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AMAZING ALBATROSS LAYS EGG AT 69



Wisdom with a previous hatched chick

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WISDOM the albatross, the world's oldest known wild bird, has laid an egg at the age of 69.

The Laysan albatross was first fitted with a leg band in 1956.

Albatrosses have the largest wingspan of any bird. They spend most of the year at sea, gliding on the ocean winds and feeding on squid.

Wisdom has flown more than three million miles in her lifetime – that's the same as eight return trips to the moon!

Every year, Wisdom returns to Midway Atoll in the Pacific Ocean to meet up with her partner. This remarkable mother has raised well over 30 chicks so far and shows no signs of stopping!

The birds face many threats, the main one being the plastic that ends up in the Pacific – and often birds' stomachs.



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What type of bird is Wisdom?

Herring

Gull

Laysan albatross

Find the numbers.

Wisdom is _____ years old.

She has flown over _____ million miles.

She had a leg band fitted in _____.

She has raised over _____ chicks.

Where do Albatrosses spend most of the year?

at sea

on land

on their nest

What do they normally feed on?

cod

squid

seals

Wisdom has flown 3 million miles in her lifetime, How many return trips to the moon is that equal to?

7

8

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What is the main threat to the birds?

Polar bears

men hunting

plastic in the sea

Where in the Pacific ocean does Wisdom meet up with her partner?

Midway at sea

Midway Atoll

Midway home

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What can we do to help the threat to sea birds?

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