STRESS PHYSIOLOGY OF GREY-FACED PETREL AS A CONSERVATION TOOL

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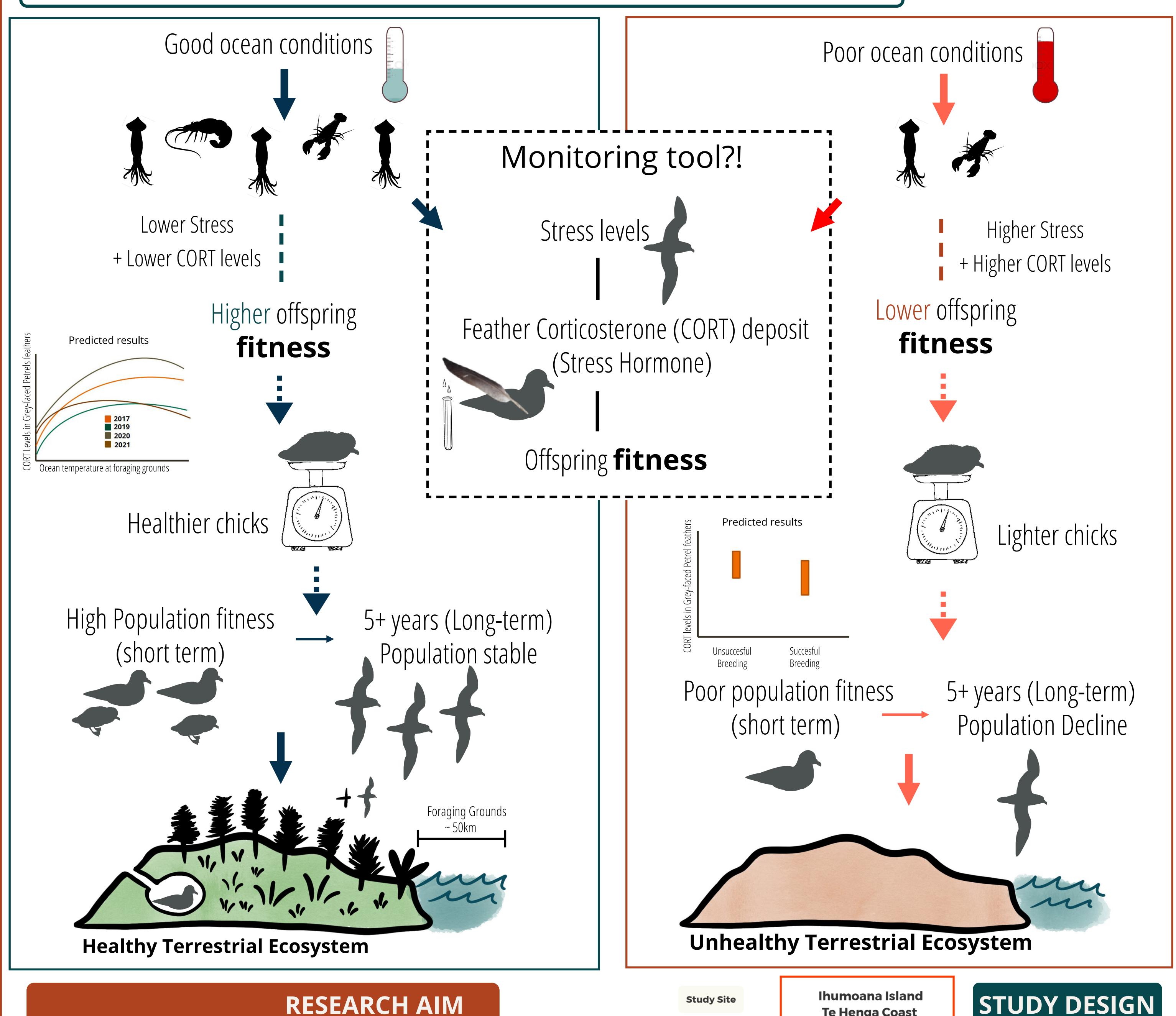




BACKGROUND

Seabirds are the most threatened group of birds in the world, affected by both terrestrial and marine threats Great ecological relevance as top predators and ecosystem engineers

Monitoring ocean and population health is crucial, but challenging and expensive: we need new tools!



Does CORT in feathers relate to changes in ocean conditions and predict population success?

Can we use CORT in feathers as a technology for monitoring seabird and ocean health?

Study Site Ihumoana Island Te Henga Coast Samples Chick feathers Chick feathers

CONSERVATION OUTCOMES

Population health prediction allows for early biodiversity management strategies for seabird populations

Low-cost, non-invasive monitoring tool for climate change effects in seabird oceanic foraging areas

Squid, shrimp and lobster: https://easydrawingguides.com Birds sillouette: Juliane Gaviraghi Mussoi Terrestrial ecosystems: Yen Yi Loo

Termometer: https://www.colourbox.com/vector/thermometer-drawing-vector-1472376

Scale: Can Stock Photo - csp12888352 Feather: http://www.alarmy.com - W29ET0 Grey-faced petrel: https://tekorowaiowaiheke.org/donations

References

Study design diagram: XMind Trial Mode