

Editorial

This issue of *The Cormorant* introduces a number of changes. The most important is that the Southern African Seabird Group has expanded its geographical region of interest and has become the African Seabird Group. It is hoped that future issues will contain material from this expanded region, improving (I hope) the value and readability of *The Cormorant*.

With this change *The Cormorant*, which has been incubating as a bulletin for seven issues since 1976, has now hatched into a journal (starting with Volume 8) to be issued in two parts a year. I hope that the hatchling will eventually grow into a fully-fledged production.

Looking back on five years of producing *The Cormorant* reminds me that now is an opportune time to mention those who have helped in its production. I have been extremely lucky in having the help of Jeanette Wood (who has accurately typed all issues from No. 2), and John Ledger (of the famed "Ledger Press") who has printed *The Cormorant* from No. 1 of November 1976. Their help has made production of the *The Cormorant* a hassle-free task and I thank them both.

I also thank those referees who have helped me groom papers for final production, especially Richard Brooke who is my arbiter on matters of the Queen's English.

Lastly, I offer thanks to all those who have supported *The Cormorant* by writing for it; some whose names have appeared in nearly all issues. Without their support *The Cormorant* could not exist. Like me they must also agree with the unofficial motto of the African Seabird Group :

REAL BIRDS EAT FISH

John Cooper

