**Albatross Bolus Dissection Lab**

1. Read the background packet with your partner.
2. Make some observations of the *intact* bolus. What does it look like? Do you see any materials right away? Plastic? (answer in your notebook)
3. Measure the bolus with the ruler and record the length and width of the bolus in *centimeters* (record in notebook)
4. CAREFULLY start pulling apart your group’s bolus. Separate the contents into the following piles: (1) beak parts, (2) grass and dirt (natural products), (3) fishing line and rope (non-natural products), (4) plastics, (5) shell parts and rocks, (6) unidentifiable.
5. Sort the plastics by color, measure each piece and record your findings in Table #1
6. Sort your items found in the bolus appropriately in order to fill out all the information in Table #2 (use the information from Table #1 to fill out the section entitled “Plastic Fragments”)
7. Where do you think the nonfood objects came from that you found in your bolus? How would this affect the bird?
8. What do your findings tell you about the albatross and its habitat?