Verena Gill’s Reports to EXCO for 2023 PSG Annual Meeting

Listserv (Verena Gill, Coordinator)

As of 16 January 2023, the PSG listserver has 1063 subscribers but we have subscribe and unsubscribe requests almost every day so this number is very dynamic. The current total is an increase from 1011 subscribers a year ago and the largest number of subscribers to date. The PSG listserv has a 3,000+ subscriber capacity. Remember, a subscriber does not have to be a PSG member.

The Listserv Coordinator spends over 100 hours annually approving new subscriptions, and delayed posts, tending to subscriber needs on their account, updating and archiving content, and removing spam, responding to general inquiries, and dealing with complaints.

Craig S. Harrison Conservation Fund (Verena Gill, Chair)

This report covers January 2022 to January 2023. The members of the Committee are; Verena Gill (Chair), Craig Harrison (founder), Bill Henry, Dave Duffy, Doug Forsell, Trudy Chatwin, Peter Hodum, and Doug Causey. Verena has chaired this committee for the past 15 years and it is time to move aside. Therefore effective as of the PSG 2023 annual meeting Verena is stepping down and Peter Hodum will take over as Chair. Thank you Peter for stepping up.

Summary

Since 2007, PSG has funded 26 projects for a total of $53,578 although two studies was never completed (Juliana Coffey in 2013 and Abdulmaula Hamza in 2017). Most of the money for Coffey’s project was returned and all of the money for Hamza’s project was returned. Countries covered by the funding include Fiji, Chile, Indonesia, Guatemala, Malaysia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, French Polynesia, and China.
Funds

Amount in the Conservation Fund as of January 2023; $18,694.32, an increase of $8,240 from January 2022 due to internal fund raising efforts.

Projects funded in 2022

1. Submitted in 2022 by Stephanie Alva Gutierrez Dayana; *House mice abundance index and its relation to breeding success of Peruvian diving-petrels on Isla La Vieja, Peru.* Funded for $1950.

Projects submitted but NOT funded in 2022

1. Submitted in 2022 by Andrea Varela; *Assessing the underlying mechanisms of endemism and population divergence in highly vagile (sic) and threatened seabirds: A comparison between two contrasting petrel species* for $2000. Not funded as it lacked concrete conservation goals.

2. Submitted in 2022 by Cynthia Adeline Layusa; *Developing Local Capacities in Seabird Research and Conservation in the Philippines* for $2000. Not funded as the applicant did not respond to follow up questions the committee had even though we were supportive of the project.

Final reports received in 2022

1. Funded in 2017, Yovana Murillo; *Building Capacity for Conservation of Ringed Storm-Petrels (Oceanodroma hornbyi) Affected by Light Attraction in Perú.*

2. Funded in 2020, Muhammad Iqbal, *Indonesia Seabird Survey in Banyuasin Peninsula, Southeast Coast of Sumatra, Indonesia*

3. Funded in 2021, Susana Cárdenas-Alayza Acquire; *Install Modular Housing Inside the Punta San Juan Reserve to Support Staff on Site Year Round.*
All three reports (and some video from Susana’s project) are posted at
https://pacificseabirdgroup.org/grants/grant-recipients/

Delinquent reports

There are three final reports outstanding from funded projects;

3. Felipe Estela from 2013.

To date all PIs that are delinquent have been contacted multiple times, as recently as January 2023. Efforts will continue to track down these reports including contacting PI references. Note that Cristián Suazo is a member of EXCO that has a delinquent report from 2009 and has been contacted repeatedly over the years by Verena Gill, Adrian Gall and Peter Hodum to no avail despite promises to deliver at each communication. He is a PSG regional rep for Southern California, Latin America, and Hawaii.