

Cape Gannet *Morus capensis*

927364. Dr. Geremy Cliff of the Natal Anti-Shark Measures Board found the remains of two juvenile gannets in the stomach of a 2,2 m Tiger Shark *Galeocerdo cuvieri* netted off Karridene on the Natal south coast on 24.04.1983. The remains included one foot with the above mentioned ring. The gannet had been ringed on Bird Island, Algoa, on 18.03.1983

#### LIGHT RELIEF

Excerpts from letters, ancient and modern, reporting recoveries of ringed birds:

Gannet 536-09114, recovered at Porto Amboin, Angola, 1958.

"These birds are appreciated here for tanning of the breast skin."

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From a letter addressed personally to the Director of the National Zoological Gardens in 1976 concerning a Laughing Dove. (Fish Hoek is a town on the Cape Peninsula).

"Travelling home to Fish Hoek by train on the evening of March 22, I was approached by the conductor, Mr.J.T. Roos, who asked me what to do. He (Mr. Roos) had just picked up a dead Turtle Dove on the train itself, with an aluminium band round one of its claws and on which appeared the embossed letters. "Inform Zoo Pretoria 554052". I said I would write to you and accordingly am herewith enclosing it for your attention (see sheet pinned to this letter).

Please be good enough to acknowledge receipt and let me know how this bird came to be travelling by train to Fish Hoek!"

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Swallow 662-24345 recovered at Tororo, Uganda 1967.

"I hereby notify you that I read an advertisement on a lost swallow from your zoo."