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Hi all,

There really isn't much to the existing carcass survey protocol (I have pasted it in below). The standard survey is primarily focused on searching for Ashy storm-petrel carcasses in areas where they are known to breed.

We also keep track of any dead birds that we find during the course of our regular daily activities, but that is not a standardized survey. We simply note any dead birds that we happen to see (after hatch year birds only), clip the wings to mark that it has been counted, and then record it in the daily journal that evening.

I think a new survey protocol would have to be designed to specifically and methodically search for carcasses if we want to note non-target mortality and remove carcasses after a bait drop.

Cheers,
Pete

Ashy Wing Collection Protocol:

Collect all ASSP remains found around the island in order to document predation. Carefully search for Ashy wings every 5 days throughout the season at locations on LHH (along trail, below wall, and around PIGU boxes), Egger's House, the Catchment Pad, Helo Pad and around the PIGU rubble pile. Collect all remains and be sure to carefully search the surrounding area for metal bands (may or may not be attached to leg). Record the date, location remains were found and number of wings recovered on the Ashy Wings Data Sheet. Also record the number of wings found in the dead bird section of the island journal each evening – this includes birds found in predation surveys and incidental findings. Bring all collected remains back to the house and store them in the "Ashy Wing Bucket" behind the house.

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Hi Pete,

Can you provide the Farallon bird carcass survey protocol to Carliane and Cori. It may be useful for developing the draft mitigation/monitoring plan.

Thanks.

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