

Headline: Queen Poppy of South Africa Wins Aviary Award

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Queen Poppy of South Africa gave her acceptance speech Friday evening in Antarctica to an audience of penguin parliamentary members, nobility, family members, and friends. Earlier this month, she was selected to win the distinguished Peacekeeping Medal of Excellence, an honor given by both Southern and Galapagos penguin communities.

“I feel sure that our penguin movement is continuing with great purpose,” said Queen Poppy. “With your help, we can stay united and keep our movement heading in the right direction.”

Penguins have always lived under the threat of killer whales and polar bears, but together they’ve developed an escape plan that, when employed, ensures higher numbers of survival.

“I’ve been working on these efforts since I was a young princess, when my mother pressed upon me how crucial our role is in keeping peace in the animal kingdom,” she said. “No longer will we be overlooked. No longer will we be a cutesy zoo exhibit. Whether we march on ice in Antarctica or on the beaches of South Africa, we march together.”

The Award for Peacekeeping Medal of Excellence dates back to 1525, when King Alfred and Queen Mathilde of the Galapagos Islands wanted to praise their young daughter, Petunia, and share her successes with the entire penguin population. Today, more than a million penguins work together to increase their survival rates.

“If it wasn’t for your own resilience and passion for our community, I, nor anyone before me, would have a movement to fight for,” she said, award in hand. “You make me proud.”

Also among the audience were those who nominated her, such as King Flapper and the Prince of the South Pole, His Royal Highness Peter P. Penguin.