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22 **Abstract**

23 Tropical cyclones are renowned for their destructive nature and are an important feature of
24 marine and coastal tropical ecosystems. Over the last 40 years their intensity, frequency and
25 tracks have changed, partly in response to ocean warming, and future predictions indicate that
26 these trends are likely to continue with potential consequences for human populations and
27 coastal ecosystems. However, our understanding of how tropical cyclones currently affect
28 marine biodiversity, and pelagic species in particular, is limited. For seabirds the impacts of
29 cyclones are known to be detrimental at breeding colonies, but impacts on the annual survival
30 of pelagic adults and juveniles remain largely unexplored and no study has simultaneously
31 explored the direct impacts of cyclones on different life history stages across the annual life
32 cycle. We used a 20 year data set on tropical cyclones in the Indian Ocean, tracking data from
33 122 Round Island petrels and long-term capture-mark-recapture data to explore the impacts
34 of tropical cyclones on the survival of adult and juvenile (first year) petrels during both the
35 breeding and migration periods. The tracking data showed that juvenile and adult Round
36 Island petrels utilise the three cyclone regions of the Indian Ocean and were potentially
37 exposed to cyclones for a substantial part of their annual cycle. However, only juvenile petrel
38 survival was affected by cyclone activity; negatively by a strong cyclone in the vicinity of the
39 breeding colony and positively by increasing cyclone activity in the northern Indian Ocean
40 where they spend the majority of their first year at sea. These contrasting effects raise the
41 intriguing prospect that the projected changes in cyclones under current climate change
42 scenarios may have positive as well as the more commonly perceived negative impacts on
43 marine biodiversity.

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46 **Introduction**

47 Extreme climatic events such as tropical cyclones (also known as hurricanes and typhoons,
48 but hereafter referred to as cyclones) are an important feature of tropical marine, coastal and
49 island ecosystems. Cyclones are typically considered destructive by nature, negatively
50 impacting on human populations (Mendelsohn *et al.*, 2012, Peduzzi *et al.*, 2012), marine
51 (Dewald & Pike, 2014, Perry *et al.*, 2014, Raynor *et al.*, 2013) and terrestrial biodiversity
52 (Dunham *et al.*, 2011, McConkey *et al.*, 2004, Oli *et al.*, 2001, Rittenhouse *et al.*, 2010,
53 Schoener *et al.*, 2004), but can have both short and long-term positive ecological impacts on
54 marine and terrestrial ecosystems (Burslem *et al.*, 2000, Carrigan & Puotinen, 2014, Lugo,
55 2008).

56 Over the last 40 years the changes in cyclone frequency, rate of genesis and intensity in
57 different hemispheres and ocean basins, primarily in response to a warming environment,
58 have been well documented (Elsner *et al.*, 2008, Evan *et al.*, 2011, Kishtawal *et al.*, 2012,
59 Kuleshov *et al.*, 2010, Webster *et al.*, 2005). In the Southern Indian Ocean cyclone region
60 (hereafter referred to as SIO) there is weak evidence to show that cyclones are getting less
61 frequent (Kuleshov *et al.*, 2010), but there is an increase in the frequency of strong cyclones
62 (Kuleshov, 2014, Kuleshov *et al.*, 2010, Webster *et al.*, 2005), an increase in the lifetime
63 maximum wind speed (Deo & Ganer, 2014, Elsner *et al.*, 2008) and an increase in the rate at
64 which cyclones intensify (Kishtawal *et al.*, 2012). There is also a strong connection between
65 the El Nino southern oscillation (ENSO) and cyclones in the SIO with ENSO affecting the
66 frequency and spatial distribution of cyclones (Ho *et al.*, 2006). In El Niño years there were
67 more cyclones in the western SIO (west of 75⁰) than in La Niña years and in El Niño years
68 cyclone tracks followed an earlier recurve to the east. In the Northern Indian Ocean cyclone
69 region (hereafter referred to as NIO) there is no evidence for a change in the annual number
70 of cyclones (Evan & Camargo, 2011, Webster *et al.*, 2005), but there are some regional

71 variations within this trend. Cyclone genesis in the Arabian Sea has increased, yet declined in
72 the Bay of Bengal (Deo & Ganer, 2014) and the duration of the pre-monsoon cyclone period
73 in the Arabian Sea (May-June) is increasing with cyclones forming earlier (Deo & Ganer,
74 2014). There is also evidence for a recent increase in cyclone intensity in the NIO (Elsner *et*
75 *al.*, 2008, Evan *et al.*, 2011, Webster *et al.*, 2005). Under a range of climate change scenarios
76 these trends are predicted to continue (Gualdi *et al.*, 2008, Knutson *et al.*, 2010) and
77 alongside other extreme weather events are predicted to have important consequences for
78 biodiversity and human systems (Garcia *et al.*, 2014, Jentsch & Beierkuhnlein, 2008, Sainz
79 de *et al.*, 2014). In order to understand the impacts of the projected changes in cyclone
80 activity on biodiversity, we first need to understand how biodiversity is affected by current
81 cyclone conditions both in the short and long-term. While a number of studies have explored
82 this in terrestrial systems (see earlier examples and Amezcua y Juárez *et al.* (2013), Moreno and
83 Møller (2011)), documented impacts in marine systems are less commonplace despite this
84 being the environment where cyclone genesis and their subsequent tracks primarily occur. In
85 marine systems seabirds are a relatively well-studied taxa, in terms of their ecology and how
86 they are influenced by environmental conditions (Barbraud *et al.*, 2012, Jenouvrier, 2013,
87 Oro, 2014, Sydeman *et al.*, 2012) but studies in the tropics are still limited (Oro, 2014). Given
88 the tropical nature of cyclones it is therefore unsurprising that only a small number of studies
89 have examined their impacts on seabird ecology. To date studies have primarily concentrated
90 on either coastal species at or near breeding grounds (Devney *et al.*, 2009, King *et al.*, 1992,
91 Raynor *et al.*, 2013, Spindel *et al.*, 2002) or the ‘inland-wrecks’ of pelagic species driven
92 ashore by cyclones (Bugoni *et al.*, 2007, Hass *et al.*, 2012). Given that seabirds are typically
93 long lived, with a relatively slow life history strategy on the slow-fast continuum (Saether &
94 Bakke, 2000), their population growth rate is most likely to be sensitive to changes in
95 survival and adult survival in particular, hence understanding how this might respond to

96 cyclones is important, but clearly overlooked in tropical species. To the best of our
97 knowledge the impact of cyclones on annual survival has only been examined in one
98 (temperate) species, the Cory's shearwater (*Calonectris diomedea*), which breeds in the
99 Mediterranean but migrates through the hurricane region in the Atlantic, where increasing
100 storm frequency negatively impacts on adult survival (Boano *et al.*, 2010, Genovart *et al.*,
101 2013, Jenouvrier *et al.*, 2009b). No study has yet to explicitly examine this in the survival of
102 a tropical seabird, which could be exposed to cyclones at both the breeding grounds and
103 during migration.

104 Exploring the impacts of large-scale environmental factors, such as cyclones, on population
105 demography is challenging because both location data are required to demonstrate where and
106 when species of interest are exposed to environmental factors and long-term, detailed
107 demographic data are required to then quantify any impact. In species with a migratory aspect
108 to their life cycle, such as pelagic seabirds, these challenges are compounded and the need for
109 year-round, extensive location data are particularly important to qualify the extent of
110 exposure. In this study we interpret, for the first time, a long-term demographic data set on a
111 tropical seabird in light of seasonal location data relative to the spatiotemporal distribution of
112 an environmental factor (cyclones) likely to impact on survival. Our study is based in the
113 Indian Ocean, which has three distinct cyclone regions, three cyclone seasons (Evan &
114 Camargo, 2011) and exhibits long-term trends in cyclone metrics since the 1970s (Elsner *et*
115 *al.*, 2008, Kishtawal *et al.*, 2012, Kuleshov *et al.*, 2010, Webster *et al.*, 2005). We first
116 combined 20 years of cyclone tracks and three years of tracking data from adult and fledgling
117 Round Island petrels (*Pterodroma arminjoniana*) to establish that these pelagic seabirds were
118 exposed to cyclones at the breeding colony, during their annual migration and first year at
119 sea, within the Indian Ocean. Secondly, we used a 20 year capture-mark-recapture (CMR)

120 data set and the corresponding seasonal cyclone data to examine the impact of cyclones on
121 adult and first year survival at different spatial scales.

122 **Materials and methods**

123 *Study site, species and data collection*

124 This study was conducted at Round Island Nature Reserve (19.85° South 57.78° East), a 219
125 ha island situated 23km off the North coast of Mauritius, Indian Ocean. The climate is
126 strongly seasonal, dominated by two monsoon periods, the warm and wet North East
127 monsoon (NEM) and the cooler, drier South West Monsoon (SWM) (Fig. 1). The former
128 typically runs from October to April (i.e. austral summer) and includes the tropical cyclone
129 season and the latter from May to September (i.e. austral winter) (Schott & McCreary Jr,
130 2001). Five species of seabird breed on Round Island including the Round Island petrel
131 (*Pterodroma arminjoniana*), which is a long-lived, gadfly petrel (300-500g). The
132 classification of the petrel on Round Island has proved confusing since its discovery in 1948,
133 and recent genetic evidence suggests that there are at least three species of *Pterodroma*
134 breeding and hybridising on the island (Brown *et al.*, 2011, Brown *et al.*, 2010). Unpublished
135 ringing and tracking data suggest that immigration from both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans
136 continues, but to what extent remains unclear. Round Island petrels breed all year round, with
137 chicks and eggs found in any month of the year, but there is a peak in egg-laying in August-
138 October (Tatayah, 2010). Petrel activity (i.e. eggs, chicks and adults) is typically lowest on
139 the island in May each year (Fig. 1) and hence a petrel year runs from June to May, thereby
140 spanning two calendar years and is referred to by the first calendar year, i.e. season 2001 =
141 2001/2002. The petrels are surface nesters, nesting under rock ledges, in clusters of boulders
142 and in the native tussock grass *Vetivera arguta*. Not all petrels that return to Round Island
143 attempt to breed each year, but along with breeding petrels remain at Round Island for around

144 six months. When not at Round Island these petrels are pelagic, typically performing a six
145 month migration to other regions in the Indian Ocean including the Arabian Sea, Somali
146 basin, Bay of Bengal and Western Australian basin. Adult petrels return to Round Island each
147 year and therefore typically spend half the year at the island and half the year on migration
148 and the timing of this process is consistent from one year to the next (unpublished analyses).
149 Juvenile (first year) petrels fledge at around 90 days old (Tatayah, 2010), remain in the
150 vicinity of Round Island for up to two weeks post-fledging and then stay away from the
151 island for at least one year spending time in the Mascarene basin, Somali basin, Arabian Sea
152 and Bay of Bengal, before returning aged ~18 months or older. In the 1970s and 1980s
153 sporadic ringing of a small number of petrels (63) on Round Island occurred, and in 1993 a
154 population monitoring programme was initiated involving regular surveys of breeding sites,
155 monitoring of breeding success, ringing of chicks (aged >70 days) and adults (with South
156 African Bird Ringing Unit numbered steel rings) and their subsequent recapture (Tatayah,
157 2010). As part of the surveys petrels are recaptured when breeding, i.e. found on an egg or
158 chick, and also when resting on the island. Petrels are also known to compete for nest sites,
159 and also rest in nest sites, and hence can be found in nest sites with chicks and eggs that are
160 not their own (Tatayah, 2010), therefore we are unable to consistently distinguish between
161 breeding and non-breeding individuals and hence immature or sub-adults and adult petrels.
162 Prior to the establishment of a permanent field station on the island in 2001, this monitoring
163 programme was conducted as part of the four, one week management trips conducted each
164 year. Post 2001 the petrel population has been monitored on a monthly basis.

165 *Tropical cyclones*

166 The Indian Ocean has three cyclone regions; two in the NIO, the Arabian Sea (AS) and the
167 Bay of Bengal (BoB) and one in the SIO North of 40° South (Fig. 2a). In the AS & BoB the
168 cyclone season is bimodal (May-June & October-December), with 90% of cyclones occurring

169 in May/June and November (Evan & Camargo, 2011). Cyclones are more frequent and more
170 intense in the May/June period (Evan & Camargo, 2011). In the SIO the main cyclone
171 season runs from December to April (Webster *et al.*, 2005) and in order to comply with our
172 nomenclature for a petrel year, we chose to label cyclone seasons by the first of the two years
173 that they span (i.e. 2001=2001/2002 season), ensuring consistency between both petrel and
174 cyclone related data. We accessed data on storms from the International Best Track Archive
175 for Climate Stewardship (IBTrACS) (Knapp *et al.*, 2010). We included data from 1993-2012
176 and only those storms that were classified as tropical cyclones, whereby they exceeded a
177 maximum sustained wind speed of 63 km/h (or 33 knots) (Evan & Camargo, 2011). For each
178 cyclone we calculated its accumulated cyclonic energy over its lifetime (ACE) (Bell, 2003)
179 and summed these for each region to generate regional values of ACE. We generated kernel
180 density estimations (plate carrée projection, cell size 10 km and search radius of 180km) for
181 each of the three cyclone regions for both cyclone tracks and cyclone ACE.

182 *Exposure of petrels to tropical cyclones*

183 Adult petrel distribution

184 Between November 2009 and February 2010 and November 2010 and February 2011 we
185 deployed 135 and 85 British Antarctic Survey MK15 geolocators respectively on adult
186 petrels. Geolocators were attached to the tarsus via 1mm or 0.75mm thick salbex (an
187 industrial grade PVC, Sallu Plastics, UK) rings, which including this attachment weighed 3.6
188 g (<1.0% of the mean adult mass: 374 g). Loggers were deployed predominantly on birds that
189 were captured while resting (94.1%) on the island and not directly observed in a breeding
190 attempt i.e. incubating an egg (2.7%) or brooding a chick (3.2%). Geolocators were recovered
191 between October 2010 and November 2012, either during the standard monthly petrel
192 breeding surveys or during occasional specific searches for geolocators. All loggers

193 underwent a three-five day calibration period at a known location prior to deployment and
194 post-deployment this process was repeated.

195 Data from recovered, viable geolocators were downloaded and decompressed into light,
196 temperature and immersion data using ‘BAS Track’ software provided by the British
197 Antarctic Survey. We used light and immersion data from the loggers to determine the start
198 and end dates of the overwinter migration period for petrels from Round Island. The last day
199 of the petrel at Round Island was taken as the start date of the migration period and the first
200 day back at Round Island as the end date. Locations of the petrels during their overwinter
201 migrations were estimated using the R package ‘TripEstimation’ (Sumner *et al.*, 2009,
202 Thiebot & Pinaud, 2010) run in the software R (R Core Team, 2008) (see Supporting
203 Information (SI) for details).

204 Juvenile petrel distribution

205 In November-December 2009 we deployed 24 British Antarctic Survey MK15 leg-mounted
206 geolocators on Round Island petrel chicks that were within ~10 days of fledging. Tag
207 deployment and recovery protocols followed that for adults. All chicks fledged and by
208 November 2015 12 of these Geolocators had been recovered. However, only viable data were
209 obtainable from six of these due to tag failure. Due to tag memory issues, and the resulting
210 absence of light data and corresponding SST data, we were unable to derive locations using
211 the method described for adults, so we adopted an alternative approach. To determine the
212 location of these six individuals during their first year at-sea post fledging, light data were
213 processed using a threshold method (Phillips *et al.*, 2004). Times of sunrise and sunset events
214 were estimated from the light data and converted to locations using TransEdit and
215 BirdTracker software (British Antarctic Survey). We used a threshold setting of 10, a sun
216 elevation angle of -3.0 and the compensation for movement filter. All locations within 21

217 days either side of the equinox periods were excluded as were all locations that occurred over
218 land and we removed any unrealistic locations based on flight speeds which exceeded 80
219 kmh. This resulted in 3441 locations encompassing the Somali basin, Arabian Sea, Bay of
220 Bengal and Western Australian Basin. We divided these locations according to the three
221 different cyclone seasons and generated kernel density estimations (plate carrée projection,
222 cell size 10km and search radius of 180km) for each cyclone season.

223 Petrel and cyclone distribution

224 We mapped the kernel densities for both adult and juvenile petrels and the corresponding
225 cyclone tracks and ACE to provide a visual representation of the exposure of petrels to
226 cyclones in each of the three regions and three cyclone seasons. For each petrel year we
227 calculated ACE at a range of temporal and spatial scales where cyclones and petrels
228 overlapped for the AS, BoB and SIO (See Table 1 for details), thereby providing a measure
229 of cyclone activity for the areas utilised by petrels during the relevant cyclone season. In the
230 NIO we estimated ACE for AS and BoB in each cyclone season and in the SIO we estimated
231 ACE at three scales: hemisphere scale, i.e. west of 115⁰ East (the Australian coast); a regional
232 scale focusing primarily on where petrels were located during the cyclone season, i.e.
233 between 50-90⁰ East; and a local scale (within 275km of Round Island). The latter was based
234 on data from Meteo services, Mauritius (<http://metervice.intnet.mu/cyclone-track.php>), on
235 the proximity of cyclones that affected Mauritius between 1958 and 2007 and hence could
236 have directly affected Round Island. Because immature petrels are known to utilise the AS
237 and BoB during both cyclone seasons we generated an annual measure of ACE for these two
238 regions combined. We also generated a measure of overall cyclonic activity throughout the
239 Indian Ocean (IO) (and hence the entire area possibly covered by juvenile petrels) by
240 summing the ACE metrics for the three cyclone seasons in the NIO & SIO. All mapping and
241 spatial analyses were conducted using ARC MAP v10.0 (ESRI, 2010).

243 We adopted an analytical approach based upon a series of single-state Cormack-Jolly-Seber
244 (CJS) models and multistate models implemented in Program MARK 6.2 (White &
245 Burnham, 1999). An important assumption underpinning the use of a CMR framework is
246 that the sampling interval (i.e. recapture period) is short in comparison to the intervals
247 between sampling periods (Lebreton *et al.*, 1992, O'Brien *et al.*, 2005) and hence that
248 mortality during this occasion is low. Our sampling regime is year-round; however Round
249 Island petrels typically spend only six months of the year at Round Island (where they can be
250 recaptured) and six months at sea (where they cannot be recaptured). Therefore, by their
251 nature they create sampling periods and corresponding intervals that are broadly equivalent.
252 While this is not ideal, it has been demonstrated that where sampling periods are not brief in
253 comparison to the intervals that any induced bias in survival rates are minimal when survival
254 rates are typically high (O'Brien *et al.*, 2005). As petrels are typically long lived species (>40
255 years for Round Island petrels – unpublished ringing data) with annual adult survival of
256 >90% (Jones *et al.*, 2011, Waugh *et al.*, 2006) it would be reasonable to assume that short-
257 term survival rates would be so high as not to violate this assumption for Round Island
258 petrels.

259 We are primarily interested in exploring the potential impact of cyclones on the survival of
260 petrels that frequent Round Island during their adult life history stage (in this case petrels in
261 their second year or older, which can include both sub-adult and adult birds) and the juvenile
262 (i.e. first year) life history stage of petrels fledging from Round Island. We based this division
263 on the premise that juvenile petrels would be substantially less experienced in the marine
264 environment (and associated activities such as flight and foraging) than petrels that have
265 made it through the juvenile life history stage, i.e. sub-adults and adults, and hence more
266 susceptible to the impacts of environmental conditions (such as cyclones) as has been shown

267 for other seabirds (Frederiksen *et al.*, 2008, Horswill *et al.*, 2014, Sidhu *et al.*, 2012).
268 Hereafter, for convenience, we refer to these two life history stages as adult(s) and
269 juvenile(s). Given the potentially mixed origins of petrels on Round Island (see study species
270 section for details), i.e. immigrants and those originating from Round Island, we recognised
271 that a common origin of birds to examine juvenile survival was required and hence we
272 restricted the analyses of juvenile survival to only those birds ringed as chicks on Round
273 Island. In contrast for adults we are interested in the survival of adults known to frequent
274 Round Island, and can therefore include both petrels that originated from Round Island and
275 potential immigrants in any analyses, thereby maximising the use of the data potentially
276 available. Below we describe the discrete analytical approaches we took to explore the impact
277 of cyclones on firstly adult petrel survival and secondly on juvenile petrel survival.

278 Adult survival

279 We used recaptures of 2147 adults only (i.e. more than one year old and having completed
280 their first post-fledging migration) from the petrel monitoring programme between 1993 and
281 2012 (a petrel ‘year’ runs from 1st June – 31st May) to construct individual recapture histories.
282 For petrels ringed as adults the ringing event was the start of their recapture history and for
283 those ringed as chicks their first capture occasion as an adult was the start of their recapture
284 history. Model notation is as follows apparent survival (Φ), recapture probability (P), (t) time
285 dependence and (.) constant (Lebreton *et al.*, 1992). Initially we tested the fit of our fully
286 time-dependent global model $\Phi_{(t)} P_{(t)}$ to the data using a goodness of fit test in U-CARE 2.3.2
287 (Choquet *et al.*, 2009). Akaike’s Information Criteria (AIC) was corrected for over-dispersion
288 (i.e. including a variance inflation factor – see Results: Goodness of fit) as QAICc (Burnham
289 & Anderson, 2002). We then compared a set of models with Φ constrained by six measures
290 of cyclone ACE (using the logit link) with two reference models ($\Phi_{(t)} P_{(t)}$ and $\Phi_{(.)} P_{(t)}$) using
291 *ANODEV* (Grosbois *et al.*, 2008). Cyclone metrics tested included; SIO, SIO Region, SIO

292 Local, NIO (May-June), AS (May-June) and SIO+NIO (May-June). The latter metric
293 represented the geographical range of petrels during the two cyclone seasons when combined.

294 Juvenile survival

295 Post-fledging many species of seabird leave their natal colony and then embark on a period
296 at-sea, which can encompass multiple years (Croxall & Rothery, 1991, Weimerskirch, 2002),
297 before returning to their natal colony for the first time as sub-adults or adults. During this
298 period at sea individuals are typically unobservable and hence multistate models with an
299 unobservable state representing this period are frequently used (Spendelov *et al.*, 2002) when
300 modelling survival. However, for Round Island petrels we know that this is not strictly true
301 because some individuals are recaptured after only one year at sea (64/473 fledgling petrels
302 from Round Island) and tracking data from GLS deployed on fledglings show that they return
303 to Round Island after only one year away, i.e. during their second year. In light of this an
304 alternative modelling approach would be to use a single state CJS model, where all adult
305 birds, i.e. more than one year old, are assumed to have the same recapture rate. However, in
306 our study system this may not be the case as young birds are likely to be returning to Round
307 Island as visitors (i.e. non-breeders) rather than as breeding petrels and hence have lower
308 recapture rates due to differences in behaviour and time spent at the breeding colony. One
309 potential solution to this is to distinguish between recapture rates for young and older adults
310 in the CJS models, but this could generate imprecise survival estimates for young adults if
311 recapture rates are very low. No distinction between young and older adult survival rates is
312 one solution to the latter issue.

313 In light of the peculiarities of our study system modelling the impacts of tropical cyclones on
314 juvenile survival in Round island petrels is therefore not a straight forward process. To

315 overcome these issues, and ensure that our findings were not contingent on the choice of
316 model type, we adopted three approaches as follows:

317 (i) We chose to ignore any potential variation in age specific recapture probabilities
318 of petrels 2 years and older and used a simple CJS model with a two age-class
319 structure (juvenile and adult) in both survival and recapture rate.

320 (ii) We acknowledged there might be variation in the recapture rates between two-
321 year old and older petrels and implemented a CJS model with a three-age class
322 structure in recapture rates, i.e. juvenile, two year old and three year and older.

323 (iii) We removed all recapture events of petrels as two-year olds and using a multistate
324 modelling framework created a 'ghost' state into which all individuals
325 transitioned, after their first year for at least one year, before transitioning into an
326 adult state following their recapture on Round Island for the first time. In effect
327 petrels spent at least their second year in this state and their annual survival rates
328 are assumed to be the same as those for petrels observed as adults.

329 We applied each of these approaches to the 853 petrel recapture histories. Approaches based
330 on single state CJS models followed the same methodology as outlined for adult survival, but
331 incorporated age structure in both survival and recapture rates (see SI for details).

332 We used a multistate CMR (Brownie *et al.*, 1993) to estimate survival rates, recapture
333 probabilities and state transition rates. Our model was based on three states: state 1 which
334 represents the initial marking of a petrel and its juvenile period (first year); state 2 which is an
335 unobservable 'ghost' state into which all petrels transition after the juvenile period; and state
336 3 where a petrel has returned to the colony and been recaptured. Multistate models can often
337 result in numerous model parameters, many of which are in effect redundant, therefore to

338 avoid this we fixed a number of parameters based on reasonable biological assumptions
339 relevant to our study system (Spendelov *et al.*, 2002) (see SI for details).

340 We used the programme U-CARE (Choquet *et al.*, 2009) to assess the fit of the data to a Jolly
341 MoVe model. We excluded the tests 3GSR and WBWA, based on the grounds that we will
342 be running an age-structured model as done by Votier *et al.* (2008). Akaike's Information
343 Criteria (AIC) was corrected for any over-dispersion (i.e. including a variance inflation
344 factor) as QAICc (Burnham & Anderson, 2002).

345 Previous research on the Round Island petrel suggests that petrels are recaptured at Round
346 island for the first time aged two years and above, with the majority returning at around 3 to
347 five years old (Tatayah, 2010). Age is therefore likely to be influential in the transition rates
348 from state 2 to state 3, therefore we explored this as the first step in our analytical framework.
349 This was done by sequentially increasing the maximum age at which petrels could return to
350 Round island for the first time, hereafter known as age of first recapture (AFR) and assessing
351 model fit based on AIC following Burnham and Anderson (2002). Once the appropriate age
352 structure in AFR was established then we constrained juvenile survival by various measures
353 of TC ACE following the approach used in the single state CJS models.

354 **Results**

355 *Cyclones*

356 Between 1993 and 2012 there were 301 cyclones in the SIO, 42 in AS and 64 in BoB (see
357 Table S1, SI, for details). Cyclones in the SIO reached a maximum sustained wind speed of
358 260 Km/h and 265 Km/h in the NIO. The tracks of these cyclones are summarised in Fig. 2a
359 and show the three distinct cyclone regions in the IO. Fig. 2b shows where ACE, for the
360 entire period (1993-2012), is concentrated in each of these regions and clearly overlaps with

361 the distribution of tracked adult petrels (particularly in the SIO and AS, Fig. 2c) and the
362 migration routes of juvenile petrels (particularly in the AS & BoB, Fig. 2d). ACE metrics for
363 the IO, SIO and NIO (Annual and the AS and BoB in May/June only) are shown in Fig. 3a-d.
364 At Round Island local annual ACE metrics ranged from 0.00-13.72 (see Fig. 4a for annual
365 estimates).

366 *Adult survival*

367 There was some evidence for trap-dependence and transience (Table S2, SI) in our global
368 model ($\Phi_{(t)} P_{(t)}$). We calculated an over-dispersion coefficient (\hat{c}) of 1.39 and applied this in
369 Program MARK as a variance inflation factor.

370 We found no compelling evidence for an impact (either negative or positive) of cyclones on
371 annual adult survival between 1993 and 2012 (Table 2). The constant survival model (model
372 2) was preferred to a time-dependent model, suggesting that adult survival showed little
373 temporal variation, which was then not significantly explained by any of the cyclonic metrics.
374 Annual adult survival was estimated at 0.96 (95% CIs: 0.959; 0.968) from model 2, Table 2
375 and the annual average recapture probability across the whole study period was 0.31 ranging
376 from 0.07 to 0.47.

377 *Juvenile survival*

378 The median \hat{c} GOF test applied to our global model ($\Phi_{j(t),a(t)} P_{j(\cdot),a(t)}$) indicated that there was
379 some overdispersion in the data (see Table S2, SI) with an estimated \hat{c} of 1.238, which we
380 applied as a variance inflation factor in Program MARK to both of the single state CJS
381 models.

382 Two-age class CJS model

383 Model selection confirmed that adult survival was constant and juvenile survival was time
384 dependent (model 5, Table 3a). Cyclones in the vicinity of Round Island had a strong
385 negative impact on the apparent survival of juvenile petrels, at both the local and the regional
386 scale (slope coefficients; +/- 95% CIs for influence of SIO local ACE: model 2, Table 3a; -
387 0.109, [-0.156; -0.061] and SIO Regional ACE: model 6, Table 3a; -0.013, [-0.021; -0.005]),
388 reducing apparent survival to 0.36 (Fig. 4a) in the 2001 extreme year. The addition of SIO
389 Regional ACE to a model containing SIO Local ACE was not significantly influential (model
390 3, Table 3a), probably due to the close correlation between Local and Regional ACE
391 (Pearson's correlation coefficient = 0.72). Contrastingly, cyclones in the NIO appeared to
392 have a strong positive effect on apparent juvenile survival (slope coefficient; +/- 95% from
393 model 4, Table 3a; 0.036 [0.015 & 0.059]). However, when NIO ACE was added to a model
394 constrained by SIO Local ACE it was no longer found to be significantly influential (model
395 1, Table 3a). There is no evidence for a correlation between SIO Local Ace and NIO ACE
396 ($R^2 = 0.091$).

397 The relationship between SIO Local and Φ_j appeared to be largely driven by one year (2001)
398 with an exceptionally high ACE metric (see Fig. 4a), which was primarily due to the very
399 severe tropical cyclone Dina that passed within 50km of Round island in January 2002. The
400 estimates generated from the model (model 2, Table 3a) appeared not to mirror the additional
401 background variation (44%) in survival from one year to the next (Fig. 4a). This is further
402 illustrated by constraining Φ_j by Local ACE, but excluding 2001 from this constraint and
403 fixing that year as a constant. Applying *ANODEV* to then test the influence of Local ACE on
404 Φ_j (excluding 2001) provided no evidence ($F=0.01$, $P=0.913$, $R^2<0.01$, see model 5, Table
405 3b) of an influence. Therefore, in order to be confident that we had not overlooked the
406 potential influence of the other spatial measures of cyclone activity in the Indian Ocean we
407 again constrained Φ_j to be a function of three (IO, SIO Region and NIO Annual) measures of

408 cyclone activity in turn, for all years except 2001. In this instance the constant model in the
409 reference set for *ANODEV* was a model where survival was constant across all years except
410 2001, which was fixed at a different constant (model 3, Table 3b). This approach identified
411 only NIO Annual as having a significant, positive influence on juvenile survival (slope
412 coefficient; +/- 95% CIs from model 1, Table 3b; 0.021, [0.0001; 0.042]), whereby apparent
413 juvenile survival improved with increasing ACE in the NIO (Fig. 4b) from ~0.6 in years of
414 low ACE to ~0.79 in years of high ACE. Juvenile survival was estimated at 0.33 for the 2001
415 cohort from models 1, 2, 3, & 4, Table 3b.

416 Three-age class CJS model

417 Cyclones in the vicinity of Round Island had a strong negative impact on the apparent
418 survival of juvenile petrels, at both the local and the regional scale (slope coefficients; +/-
419 95% CIs for influence of SIO local ACE: model 1, Table 4a; -0.115, [-0.163; -0.066] and SIO
420 Regional ACE: model 4, Table 4a; -0.014, [-0.023; -0.005]), reducing apparent survival to
421 0.36 in the 2001 extreme year. Contrastingly, cyclones in the NIO appeared to have a strong
422 positive effect on apparent juvenile survival (slope coefficient; +/- 95% from model 2, Table
423 4a; 0.036 [0.013 & 0.06]). The addition of SIO Regional ACE or NIO ACE to a model
424 constrained by Local ACE did not improve model fit as was the case in the two-age class CJS
425 model (for brevity models not shown in Table 4a). As before, in the two-age class model, we
426 constrained Φ_j to be a function of three (IO, SIO Region and NIO Annual) measures of
427 cyclone activity in turn, for all years except 2001. This approach identified NIO Annual as
428 having a positive influence on juvenile survival (slope coefficient; +/- 95% CIs from model 1,
429 Table 4b; 0.02, [-0.002; 0.042]). Under this modelling approach apparent juvenile survival
430 improved with increasing ACE in the NIO (Fig. 4c) from ~0.64 in years of low ACE to ~0.79
431 in years of high ACE.

432 Multistate model

433 There was no compelling evidence from any of the four GOF tests applied in U-CARE for
434 significant overdispersion in the data and \hat{c} was estimated at 1.1 (see Table S3, SI), which we
435 applied as a variance inflation factor in Program MARK to the multistate models.

436 There was compelling evidence for age-structure in the transition rates (hereafter known as
437 age of first return or AFR) from the unobservable state to adult state, Table 5a, Models 5 and
438 7. AFR was fixed at zero for one-year olds to reflect their inability to return to the colony
439 during their first year, but estimated at 0.31 (+/- 95% CIs: 0.24-0.391) for two year olds, 0.46
440 (+/- 95% CIs: 0.346-0.584) for three year olds and 0.23 (+/- 95% CIs: 0.134-0.347) for four
441 year olds (estimates from Model 5, Table 5a). This implies that all petrels had returned to the
442 breeding colony for the first time before they were 5 years old.

443 Cyclones in the vicinity of Round Island had a strong negative impact on the apparent
444 survival of juvenile petrels, at both the local and the regional scale (slope coefficients; +/-
445 95% CIs for influence of SIO local ACE: model 1, Table 5a; -0.158, [-0.218; -0.099] and SIO
446 Regional ACE: model 2, Table 5a; -0.014, [-0.022; -0.005]), reducing apparent survival to
447 0.36 in the 2001 extreme year. Contrastingly, cyclones in the NIO appeared to have a strong
448 positive effect on apparent juvenile survival (slope coefficient; +/- 95% from model 3, Table
449 5a; 0.154 [-0.03 & 0.339]). The addition of SIO Regional ACE or NIO ACE to a model
450 constrained by Local ACE did not improve model fit as was the case in the two/three-age
451 class CJS models (for brevity models not shown in Table 5a). As before, in the two-age class
452 model, we constrained Φ_j to be a function of three (IO, SIO Region and NIO Annual)
453 measures of cyclone activity in turn, for all years except 2001. This approach identified NIO
454 Annual as having a significant, positive influence on juvenile survival (slope coefficient; +/-
455 95% CIs from model 2, Table 5b; 0.03, [-0.01; 0.068]). Under the multistate modelling

456 approach apparent juvenile survival appeared on average to be higher than in the single state
457 models and improved with increasing ACE in the NIO (Fig. 4d) from ~0.76 in years of low
458 ACE to ~0.89 in years of high ACE. Juvenile survival was estimated at 0.38 for the 2001
459 cohort from models 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, Table 5b. It is worth noting that the only other difference
460 in terms of outputs between the single state and multistate modelling approaches is the
461 positive influence of IO ACE on juvenile survival in the multistate model (slope coefficient;
462 +/- 95% CIs from model 1, Table 5b; 0.008, [-0.001; 0.017]), when examined independently
463 of 2001.

464 Unsurprisingly, using a two-age class or three-age class modelling approach does not change
465 the estimates of (time-independent) juvenile survival (0.63 +/- 95% CIs: 0.578-0.671) or
466 adult survival (0.97 +/- 95% CIs: 0.959-0.983). However, the multistate modelling approach,
467 in response to excluding any recapture information on two year olds, estimates a higher
468 (time-independent) juvenile survival rate (0.75 +/- 95% CIs: 0.685-0.812) and a lower adult
469 survival rate (0.96 +/- 95% CIs: 0.946-0.972). Despite this variation our different modelling
470 approaches all indicate that in different regions of the Indian Ocean tropical cyclone activity
471 has contrasting effects on juvenile petrel survival; strong tropical cyclones in close proximity
472 to the breeding colony reduce juvenile survival while greater cyclone activity in the Arabian
473 Sea and Bay of Bengal improve juvenile survival. Our results also indicate, irrespective of the
474 modelling approach, that once the negative impact of TCs on juvenile survival in 2001 was
475 accounted for the impact of TCs at the IO scale were always positive, but not necessarily
476 statistically significant (i.e. $p < 0.05$). This suggests that at an ocean-wide scale (IO) and
477 regional scale (NIO) the overall impacts of TCs on juvenile survival are typically positive.

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480 **Discussion**

481 Using the long-term CMR data we provide (to the best of our knowledge) the first robust
482 estimate of annual adult survival for a tropical procellariid and only the second estimate of
483 this important demographic parameter for a *Pterodroma*. Annual survival for adult Round
484 Island petrels falls at the upper end of published estimates for procellariidae, which range
485 from 0.78-0.97 (Descamps *et al.*, 2015, Dobson & Jouventin, 2010, Jones *et al.*, 2011).
486 Juvenile survival is still relatively poorly documented and ours are the first estimates for a
487 tropical species and comparable to the few available for procellariidae (Jenouvrier *et al.*,
488 2005, Jones *et al.*, 2011). The breeding colony and migration routes of adult and juvenile
489 Round Island petrels encompass the three cyclone regions in the Indian Ocean and to the best
490 of our knowledge is the only species of seabird breeding (at one single colony) in the Indian
491 Ocean that does so. Each year Round Island petrels are therefore exposed to cyclones at
492 different stages in their annual cycle and this has different consequences for the survival of
493 different life history stages. While adult petrels are largely unaffected by cyclone activity at
494 either the breeding colony or during migration, cyclones appeared to have a significant
495 impact on juvenile petrels during their first year at sea. The latter finding was observed,
496 irrespective of the analytical approach used. Each approach identified the reduced juvenile
497 survival in the 2001 cohort associated with the high level of TC activity in the vicinity of the
498 breeding colony and described a positive relationship between TC activity in the NIO and
499 juvenile survival during their first year at sea. While absolute juvenile survival rates did not
500 differ between the two single state models these were lower (~16%) than those estimated by
501 the multistate model. However, this did not appear to affect our overall findings, which
502 highlight the importance of not only identifying when and where species are exposed to
503 environmental variation across their life history and life cycle, but also that the environmental

504 factor needs to be considered as potentially having both a regular ‘mild’ impact (i.e. on a
505 continuous scale) and a stochastic ‘extreme’ impact (see Jenouvrier *et al.*, 2009a).

506 Round Island petrels are asynchronous breeders (Tatayah, 2010), therefore not all fledglings
507 and adults are exposed to cyclones in the vicinity of the colony. However the peak period for
508 chicks/fledglings at the colony overlaps with the cyclone season (December to April) in the
509 southern hemisphere (Fig. 1). Therefore the majority of breeding adults and most fledglings
510 are potentially exposed to cyclones in the vicinity of the breeding colony. Juvenile Round
511 Island petrels fledge, i.e. leave the colony, and spend up to two weeks in the vicinity of the
512 colony before dispersing into the wider Indian Ocean. During this period they are gaining
513 their powers of flight and initial experiences in foraging and could therefore be particularly
514 prone to mortality due to extreme weather events, in this case cyclones. We surmise that in
515 January 2002 the passage of the very severe cyclone ‘Dina’ close to the breeding colony
516 resulted in the mortality of a significant proportion of the ringed, fledged and near-fledged
517 petrel chicks at that time rather than another causal agent. This conclusion is supported by
518 anecdotal information from the ringing programme; with 34% of petrel chicks ringed two
519 months prior to the event (i.e. in November) recaptured later in life compared to 0.56% of
520 those ringed in the month (December) immediately preceding the event. As a comparison
521 between 2002 and 2006, when there were no cyclones in the vicinity of the colony, 51.8%
522 (73/141) of petrels ringed as chicks in November and 49.4% (40/81) ringed in December
523 each year were recaptured as adults on Round Island.

524 Once fledglings have left the south-west Indian Ocean our tracking data, currently limited to
525 six individuals, indicates that they typically move into the northern hemisphere, primarily
526 into the extremely productive Arabian Sea (Lévy *et al.*, 2007, Piontkovski & Claereboudt,
527 2012) and also the Bay of Bengal (Fig. 2d). Both of these areas are prone to cyclones during
528 two short seasons each year and during our study period experienced a wide range of cyclone

529 activity (NIO ACE range: 7.4 - 61.9), including six super cyclonic storms (Table S1).
530 Published evidence suggests that given elevated levels of cyclone activity in these regions we
531 might have expected a decrease in juvenile petrel survival primarily through ‘inland wrecks’
532 as found in the Atlantic and Caribbean (Bugoni *et al.*, 2007, Hass *et al.*, 2012, Spendelov *et*
533 *al.*, 2002), but we found no evidence to support this. On the contrary we found that improved
534 juvenile survival was associated with increased levels of cyclone activity in these regions. On
535 the assumption that our limited tracking data of petrels during their first year at sea is
536 typically representative of the majority of juvenile petrels from Round Island - Why might
537 this occur?

538 Primary production typically takes place when nutrient rich waters are pumped into the
539 euphotic zone, via a variety of mechanisms (Lin *et al.*, 2003). One such mechanism involves
540 strong winds causing vertical entrainment and upwelling in tropical oceans (Eppley &
541 Renger, 1988, Marra *et al.*, 1990). Tropical cyclones generate extremely strong winds and
542 have been proposed as drivers of vertical entrainment, but this has only recently been
543 explored and the extent to which primary production can be modified by tropical cyclones
544 quantified (Chang *et al.*, 2008, Lin *et al.*, 2003, Rao *et al.*, 2006, Subrahmanyam *et al.*, 2002,
545 Zhao *et al.*, 2008). The passage of tropical cyclones through an area of the ocean, although
546 brief, can result in a marked cooling of SSTs (Rao *et al.*, 2006), large-scale upwelling (Chang
547 *et al.*, 2008) that result in localised increases in primary productivity (Lin *et al.*, 2003,
548 Subrahmanyam *et al.*, 2002, Zhao *et al.*, 2008). These temporary alterations of a largely
549 oligotrophic environment can occur within 1-2 weeks after the passage of the cyclone (Lin *et*
550 *al.*, 2003, Subrahmanyam *et al.*, 2002, Zhao *et al.*, 2008) and can lead to a <30 fold increase
551 in chlorophyll-a abundance (Lin *et al.*, 2003) and an associated 4-9 fold increase in primary
552 productivity (Lin *et al.*, 2003, Rao *et al.*, 2006). These positive impacts of cyclones have been
553 described in the Bay of Bengal (Rao *et al.*, 2006) , the Arabian Sea (Subrahmanyam *et al.*,

554 2002), the Pacific Ocean (Fiedler *et al.*, 2013) and the South China Sea (Chang *et al.*, 2008,
555 Lin *et al.*, 2003, Zhao *et al.*, 2008) and in the latter, single cyclones have been estimated to
556 generate up to 4% of new primary productivity and to contribute up to 20-30% of the annual
557 regional primary productivity (Lin *et al.*, 2003, Zhao *et al.*, 2008). We therefore suggest that
558 the passage of cyclones in the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal are generating localised
559 patches of higher productivity leading to improved foraging opportunities for the juvenile
560 petrels and that in years of higher cyclone activity (as recorded by ACE) this can lead to
561 improvements in survival.

562 For adult petrels we found no compelling evidence for an influence of cyclones on their
563 apparent annual survival at either the breeding colony or migration grounds. Although, for all
564 models constrained by cyclone ACE, the influence on survival was positive but non-
565 significant. Adult petrels are primarily exposed to cyclones during their time at the breeding
566 colony (Figure 2c), but do not exhibit the same elevated levels of mortality associated with
567 very severe cyclones that juveniles do. This could in part be explained in accordance with life
568 history theory (Roff, 1992, Stearns, 1992), whereby experienced individuals show improved
569 performance in reproduction and survival in comparison to relatively inexperienced
570 individuals (Forslund & Part, 1995, Reid *et al.*, 2003). This has been demonstrated for both
571 survival and reproductive success in seabirds in response to environmental variation, through
572 improved foraging capabilities, (Nevoux *et al.*, 2007) and it would therefore not be
573 unreasonable to suggest that through experience adult Round Island petrels are better
574 prepared to deal with very severe cyclones compared to recently fledged juveniles. Very
575 severe cyclones in proximity to mainland coastlines have resulted in ‘wrecking’ in adults of
576 other petrel species (Bugoni *et al.*, 2007, Hass *et al.*, 2012), but there is no evidence to
577 suggest that this occurs for adult Round Island petrels. This may in part be due to their
578 pelagic nature whereby they remain away from mainland coastlines during the period where

579 their migration corresponds with regional cyclone seasons, but also the relative isolation of
580 their breeding colony from substantial land masses (as shown by Fig. 2c). Both of these traits
581 would therefore limit opportunities for adult petrels to be ‘wrecked’ by cyclones.

582 Under projected climate change scenarios the recently observed general trends in cyclone
583 metrics are to continue for cyclones in the NIO and SIO with; a decline in frequency, an
584 increase in the frequency of strong cyclones and an increase in the maximum wind speeds
585 (Gualdi *et al.*, 2008, Knutson *et al.*, 2010). However, there are some more subtle regional
586 scale variations in cyclone frequencies, which could have important implications for the first
587 year survival of Round Island petrels. In the SIO there is a predicted general decline in
588 cyclone frequency, but in the south west Indian Ocean region, which includes the Mascarenes
589 (Mauritius, Reunion & Rodrigues), a significant increase in cyclone frequency is predicted in
590 association with changing SST and CO₂ levels (Sugi *et al.*, 2014). Regional variation is also
591 apparent in the NIO with a predicted increase in cyclone frequency in the western north
592 section of the Arabian Sea only and a decrease elsewhere including in the Bay of Bengal
593 (Murakami *et al.*, 2014, Sugi *et al.*, 2014). Therefore while there is potential for an increase
594 in the frequency of detrimental impacts associated with cyclones in the vicinity of the
595 breeding colony (Round Island) during the SIO cyclone season, there is the intriguing
596 potential for this to be (partially) offset by changing conditions in the Arabian Sea. Exactly
597 how these contrasting effects might affect Round Island petrel demography and population
598 dynamics is unclear, because at present our understanding of breeding success (e.g. numbers
599 of fledglings produced) within and outside of the SIO cyclone season is limited. In addition
600 as petrels breed at Round Island all year round, only some fledglings (or chicks close to
601 fledgling) are potentially exposed to cyclones, at or in the vicinity of the breeding colony,
602 while current tracking data (be it from a limited number of individuals) indicates juvenile
603 petrels are potentially exposed to cyclones in the Arabian Sea. While the next logical step

604 might be to explore the within-year variation in first year survival of petrels fledging during
605 or outside of the cyclone season, this is currently not possible due to the relatively low
606 numbers of fledglings produced outside of the cyclone season - only 18.5% of 1178 chicks
607 ringed between 1993 and 2012 were ringed outside of the cyclone season - and the requisite
608 post-fledgling recapture period. Therefore further long-term monitoring of annual breeding
609 success and survival and tracking of juvenile petrels is required to understand how these two
610 regionally contrasting impacts of cyclones might shape Round Island petrel population
611 dynamics.

612 Our study has demonstrated that cyclones can have contrasting effects on a single species
613 raising the intriguing prospect that the projected changes in cyclones under current climate
614 change scenarios may have positive as well as the more commonly perceived negative
615 impacts on marine biodiversity. These positive impacts may have the potential to mitigate (in
616 part at least) for the more commonly perceived negative impacts. However, our study also
617 highlights the need for comprehensive data sets not only on cyclone metrics, which are
618 readily available, but also on species demography and year-round tracking data in order to
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872 **Supporting Information**

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874 Title: 'Contrasting effects of tropical cyclones on the annual survival of a pelagic seabird in
875 the Indian Ocean'.

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877 The information provided in supporting information relates to additional details on the
878 methods used to (i) establish where adult petrels migrated to (ii) explore the impact of
879 tropical cyclones on juvenile survival, (iii) summary information on tropical cyclones in the
880 Indian Ocean and (iv) the results of goodness-of-fit tests for both single state and multistate
881 models used to explore the impact of tropical cyclones on juvenile survival.

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891 Table 1. Regions and cyclone seasons for which accumulated cyclonic energy (ACE) was
 892 estimated in both the northern and southern hemispheres, based on the overlap of Round
 893 Island petrels and cyclone activity in the Indian Ocean.

	Indian Ocean (IO)	Northern hemisphere (NIO)	Arabian Sea (AS)	Bay of Bengal (BoB)	Southern hemisphere (SIO)	SIO Region (50-90° E)	SIO Local (within 275Km of Round Island)
May-June	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
November	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-
Annual	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-	-
November-April	-	-	-	-	-	✓	✓

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913 Table 2. Outputs from models and ANODEV tests used to examine the impact of cyclones on
 914 annual adult Round Island petrel survival. NP – number of model parameters. Model notation
 915 is as follows apparent survival (Φ), recapture probability (P), (t) time dependence and (.)
 916 constant. Cyclone metrics follow the notations from Table 1. Models are ordered by QAICc
 917 values. Covariate Deviance = (QDeviance $\Phi_{(.)} P_{(t)}$ – QDeviance of specified covariate model);
 918 Total Deviance = (QDeviance $\Phi_{(t)} P_{(t)}$ – QDeviance $\Phi_{(.)} P_{(t)}$) and $R^2 = ((\text{Covariate}$
 919 Deviance/Total Deviance)*100).

#	Model	QAICc	NP	Q Deviance	ANODEV F statistic	ANODEV P-value	Covariate Deviance	Total Deviance	R^2 (%)
1	$\Phi_{(IO)} P_{(t)}$	16271.08	21	5205.58	1.47	0.245	2.626	29.479	8.90
2	$\Phi_{(.)} P_{(t)}$	16271.70	20	5208.21	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3	$\Phi_{(SIO\&NIO:May-June)} P_{(t)}$	16272.01	21	5206.51	0.92	0.353	1.701	29.479	5.80
4	$\Phi_{(AS:May-June)} P_{(t)}$	16272.24	21	5206.73	0.78	0.388	1.474	29.479	5.00
5	$\Phi_{(SIO)} P_{(t)}$	16272.57	21	5207.06	0.605	0.449	1.143	29.479	3.88
6	$\Phi_{(SIO\ Local)} P_{(t)}$	16273.31	21	5207.81	0.208	0.655	0.403	29.479	1.37
7	$\Phi_{(NIO:May-June)} P_{(t)}$	16273.46	21	5207.96	0.128	0.726	0.249	29.479	<1
8	$\Phi_{(SIO\ Region)} P_{(t)}$	16273.69	21	5208.20	0.009	0.925	0.018	29.479	<1
9	$\Phi_{(t)} P_{(t)}$	16274.48	36	5178.73	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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934 Table 3. Outputs from two-age class, single state models and ANODEV tests used to examine
935 the impact of cyclones on annual juvenile Round Island petrel survival. (a) All years are
936 included in the analysis of juvenile survival, (b) All years except 2001 are included in the
937 analyses of juvenile survival. NP – number of model parameters. Model notation is as
938 follows apparent survival (Φ), recapture probability (P), (t) time dependence, (.) constant,
939 juvenile (j) and adult (a). For brevity of model notation, where recapture (P) is not shown it is
940 modelled as $P_{j(.),a(t)}$. Model 9 is the global starting model. Cyclone metrics follow the
941 notations from Table 1. Models in bold include single measures of tropical cyclone metrics
942 that were found to influence juvenile apparent survival.

#	Model	AICc	NP	Q Deviance	ANODEV F statistic	ANODEV P-value	Covariate Deviance	Total Deviance	R ²
a									
1	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL+NIO}),a(.)}^*$	5454.51	22	2287.20	2.66	0.134	3.33	15.88	20.98
2	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL}),a(.)}^*$	5455.80	21	2290.53	13.82	0.003	19.96	35.84	55.69
3	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL+REGIONAL}),a(.)}^*$	5457.83	22	2290.52	0.004	0.952	0.01	15.88	<1
4	$\Phi_{j(\text{NIO}),a(.)}$	5462.35	21	2297.09	6.57	0.026	13.40	35.84	37.40
5	$\Phi_{j(t),a(.)}$	5462.49	32	2274.65	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO REGION}),a(.)}$	5464.11	21	2298.84	5.29	0.042	11.64	35.84	32.49
7	$\Phi_{j(.),a(.)}$	5473.72	20	2310.49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	$\Phi_{j(\text{IO}),a(.)}$	5475.41	21	2310.14	0.11	0.751	0.34	35.84	<1
9	$\Phi_{j(t),a(t)}$	5485.48	49	2262.27	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
b									
1	$\Phi_{j(\text{NIO-ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5450.58	22	2283.27	5.09	0.047	4.39	13.01	33.7
2	$\Phi_{j(\text{IO-ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5451.29	22	2283.98	3.94	0.075	3.68	13.01	28.3
3	$\Phi_{j(. - \text{ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5452.93	21	2287.66	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO REGION-ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5454.95	22	2287.64	0.02	0.89	0.02	13.01	<1
5	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL-ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5454.95	22	2287.64	0.01	0.913	0.02	13.01	<1
6	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL}),a(.)}$	5455.80	21	2290.53	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	$\Phi_{j(t),a(.)}$	5462.49	32	2274.65	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	$\Phi_{j(.),a(.)}$	5473.72	20	2310.49	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

943 Notes: * When testing the effect of adding a second covariate to a model using ANODEV, the reference models
944 are the fully time dependent model and a model containing only the first of the two covariates listed in the
945 model being examined.

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948 Table 4. Outputs from three-age class (in recapture rates), single state models and ANODEV
949 tests used to examine the impact of cyclones on annual juvenile Round Island petrel survival.
950 (a) All years are included the analysis of juvenile survival, (b) All years except 2001 are
951 included in the analyses of juvenile survival. NP – number of model parameters. Model
952 notation is as follows apparent survival (Φ), recapture probability (P), (t) time dependence,
953 (.) constant, juvenile (j) and adult (a). For brevity of model notation where recapture (P) is
954 not shown it is modelled as $P_{j(.),a(t)}$. Cyclone metrics follow the notations from Table 1.
955 Models in bold include single measures of tropical cyclone metrics that were found to
956 influence juvenile apparent survival.

#	Model	AICc	NP	Q Deviance	ANODEV F statistic	ANODEV P-value	Covariate Deviance	Total Deviance	R ²
a									
1	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL}),a(.)}$	5413.05	21	2247.78	16.48	0.002	20.39	34.01	59.96
2	$\Phi_{j(\text{NIO}),a(.)}$	5421.61	21	2256.34	5.87	0.034	11.84	34.01	34.81
3	$\Phi_{j(t),a(.)}$	5422.01	32	2234.17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO REGION}),a(.)}$	5422.28	21	2257.01	5.38	0.041	11.16	34.01	32.83
5	$\Phi_{j(.),a(.)}$	5431.4	20	2268.18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6	$\Phi_{j(\text{IO}),a(.)}$	5433.69	21	2268.42	0.1	0.85	0.24	34.01	<1
7	$\Phi_{j(t),a(.)} P_{j(.),a(t)}$	5462.69	32	2274.65	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
b									
1	$\Phi_{j(\text{NIO-ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5408.85	22	2241.54	4.82	0.053	3.55	10.92	32.52
2	$\Phi_{j(\text{IO-ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5408.9	22	2241.59	4.71	0.055	3.5	10.92	32.02
3	$\Phi_{j(-ex 2001),a(.)}$	5410.36	21	2245.09	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO REGION-ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5412.30	22	2244.99	0.09	0.767	0.10	10.92	0.92
5	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL-ex 2001}),a(.)}$	5412.39	22	2245.08	0.01	0.936	0.01	10.92	0.06
6	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL}),a(.)}$	5413.05	21	2247.78	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	$\Phi_{j(t),a(.)}$	5422.01	32	2234.17	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	$\Phi_{j(.),a(.)}$	5431.4	20	2268.18	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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961 Table 5. Outputs from multistate models and ANODEV tests used to examine the impact of
962 cyclones on annual juvenile Round Island petrel survival. (a) All years are included the
963 analysis of juvenile survival, (b) All years except 2001 are included in the analyses of
964 juvenile survival. NP – number of model parameters. Model notation is as follows apparent
965 survival (Φ), recapture probability (P), age of first return (Ψ), (t) time dependence, (.)
966 constant, juvenile (j), (u) unobservable state and adult (a). For brevity of model notation:
967 where recapture (P) is not shown it is modelled as $P_{j(.)}P_{u(.)}P_{a(t)}$ unless otherwise specified; and
968 where age of first return (Ψ) is not shown it is modelled as a function of four age classes - $\Psi_{(1-4)}$.
969 4). Cyclone metrics follow the notations from Table 1. Models in bold include single
970 measures of tropical cyclone metrics that were found to influence juvenile apparent survival.

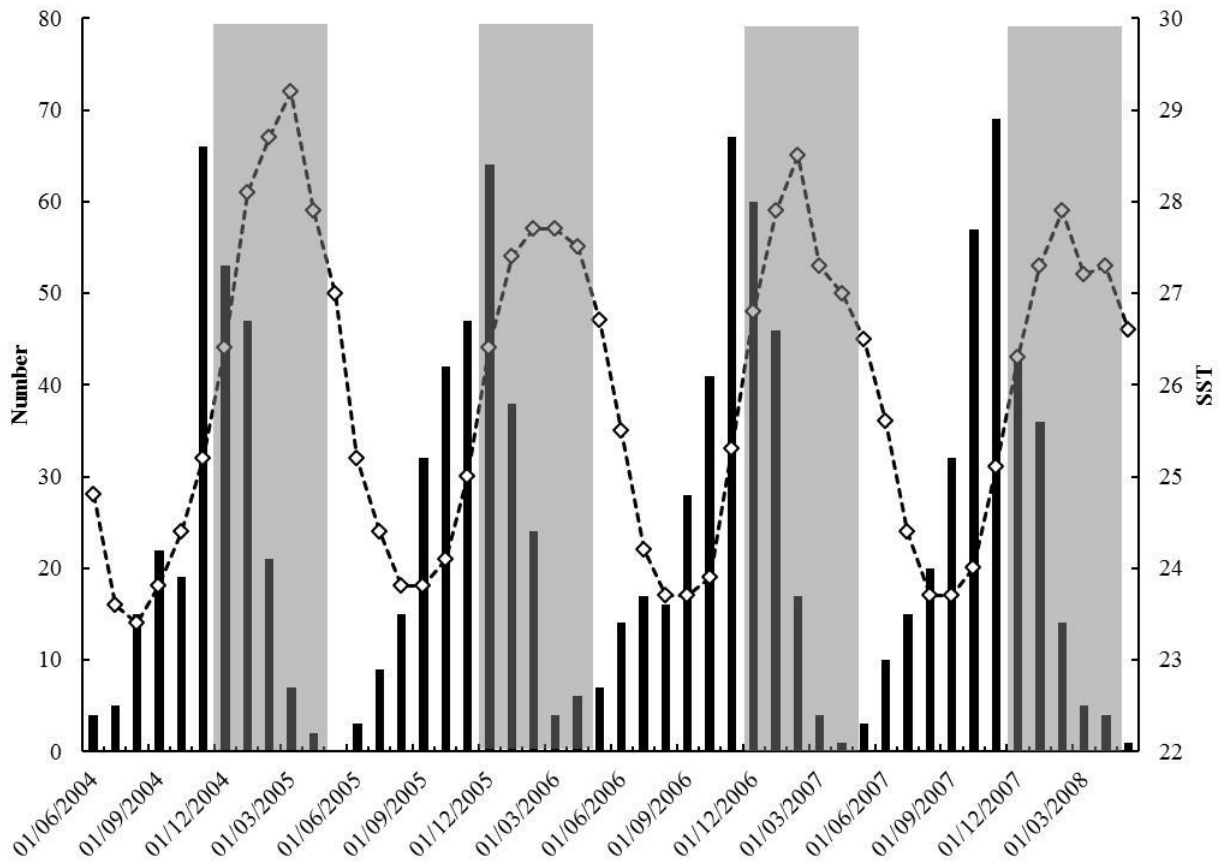
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1	$\Phi_{j(\text{SIO LOCAL})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-4)}$	5881.37	24	2137.92	16.17	0.005	28.78	38.59	74.58
2	$\Phi_{j(\text{REGION})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-4)}$	5887.73	24	2144.29	7.63	0.008	22.43	38.59	58.12
3	$\Phi_{j(\text{NIO})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-4)}$	5893.40	24	2149.95	4.23	0.044	16.77	38.59	43.46
4	$\Phi_{j(t)}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-4)}$	5894.21	35	2128.12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
5	$\Phi_{j(.)}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-4)}$	5906.07	22	2166.72	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
6	$\Phi_{j(\text{IO})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-4)}$	5908.94	24	2165.50	0.18	0.838	1.22	38.59	3.16
7	$\Phi_{j(.)}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-3)}$	5911.04	22	2171.68	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	$\Phi_{j(.)}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}P_{j(.)}P_{u(.)}P_{a(.)}\Psi_{(.)}$	5989.08	4	2286.19	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
b									
1	$\Phi_{j(\text{IO-ex 2001})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}$	5877.40	24	2133.95	6.30	0.029	3.34	9.17	36.41
2	$\Phi_{j(\text{NIO-ex 2001})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}$	5877.75	24	2134.30	5.32	0.042	2.99	9.17	32.62
3	$\Phi_{j(\text{-ex 2001})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}$	5878.69	23	2137.29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4	$\Phi_{j(\text{REGION-ex 2001})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}$	5880.34	24	2136.90	0.49	0.497	0.39	9.17	4.30
5	$\Phi_{j(\text{LOCAL-ex 2001})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}$	5880.50	24	2137.05	0.30	0.596	0.24	9.17	2.64
6	$\Phi_{j(\text{LOCAL})}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-4)}$	5881.37	24	2137.92	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	$\Phi_{j(t)}\Phi_{u(.)}\Phi_{a(.)}\Psi_{(1-4)}$	5894.21	35	2128.12	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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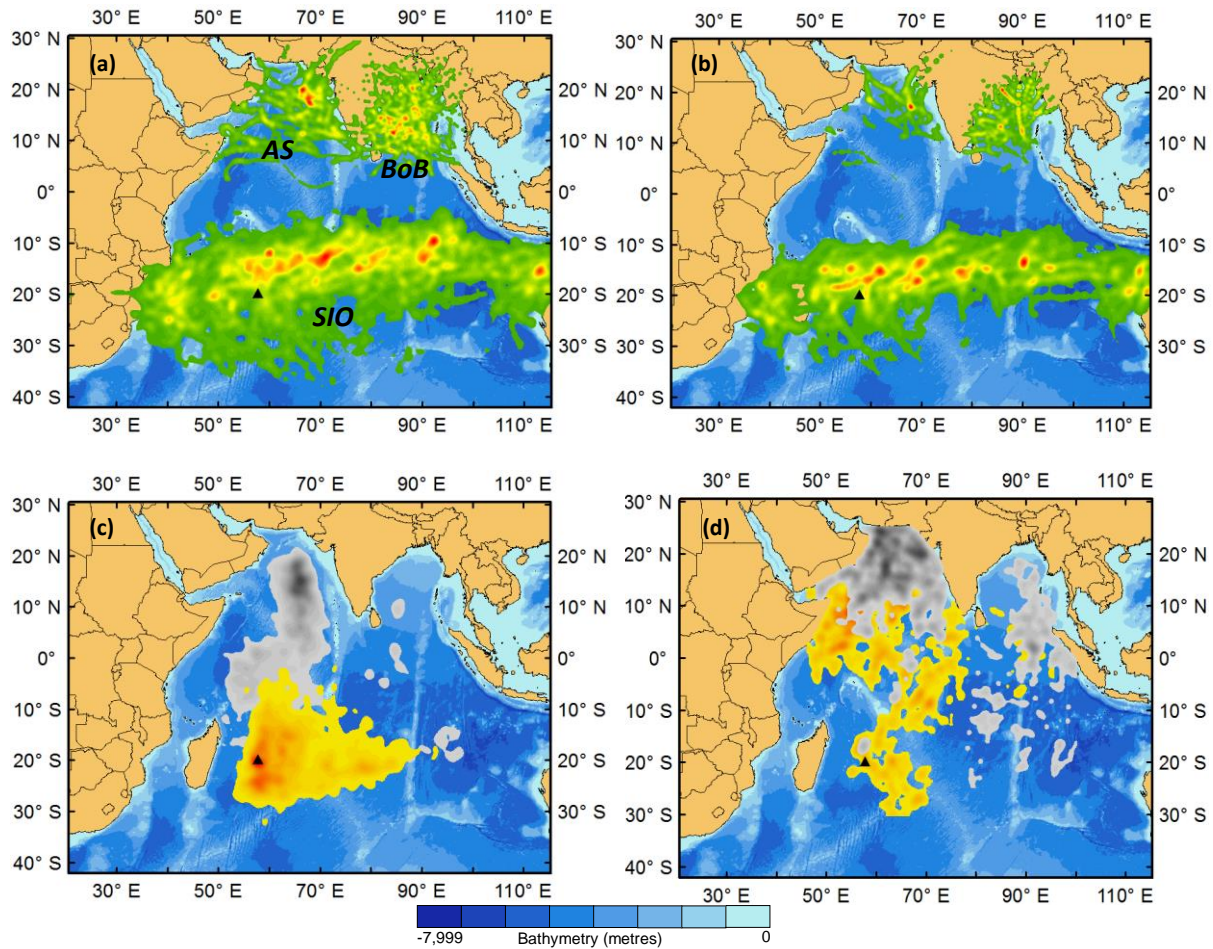
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976 Figure 1. The year round breeding of Round Island petrels at Round Island, Mauritius (June
 977 2004 - May 2008) in relation to Sea Surface Temperature (SST °C). Black bars represent the
 978 number of chicks recorded each month and show the peak in breeding activity from August-
 979 December. The dashed line and unfilled diamonds are the monthly average Reynolds satellite
 980 SST data for Round island (1° resolution), downloaded from the POET-PODAAC website
 981 (<http://poet.jpl.nasa.gov/>). The dark grey blocks represent the annual cyclone season
 982 (December-April) in the south-west Indian Ocean and how this relates to the year-round
 983 breeding activity of the petrels at Round Island.

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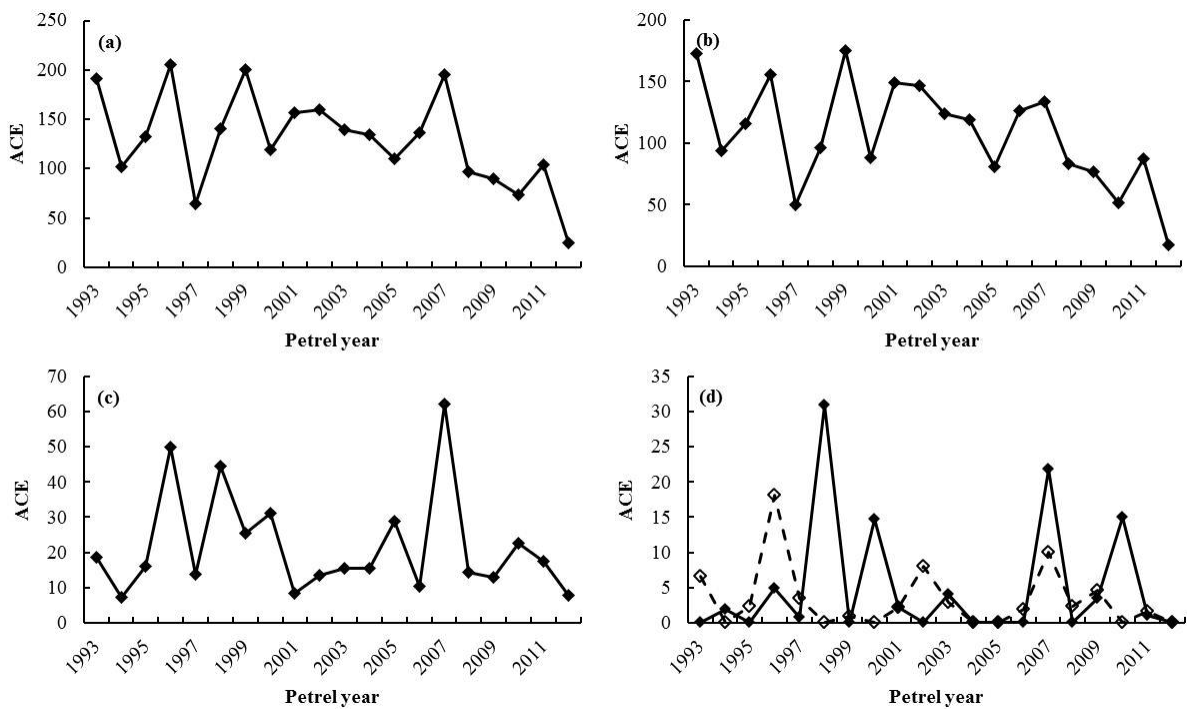


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986 Figure 2. Kernel density maps (95% outer contour) of cyclone activity (1993-2012) (a & b),
 987 tracks of 116 Adult Round Island petrels (c) and tracks of six juvenile petrels (d). Black
 988 triangle shows the location of Round Island, Mauritius. (a) Cyclone activity (tracks)
 989 occurring between 1993 and 2012 in the Arabian Sea (AS), the Bay of Bengal (BoB) and the
 990 Southern Indian Ocean west of 115°E. (b) Accumulated cyclonic energy (ACE) between
 991 1993 and 2012 in each region. (c) The locations of 116 tracked adult petrels in December-
 992 April (Orange) and May-June (Grey). (d) The locations of six petrels tracked during their first
 993 year at-sea after fledging from Round Island in the months of December-April (Orange) and
 994 May, June, October & November (Grey)*. In (a) & (b) a progression through green, yellow
 995 and orange to red is indicative of an increasing concentration of cyclone activity and ACE. In
 996 (c) and (d) an increase in colour intensity indicates an increase in the density of petrel

997 locations. * In the May-June cyclone season in the Northern Indian Ocean juvenile petrels
 998 were found in the AS, and in the October-November cyclone season in the AS and BOB, but
 999 for clarity of presentation the locations during both cyclone seasons are shown in one single
 1000 (grey) kernel density map.

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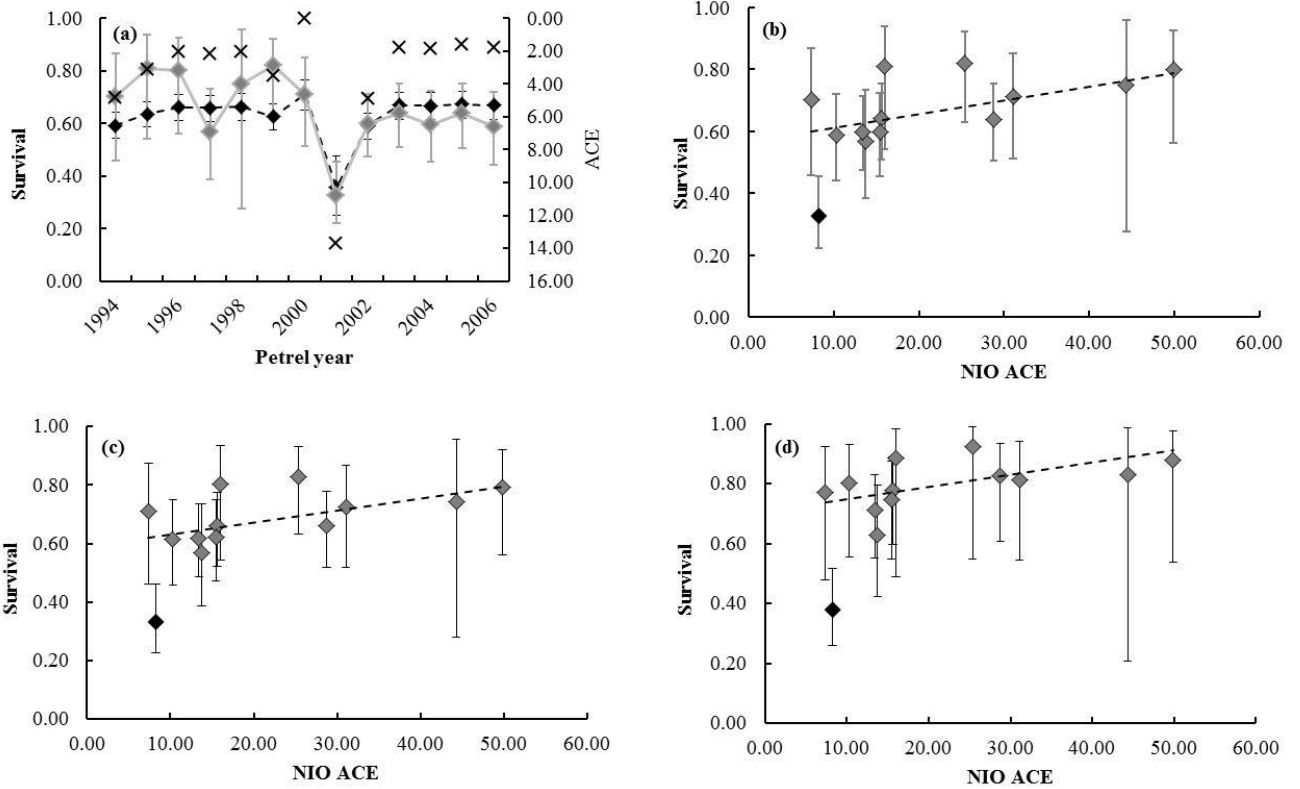
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1003 Figure 3. Accumulated cyclonic energy (ACE) for each petrel year (June-May) in: (a) The
 1004 Indian Ocean west of 115°E, (b) The Southern Indian Ocean west of 115°E, (c) the Northern
 1005 Indian Ocean and (d) The Arabian Sea (filled diamonds and solid line) and Bay of Bengal
 1006 (open diamonds and dashed line) in May & June only.

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1011 Figure 4. Apparent survival estimates for juvenile Round Island petrels and corresponding
 1012 tropical cyclone ACE metrics generated from the three different modelling approaches. (a)
 1013 Two-age class CJS model: Grey line and grey diamonds are time-dependent estimates (model
 1014 5, Table 3a) with error bars corresponding to 95% upper and lower confidence intervals.
 1015 Black diamonds and dashed line are estimates where survival is constrained by SIO local
 1016 ACE (model 2, Table 3a). For clarity no error bars are shown. The SIO Local ACE for each
 1017 petrel year is shown by 'X' and the right hand vertical scale is reversed, to correspond with
 1018 the negative influence of ACE on juvenile survival. (b) Two-age class CJS model: Grey
 1019 diamonds are time-dependent estimates (model 5, Table 3a) with error bars corresponding to
 1020 95% upper and lower confidence intervals. Black dashed line represents the estimates
 1021 generated from model 1, Table 3b, where survival (excluding 2001) is constrained by NIO
 1022 ACE. Apparent survival for the 2001 cohort is illustrated by the larger solid black diamond.
 1023 (c) Three-age class CJS model: Grey diamonds are time-dependent estimates (model 3, Table
 1024 4a) with error bars corresponding to 95% upper and lower confidence intervals. Black dashed

1025 line represents the estimates generated from model 1, Table 4b, where survival (excluding
1026 2001) is constrained by NIO ACE. (d) Multistate model: Grey diamonds are time-dependent
1027 estimates (model 4, Table 5a) with error bars corresponding to 95% upper and lower
1028 confidence intervals. Black dashed line represents the estimates generated from model 2,
1029 Table 5b, where survival (excluding 2001) is constrained by NIO ACE.