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## Unique new insights into the life of Southern Elephant Seals

Modern tracking technology and international collaboration have given IMAS researchers and their colleagues from eight countries unprecedented new insights into the life, behaviour and distribution of southern elephant seals.

The major six-year circumpolar study tracked 287 seals from eight sites across the Southern Ocean, from Macquarie Island south of Australia to sub-Antarctic islands, such as South Georgia and the Kerguelen Islands.

Elephant seals spend more than 10-months of the year foraging at sea before returning to their breeding sites, and the researchers recorded individual

"It's almost as if we had 287 mini-

