

NOTICES

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: COLOUR RINGED SWIFT TERNS

Swift Tern *Sterna bergii* chicks have been ringed on the islands in Saldanha Bay for the fourth successive year in 1980. Members of the African Seabird Group colour-ringed 1 740 chicks with a yellow ring on the left leg and a metal ring on the right on the weekend 19-20 April on Jutten and Malgas islands. This figure is more than twice the number on Marcus island in 1979, when the colour used was red.

Sightings of yellow and red ringed Swift Terns are requested with details of locality and date, the total number of adult and juvenile (heavily barred) Swift Terns present, and the number colour ringed. Observations of juveniles begging for food or being fed by adults are of especial interest.

Please send all observations to: J. COOPER, FitzPatrick Institute, University of Cape Town, 7700 RONDEBOSCH.

REQUEST FOR MATERIAL

The Research Institute for Diseases in Tropical Environments is conducting a survey of avian Trematode parasites in southern Africa. Faecal specimens from all birds, especially waterbirds, are required. These specimens can either be scraped off a hard surface or, if the bird is (freshly) dead, the contents of the hind gut (cloacal) region can be collected. Preserve the specimen in 10% formalin, use a glass or plastic pill bottle and insert a label (use pencil) with the following details: species, date, locality, age and sex of bird (if possible).

Send the specimen(s) to: MR C.C. APPLETON, R.I.D.T.E., P.O. Box 17120, 4013 CONCELLA.