

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p><b>Tenth Meeting of the Advisory Committee</b> <i>Wellington, New Zealand, 11 - 15 September 2017</i></p> <p><b>Draft Advisory Committee Work Programme 2019 - 2021</b></p> <p><b><i>Advisory Committee Chair, Vice-chair, Secretariat</i></b></p>
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### **SUMMARY**

An Advisory Committee Work Programme for the 2019 - 2021 triennium will be submitted to MoP6 in 2018. This is a draft of that work programme seeking comments and eventual endorsement from the Advisory Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Working Groups and the Advisory Committee are requested to comment upon and suggest amendments to the draft work programme for the Advisory Committee for the 2019 - 2021 triennium.

## **1. DRAFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019 - 2021**

A draft Advisory Committee Work Programme for the 2019 - 2021 triennium (see **ANNEX 1**) is presented to the Advisory Committee and its Working Groups for refinement and final endorsement prior to submission to MoP6 in 2018.

The Work Programme includes indicative costs (in AUD) for specific tasks or actions (only amounts to be funded from the AC Work Programme are shown). Significant levels of financial and staffing resources will be required from other sources to undertake the work programme, primarily from the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee Officials, but also from Parties, Range States and NGOs. The hours shown do not include time spent by the Parties or other organisations, but is a reflection of the amount of time that AC Officials and the Secretariat will spend on these tasks.

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Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
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<b>1. Taxonomy and Annex 1 review</b>						
1.1	Keep the Taxonomy Working Group's bibliographic database updated	TWG led by Convenor	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	0.5 week per annum (p.a.)	AUD 0	
1.2	Continue the establishment of a morphometric and plumage database	TWG led by Convenor, Science Officer	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	2 weeks	AUD 0	This will facilitate the taxonomic process, the identification of bycatch specimens, and the long-term storage of valuable data
1.3	Maintain a database of site-specific information on the availability of samples relevant to studies of population genetics of ACAP species	TWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	2 months	?	In co-operation with PaCSWG (see <b>Item 2.14</b> ) a database of researchers holding site specific samples will be developed initially.
1.4	Consider taxonomic issues relating to species proposed for addition to Annex 1 of the Agreement	Parties and AC	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	0.5 week p.a.	AUD 0	Development of papers as required, using species assessment template.
1.5	Respond to queries on taxonomic issues relating to ACAP species	TWG led by Convenor	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	1-2 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	Provide advice regarding a standard taxonomic list to use by Parties when assessing the suitability of candidate species for inclusion in Annex 1, and for encouraging ongoing harmonisation with CMS and IUCN, including addressing synonyms in Annex 1.

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<b>2. Information on status, trends and breeding sites</b>						
2.1	Consider gaps in population, tracking, breeding site management, threats and regulatory protection data submitted to ACAP; request any outstanding data and incorporate changes	PaCSWG, Science Officer	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	8 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	Parties to provide new or outstanding data each year. Science Officer to issue reminders in June each year. Maximise use of existing data (could be suitable for <b>secondments</b> ).
2.2	Review and refine standardised queries and outputs for analysis and interpretation. Continue to improve data portal structure and queries.	Science Officer, Convenors, Vice Convenors, PaCSWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	12 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	
2.3	Accurately assess and update global population trends	PaCSWG Convenors, Science Officer and BirdLife International with other experts as required	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	3 weeks	AUD 5,000 (core)	May require further data portal updates. Consider alternative approaches as required. Review at <u>AC10AC12</u> .
2.4	Update ACAP Species Assessments	Science Officer, PaCSWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	6 weeks p.a.	AUD 4,000 (core)	Costs for Birdlife to update maps.
2.5	Translate updates to Species Assessments and ACAP guidelines into Spanish and French	Science Officer	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>		AUD 10,000 (core)	
2.6	Identify priority species or populations for monitoring of numbers, trends and demography	PaCSWG, Science Officer	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	2 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	Review and update priorities and reflect on progress against priorities and provide reports to each AC Meeting.
2.7	Review availability of albatross and petrel tracking/distribution data to ensure representativeness of species/age classes. Prioritise gaps and encourage studies to fill gaps.	PaCSWG, AC, Science Officer and BirdLife International	<del>2017-2020</del>	1 week p.a.	AUD 1,000 (core)	Review at <u>AC10AC12</u>
2.8	Identify and review priority species or populations for conservation actions.	PaCSWG, Science Officer	<u>Ongoing</u> <del>2016-2018</del>	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	Review at each AC Meeting

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2.9	Review and prioritise the threats to breeding sites and identify gaps in knowledge.	PaCSWG, Science Officer	<del>2016-2018</del> Ongoing	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	Annual updating of priorities by Parties, re-run prioritisation for <del>AC10</del> AC12.
2.10	Review and update best-practice guidelines	PaCSWG, Science Officer, Lead Richard Phillips (UK), Anton Wolfaardt (UK), Marcela Uhart (UCD)	<del>2016-2018</del> Ongoing	3 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	May include developing new disease outbreak guidelines
2.11	Develop/update database of biosecurity plans for ACAP breeding sites	PaCSWG, Science Officer	<del>2016-2018</del> Ongoing	1 week	AUD 0	Parties may also need to develop/implement biosecurity plans at breeding sites
2.12	Maintain contact list, <del>and addresses</del> of ringing authorities	Science Officer, PaCSWG	<del>2016-2018</del> Ongoing	1 week	AUD 0	
2.13	Provide reports on activities to AC meetings	PaCSWG, Science Officer	As needed	12 weeks	AUD 0	
2.14	Develop list of researchers/institutions/regional nodes for bycatch samples	PaCSWG, Lead Marcela Uhart (UCD), Patricia Serafini (Brazil), Flavio Quintana (Argentina), Richard Phillips (UK), Hannah Nevins (ABC)	2016-2017	2 weeks	AUD 0	
2.15	Develop guidelines to quantify the ingestion of plastics by albatrosses and petrels	Lead Patricia Serafini (Brazil), Marcela Uhart, Barbara Wienecke (Australia), Richard Phillips (UK)	By AC10	2 weeks	AUD 0	
2.16	Develop guidelines for tissue sampling of dead birds	Marcela Uhart (UCD)	By AC10	1 week	AUD 0	
2.17	Complete breeding sites accounts	PaCSWG, Lead John Cooper (Secretariat)	By AC10	5 weeks	AUD 0	

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<b>3. Seabird Bycatch</b>						
3.1	Continue to implement the RFMO <del>interaction plan</del> <u>engagement strategy</u> for ACAP ( <del>AC5 Doc 29</del> <u>SBWG8 Doc 13</u> ) and review at each SBWG meeting. Relevant Parties to engage and assist RFMOs and other relevant international bodies in assessing and minimising bycatch of albatrosses and petrels. Develop ACAP specific products on best practice bycatch data collection and reporting for presentation to RFMOs.	Individual RFMO co-ordinators, Secretariat, SBWG and AC	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	a) 18 weeks p.a. b) 18 weeks p.a. c) 2 weeks p.a.	(a+b) AUD 30,000 p.a. (core)	a) Travel etc costs for attendance at selected RFMO meetings (less if Party can contribute directly) b) RFMO co-ordinator activities c) Review of process and recommend changes (SBWG) Includes development and dissemination of resources
<del>3.2</del>	<del>Update analysis of overlaps of distributions and albatrosses and petrels with fisheries managed by RFMOs</del>	<del>BirdLife / ACAP</del>	<del>2016-2017</del>	<del>4 weeks</del>	<del>AUD 10,000 (core)</del>	<del>Consider work and schedule of RFMO activities (e.g. seabird risk assessments and reviews of bycatch mitigation measures) Moved to Section 5</del>
<del>3.3</del>	<del>Continue to review and utilise available information on foraging distribution, fisheries and seabird bycatch to aid prioritisation of actions to reduce the risk of fishing operations to ACAP species in waters subject to national jurisdiction.</del>	<del>SBWG and Parties</del>	<del>2016-2018</del>		<del>AUD 10,000 (grant)</del>	<del>Assess needs for waters subject to national jurisdiction and any capacity building requirements To facilitate regional coordination to better assess bycatch Consider possible link to conservation priorities, such as Wandering Albatross Moved to Section 5</del>
3.4	Maintain bibliography of relevant bycatch information.	BirdLife/SBWG Science Officer	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	Based on Endnote library Includes both published and unpublished literature Replace working papers with published papers where possible Submission of information from Parties and others encouraged

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3.5	Based on new information, update ACAP/BirdLife fact sheets on mitigation measures for fishing methods known to impact albatrosses and petrels (trawl, pelagic longline, demersal longline) Update fact sheet on branchline weighting for Pelagic LL fisheries; develop new fact sheets for Hook shielding devices.	SBWG/BirdLife - Trawl: New Zealand Pelagic longline: Australia Demersal longline: UK General: BirdLife	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	1 week per fact sheet	AUD10,000 (core, for translation and for new factsheet)	
3.6	Investigate the barriers and drivers in the uptake of best practice seabird bycatch mitigation measures. (e.g. produce report on lessons from mitigation success stories in commercial fisheries, develop the flagship species approach to raise the profile of seabird bycatch, bycatch mitigation and other conservation measures in fisheries in high-risk areas/ for high priority populations).	SBWG/BirdLife, Secretariat	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	8 weeks	AUD 10,000 (core for publication and translation of materials)	May help inform the development of future strategies for engagement with fishing fleets (task 3.15). Possible <b>secondment</b> opportunity.
3.7	Prepare review of knowledge on deliberate take/killing of ACAP species at sea.	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	12 weeks	AUD 10,000 (grant)	Review to describe current knowledge (much from unpublished literature) and causes of any deliberate take and to consider possible take reduction strategies. (Work on review of intentional killing in jigging fleets was planned in 2015). Potential for <b>secondment or grant</b> .
3.8	Recommend priority actions to advance implementation of line-weighting in pelagic longline fisheries. Extend fly-back safety studies to consider hook tear-outs and 80 g weight if practicable.	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	12 weeks	10 000 AUD (core)	Will be informed by output of research planned for 2015
3.9	Review and update the prioritisation framework for at-sea threats	SBWG	<del>202017</del> (for MoP <u>76</u> )	1 week	AUD 5,000 (core)	Analysis and update of data relating to threats and mitigation. Possible workshop.

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3.10	Further development of best practice advice for mitigation in artisanal, small scale and recreational fisheries, including research for these fisheries.	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	16 weeks	AUD 0	Follows on from development of the toolbox concept in 2015. Good opportunity for <b>secondment</b> .
3.11	Further development of best practice advice for mitigation in gillnet fisheries	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	2 weeks	AUD 0	
3.12	Assist other organisations or range states in bycatch research by facilitating collaboration with relevant experts	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>		AUD 0	
3.13	Development of bycatch indicators and associated data, methodological approaches and reporting required	SBWG, Secretariat	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	20 weeks	AUD 10,000 (grant)	Possibility for continued <b>secondments</b> to build capacity
<del>3.14</del>	<del>Develop the flagship species approach to raise the profile of seabird bycatch, bycatch mitigation and other conservation measures in fisheries in high-risk areas</del>	<del>SBWG</del>	<del>2016-2018</del>		<del>AUD 10,000 (core)</del>	<del>Funds for publication and translation of materials Combined with 3.6</del>
3.15	Implement the strategy for directly engaging with fishing fleets on the need for implementation of seabird bycatch mitigation measures (links to the investigation on barriers and drivers of uptake)	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	2 weeks	AUD 0	Strategy and mechanism development planned for 2015-2016
<del>3.16</del>	<del>Research actions for artisanal, small-scale and recreational fisheries</del>	<del>SBWG</del>	<del>2016-2018</del>		<del>To be determined</del>	<del>Dependent on progress of research strategy for artisanal, small-scale and recreational fisheries planned for 2015 Combined with 3.10</del>
3.17	Research actions for gillnet fisheries	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	1 week	AUD 0	Liaise with external initiatives

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3.18	Extend revised format of review and best practice advice documents on bycatch mitigation to demersal longline and trawl fisheries	SBWG, Secretariat	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	4 weeks	AUD 0	
3.19	Development of mitigation advice for purse-seine fisheries	SBWG, Chile, Australia, ATF Chile	<del>2016-2017</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	4 weeks		Possible <b>grant</b>
3.20	Further development of best practice guidelines in the use of Electronic Monitoring for the assessment and monitoring of seabird bycatch	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	8 weeks	AUD 0	Possible <b>secondment</b>
3.21	Evaluate the factors that drive or limit success of NPOA-Seabirds in reducing the bycatch of seabirds – link to 4.1	SBWG	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>2019-2021</u>	20 weeks	AUD 0	Possible <b>secondment</b>
<b>4. Capacity building, New Parties, Organisation of Work</b>						
4.1	Provide assistance and capacity building to facilitate drafting and implementation of NPOA-Seabirds	AC, Parties and BirdLife to consider	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	10 weeks	AUD 0	Capacity building in accordance with the needs identified by interested Parties in order to encourage implementation, particularly in Ecuador, France, Peru, South Africa, (Angola, Namibia, Mozambique, Madagascar), Tristan da Cunha (UK), and EC external fisheries
4.2	Continue to develop and implement the strategy for adding further Parties, and engaging with States not Party to ACAP	AC, Parties	<del>2016</del> <u>Ongoing</u>		AUD 0	Initial work carried out at AC7, further work intersessionally, work with lead Parties and Secretariat as needed. Consider implications of addition of pink-footed shearwater to Annex 1 of the Agreement.
4.3	Consider Working Group structure and function, including role and participation of members and experts	WGs, AC	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>		AUD 0	

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4.4	Populate and measure capacity building indicators	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, New Zealand, UK	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>		AUD 0	
4.5	Complete the work on drafting the capacity building strategy	Advisory Committee, Parties	2016-2018		AUD 0	Provide draft of final strategy to MoP6
<b>5. Indicators, priorities, reviews and collective conservation action</b>						
5.1	Review data inputs to breeding sites and at-sea prioritisation frameworks agreed at MoP4, revise conservation priorities and identify actions required to address these priority threats.	WG Convenors and WGs	<del>2017</del> <u>2020</u>	4 weeks	?	
5.2	Review existing Action Plans (for National Plans, when asked by relevant Party), and advise on new Action Plans for ACAP species and priority populations	PaCSWG, SBWG, TWG, AC, Parties	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	16 weeks	AUD 0	
5.3	Review, refine and standardise criteria to include new species on Annex 1.	PaCSWG, SBWG, TWG, Science Officer	Ongoing	1 week	AUD 0	Develop delisting criteria. Update scores as needed.
5.4	Review and update any publications not already specified in the Work Programme	PaCSWG, SBWG, TWG, Secretariat	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	4 weeks	AUD 0	Review Seabird Bycatch ID guide and de-hooking guide. Possible <b>secondment</b> opportunity.
5.5	Implement system of indicators for the success of the ACAP Agreement	Parties, Secretariat, BirdLife and AC	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	
5.6	Review ACAP performance indicators	PaCSWG, SBWG Convenors, Science Officer and BirdLife International	2016	3 weeks	AUD 0	
5.7	Manage database of relevant scientific literature	Secretariat	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	2 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	

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5.8	Manage directory of relevant legislation	Secretariat	<u>Ongoing</u> <del>2016-2018</del>	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	Parties to supply further information, as available
5.9	Manage a list of authorities, research centres, scientists and non-governmental organisations relevant to ACAP	Secretariat	<u>Ongoing</u> <del>2016-2018</del>	2 days p.a.	AUD 0	Parties and AC to supply further information, as available
5.10	Review information and drafts of triennial implementation report. Agree triennial implementation report prior to MoP6.	Advisory Committee, Secretariat	2017		AUD 0	In accordance with Article IX 6 (d) of the Agreement
5.11	Review list of decisions by the Meeting of Parties in order to advise Parties on which decisions should be included in Party reports	Advisory Committee, Secretariat	2016		AUD 0	
5.12	Develop a guide on removing entangled seabirds from nets	Australia, Secretariat, SBWG, PaCSWG	2016-2018	2 weeks	AUD 2,000 (Core)	Resources needed for graphic design. Possible <b>secondment</b> opportunity.
5.13	Update analysis of overlaps of distributions of albatrosses and petrels with fisheries managed by RFMOs	BirdLife / ACAP	2016-2017	4 weeks	AUD 10,000 (core)	Consider work and schedule of RFMO activities (e.g. seabird risk assessments and reviews of bycatch mitigation measures).
5.14	Continue to review and utilise available information on foraging distribution, fisheries and seabird bycatch to aid prioritisation of actions to reduce the risk of fishing operations to ACAP species in waters subject to national jurisdiction.	SBWG, PaCSWG and Parties	<del>2016-2018</del> <u>Ongoing</u>	16 weeks	AUD 10,000 (grant)	Assess any capacity building requirements to facilitate regional coordination to better assess bycatch. Consider possible link to conservation priorities, including priority populations.
<b>6. Management of AC work, secretariat oversight and liaison, and interaction of ACAP bodies</b>						
6.1	Consider and advise on budget matters as needed	AC	<u>Ongoing</u> <del>2016-2018</del>	2 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	Shorter-term advice provided by the AC Chair
6.2	Consider and advise on Staff matters as needed	AC	<u>Ongoing</u> <del>2016-2018</del>	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	Shorter-term advice provided by the AC Chair

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6.3	Oversee, advise and guide Secretariat in relation to database, web portal	Convenors, Chair and Vice-chair	<u>Ongoing</u> <del>2016-2018</del>	6 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	
6.4	Manage work of Advisory Committee	Chair, Vice-chair and Convenors	<u>Ongoing</u> <del>2016-2018</del>	18 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	Regular teleconferences and email conversations