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Northern elephant seal carrying a standard ARGOS-linked tag off Baja California.

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2008) which was co-hosted by the Tagging of Pacific Predators (TOPP; www.topp.org) and Tag-a-Giant (TAG; www.tagagiant.org) programs. Symposium presentations showcased how the state of the art in biologging technologies was being used to unlock the ecology, physiology and conservation biology of a range of vertebrate species. The papers in the present volume represent the breadth and novelty of the research conveyed at the symposium along with additional related papers submitted independently.

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