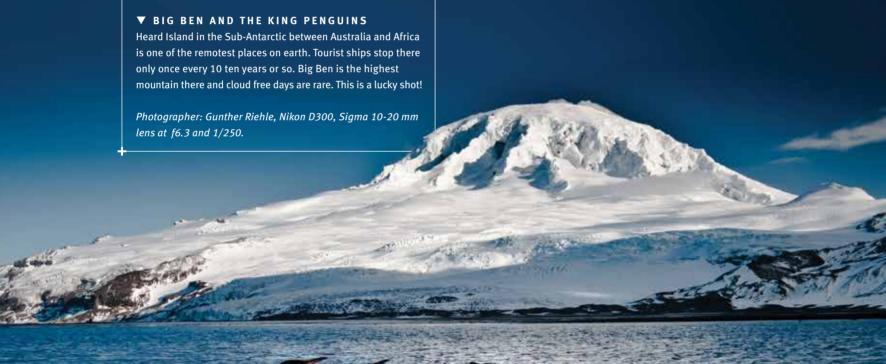
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This photographic competition and exhibition is run by **BirdLife South Africa** during Marine Week to highlight their SOS (Save Our Seabirds) Festival. The images showcase not only the skills of the photographers but also the incredible creatures that call the oceans home.









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Midway Atoll, North Pacific.

Midway Atoll is a restricted area. Only 15 tourists are allowed on the atoll at one time. Two million albatross live there, they are just some of the 14 million seabirds found over the chain of North Hawaiian islands.

Photographer: Gunther Riehle, Nikon D300, Nikon 28-80 mm lens at f13.0 and 1/640.

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Millers Point, Cape Town.

Cape Fur Seals can be very inquisitive during the breeding season. This seal took a huge dislike to my dome port and barked at it for the duration of my dive.

Photographer: Steve Benjamin, Nikon D70, Tokina 10-17 mm lens at f11.0 and 1/400, flash.



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