

MAGELLANIC PENGUIN

Spheniscus magellanicus

Order: Spheniciformes Family: Sphenicidae

Countries breeding populations

Argentina: 950,000 pairs

Falkland islands: 100,000 pairs

Chile: 200,000

IUCN: Near Threatened



The only migratory species the Magellanic Penguin lives off both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of southern South America. A temperate climate species preferring temperatures in the 70s the Magellanic penguin leaves its breeding grounds off the coasts of Argentina and Chile north to Brazil during the Southern Hemisphere's winter. The penguins usually begin migration in May and return to breeding sites by September. They return to the same breeding colonies each year. During incubation the parents have been tracked foraging over 100 km from the nesting sites

