Periodic points of latitudinal sphere maps

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For the maps of the two-dimensional sphere into itself that preserve the latitude foliation and are differentiable at the poles, lower estimates of the number of fixed points for the maps and their iterates are obtained. Those estimates also show that the growth rate of the number of fixed points of the iterates is larger than or equal to the logarithm of the absolute value of the degree of the map.