildlife diversity.

Thank you for your co-operation with this vital reporting.

Best Wishes,

Denise Blake
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Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands