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FORAGING ZONES OF SOUTHERN ROYAL ALBATROSSES

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Abstract. Southern Royal Albatrosses (*Diomedea epomophora*) were satellite-tracked from Campbell Island during the incubation period in 1997 and 1999. Their foraging activity was restricted to shelf and shelf-break areas within 1250 km of their breeding site. Foraging activity by 8 of the 14 individuals tracked was concentrated at a zone near the Snares Islands, on the Campbell Plateau. Southern and Northern Royal Albatrosses (*D. sanfordi*) foraged on average nearer their breeding site than the other two species of greater albatrosses (Gibson's [*D. gibsoni*], and Wandering [*D. exulans*] Albatrosses) studied during the incubation period.

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