

## Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

## **Second Meeting of the Parties**

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Agenda Items	<b>Documents</b>
1. Official opening and opening remarks	
Welcoming remarks to the participants will be given by Bill Mansfield. The interim Secretariat will provide information to delegates on housekeeping issues. Parties will be provided with an opportunity to give a brief opening statement.	
2. Procedural Issues	Resolution 2.9
<b>2.1. Adoption of Agenda</b> The meeting is invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.	MoP2/Doc2 MoP2/Doc3 MoP2/Doc4 MoP2/Doc5
<ul> <li>2.2. Proposed Amendments to the MoP Rules of Procedure</li> <li>The interim Secretariat will present a paper proposing a number of amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of the Parties. Parties are invited to give consideration to the adoption of the proposed amendments.</li> <li>2.3. Establishment of Credentials Committee</li> <li>The meeting will establish a Credentials Committee for MoP2.</li> </ul>	MoP2/Doc6

3. Reports	
3.1. Report of Credentials Committee The Chair of the Credentials Committee will present a report on the outcome of the Committee's considerations.	
3.2. Report of the Depository Australia will present a report on the status of signatures and ratifications to the Agreement.	MoP2/Doc7
3.3. Report of the Interim Secretariat  The interim Secretariat will present a report on the activities it has undertaken since the First Meeting of Parties	MoP2/Doc8
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3.4. Interim Financial Report 2006	14 72 75 0
The interim Secretariat will present the interim financial report for the 2006 financial year.	MoP2/Doc9
3.5. 2005 Financial Report and Auditor's Report The interim Secretariat will present the independent audit report for the 2005 financial year and the 2005 Financial Statements.	MoP2/Doc10
3.6. Report on Implementation of the Agreement ACAP Advisory Committee Chair Mark Tasker will present this report, compiled by the Advisory Committee from reports provided to the Secretariat by Parties to the Agreement.	MoP2/Doc11
3.7. Report of the Advisory Committee  ACAP Advisory Committee Chair Mark Tasker will report to the MoP on the activities and meetings of the Advisory  Committee, with particular reference to progress with actions under Article IX of the Agreement	MoP2/Doc12

4. Operation of the Secretariat	
4.1. Headquarters Agreement	
The Government of Australia and the interim Secretariat have developed a Headquarters Agreement for the consideration of the Parties. Agreement is sought on the elements of the Headquarters Agreement with the intention that the Meeting will adopt draft Resolution 2.1 authorising the Secretariat to enter into an Agreement with Government of Australia.	MoP2/Doc13 Resolution 2.1
4.2. Staff Regulations	
The interim Secretariat will present a paper outlining Staff regulations which establish the fundamental principles of employment, regulate the working relationships and establish the rights and duties of staff members of the Secretariat. Parties are requested to consider draft Resolution 2.2 on the adoption of staff regulations for the ACAP Secretariat.	MoP2/Doc14 Resolution 2.2 Resolution 2.10
<b>4.3. Amendments to the Financial Regulations</b> The financial regulations for the Agreement Secretariat were adopted at the first Meeting of Parties and are contained in Annex 5 of the report of that meeting. The interim Secretariat has prepared a paper proposing a number of amendments to the financial regulations to improve their operation.	MoP2/Doc15 Resolution 2.4
<b>4.4. Secretariat Work Programme 2006-09</b> The interim Secretariat will present a paper proposing a work programme for the Secretariat for the 2007-2009 period. Parties' consideration and endorsement of the proposed work programme is requested.	MoP2/Doc16
<b>4.5. Proposed Indicators to Measure the Performance of the Secretariat</b> The interim Secretariat will present a paper proposing indicators to measure the performance of the Secretariat. Parties' consideration and advice on the proposed indicators are sought.	MoP2/Doc17
4.6. Review of the Effectiveness of the Secretariat	
The second Meeting of Parties is required to prepare terms of reference for a review of the effectiveness of the Secretariat. A paper proposing a procedure for this review and draft terms of reference are presented for the consideration of the Parties.	MoP2/Doc18 Resolution 2.11

5. Operation of the Meeting of the Parties	
<ul> <li>5.1. Intersessional Consultation Process</li> <li>5.1.1. Secretariat</li> <li>5.1.2. Advisory Committee</li> <li>The interim Secretariat and the Chair of the Advisory Committee will present a paper proposing a process for intersessional consultations with the Meeting of Parties.</li> </ul>	MoP2/Doc19 MoP2/Doc20
<b>5.2. Representation at International Bodies</b> At the first and second meetings of the Advisory Committee (AC) it was agreed that the conservation status of many albatross and petrel populations could benefit from a co-ordinated approach to at-sea risks. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the AC drafted a resolution to reflect their views on the key elements of these discussions. Parties are requested to consider and adopt draft Resolution 2.7.	MoP2/Doc21 Resolution 2.7
<b>5.3. Timing of Meetings</b> Article VIII (1) of the Agreement states that the Meeting of the Parties shall be held at intervals of not more than three years but does not specify how often meetings of the Advisory Committee should be held. Parties are requested to consider the Advisory Committee's recommendations concerning frequency of AC and MoP meetings.	MoP2/Doc22
6.1. Advisory Committee Work Programme The Advisory Committee at its second meeting drafted a 2007-2009 work programme for the Advisory Committee and its Working Groups. This includes a taxonomy and Annex 1 review, review of status and trends, protection of breeding sites and status of non-native species, fisheries interaction, indicators and capacity building and collation of information on research, legislation and organisations/individuals concerned with albatrosses and petrels. Parties are requested to consider and approve draft Resolution 2.6 on the Advisory Committee work programme.	MoP2/Doc23 MoP2/Info2 Resolution 2.6

7. Operation of the Agreement	
<b>7.1. Agreement Budget 2007-2009</b> The interim Secretariat has prepared a draft budget for the Agreement for the period 2007-2009. Parties are requested to consider and adopt the draft budget.	MoP2/Doc24/Ver2 MoP2/Info2 Resolution 2.3 Resolution 2.10
<b>7.2. Scale of Contributions</b> Resolution 1.3 established a Scale of Contributions for Parties to ACAP that was fully related to Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The Resolution also provided for MoP2 to consider amending the Scale of Contributions to encourage developing countries to joint the Agreement. MoP/Doc26 presents a number of options for a revised Scale of Contributions for consideration by the Parties.	MoP2/Doc24/Ver2 MoP2/Doc25/Rev1
<b>7.3.</b> Changes in the Conservation Status of Albatrosses and Petrels Article VIII 12.b) requires that the Meeting of Parties, at each of its ordinary sessions, consider actual and potential changes in the conservation status of albatrosses and petrels. Parties are requested to advise if there are any actual changes or potential changes to the Conservation status of Annex 1 species, or to their habitats.	MoP2/Doc26
7.4. Amendments to the Action Plan Article VIII 13.e) states that, at any of its sessions, the Meeting of Parties may amend the Action Plan in accordance with Article VI (4) of the Agreement. Parties are requested to confirm that no amendments are required to the Action Plan.	MoP2/Doc27
<ul> <li>7.5. Proposed Indicators to Measure the Success of ACAP BirdLife International/New Zealand/South Africa request Parties to adopt the BirdLife Red List Index (Resolution 2.8) as an interim indicator to measure favourable conservation status for albatrosses and petrels.</li> <li>7.6. Proposed Reporting Format for the Report on the Implementation of the Agreement Article VII.1 c) requires that each Party provide information through the Secretariat to the Advisory Committee so that it may prepare a synthesised report on the implementation of the Agreement. The Advisory Committee Chair, Mark Tasker, will present a draft format for reports on implementation of the Agreement prepared by the Advisory Committee for consideration by the Parties.</li> </ul>	MoP2/Doc28 Resolution 2.8 MoP2/Doc29
7.7. Proposed Amendment to Annex 1 In accordance with Article XII of the Agreement, New Zealand proposes an amendment to Annex 1 of the Agreement. Parties are requested to consider and adopt the proposed amendments.	MoP2/Doc30 Resolution 2.5

8. Provisional Date and Venue of the Third Meeting	
Parties are asked to nominate and reach agreement on the date and venue of the Third Meeting.	MoP2/Doc31
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9. Other Business	
Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.	
10. Closing Remarks	
Parties will have the opportunity to make closing remarks	
11. Adoption of MoP2 Report	
The report of the meeting is to be drafted and agreed to by the Parties.	
12. Closure of the Meeting	
The meeting is expected to close on Friday, 17 November 2006, no later than 17:00.	