

Yellow-eyed penguin Hoiho

Megadyptes antipodes



Conservation status

Regional | Threatened: Critical
National | Threatened: Endangered



Main threats

Fisheries competition and bycatch, climate change, introduced mammalian predators, disturbance, disease

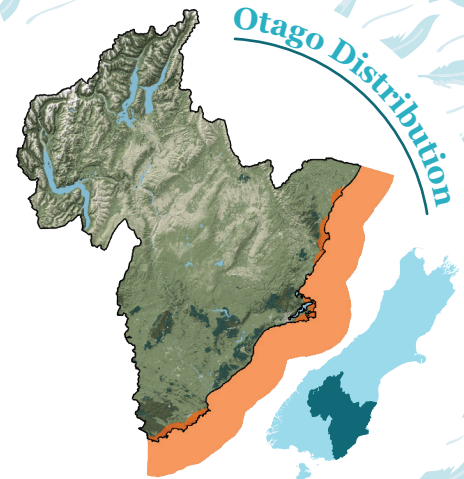
A bit about me...



Length:
65 cm



Weight:
5 kg



 Range

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Breeds in native forest along the Otago coastline and around Rakiura / Stewart Island, but most of the population inhabits the subantarctic Maungahuka / Motu Maha / Auckland Islands and Motu Ihupuku / Campbell Islands. Forages in the open ocean, typically 2–25 km from shore.

Key Otago sites:

- Kātiki Point
- Muaupoko / Otago Peninsula
- Te Ākau Tai Toka / The Catlins



New Zealand endemic

A large yet shy penguin with countershaded plumage and a heavy pink bill. Adults have pale yellow feathering surrounding their yellow eyes. Sits low in the water and dives at speed in pursuit of fish. Gives piercing 'bray' and 'honk' calls.