



**Macaroni Penguin** (*Eudyptes chrysolophus*)

**Size:** Head and body length, 65 - 75 cm; wingspan, approx. 70 cm

**Weight:** 3.1 - 6.6 kg

**Habitat:** Found mainly in the southern Atlantic; nests on rocky slopes, often amid tussock grass

**Surviving number:** Estimated at 18,000,000 - 22,000,000



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Clean and preened. The macaroni penguin spends a great deal of time caring for its plumage, even making trips to the sea expressly to wash off dirt and parasites. Mates preen each other, too, which helps strengthen pair bonds. Despite all this effort, every year it must still replace its feathers in order to remain properly insulated and waterproof. During the molt, the penguin can't forage and, as a result, it can lose up to 40% of its body weight. Packing

weight back on depends on an ample supply of marine life, which is being disrupted by commercial fishing and climate change. The question is: How much longer will the penguin preen?

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