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Book:

Davison, A. C. & Hinkley, D. V. 1997: *Bootstrap Methods and their Application*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge: 592 pp.

Edited work:

Marchant, S. & Higgins, P. J. (eds) 1993: *Handbook of Australian, New Zealand and Antarctic Birds. Volume 2: Raptors to Lapwings*. Oxford University Press, Melbourne, Australia: 1048 pp.

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Thesis:

Charleton, K. J. 2002: Variation in Sooty Shearwater burrow entrance density, burrow use and chick emergence: Science and Traditional Environmental Knowledge approaches. Unpublished MSc thesis, University of Otago, Dunedin.

Electronic version of journal:

Chiswell, S. M. & Rickard, G. J. 2006: Comparison of model and observational ocean circulation climatologies for the New Zealand region. *Journal of Geophysical Research* **111**: C10011, doi:10.1029/2006JC003489.

Website:

IUCN 2001: *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species 2001 Categories & Criteria (version 3.1)*, www.iucnredlist.org (accessed 22 January 2007).

Report:

MacKenzie, D.I. & Fletcher, D. 2005: Characterisation of seabird captures in NZ fisheries. Report to Ministry of Fisheries for Project ENV2004-04. April 2006. Unpublished Report to the Ministry of Fisheries, Wellington: 99 pp.

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