

handlines this season, Mr Sousa said that he had caught nearly all his fish with traps and on the few occasions when handlines were resorted to, the haul was only moderate.

FEWER BANDED PETRELS

Although there were many said to be in our waters, we have received very little information on the recovery of banded giant petrels this year. Normally by this time Fauna Warden Bowler's rescue service would have been working overtime, but to-date he has not had to handle a single bird. Dr D.L. Serventy, of the Wildlife Survey Section, C.S.I.R.O., has had two bands forwarded to him, the details of the recovery of which he has forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, U.S.A.

All officers are requested to advise fishermen not to remove the band from a living bird. The number and other details should be carefully noted and the bird released with the band intact. The petrels are being banded in the Antarctic, south of South America, and they have only completed a section of their migratory flight by the time they arrive here. The band should be left on the bird so that it can complete its fact-finding mission. Almost all the petrels recovered here are first-year birds and the banding authorities want to establish whether they return to the nesting site after completing their circumpolar flight.