

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p>Fourth Meeting of the Parties <i>Lima, Peru, 23 – 27 April 2012</i></p> <p>Amendment to Reporting Format for the Report on the Implementation of the Agreement</p> <p>Secretariat</p>
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BACKGROUND

Following agreement at MoP3 that changes were needed to the template used by Parties to report on implementation of the Agreement, a draft revised template was developed intersessionally by Australia and proposed for adoption at AC5. Consistent with the discussion at AC5, the Secretariat created a web-based system for Parties' Implementation Reports based on the template presented in [AC5 Doc 16](#). The reporting template was incorporated into the ACAP database as two independent sections – an Advisory Committee Report, addressing reporting requirements arising from the Agreement's Action Plan, to be completed preceding each Advisory Committee Meeting (ANNEX 1); and a MoP Report, for Parties' reports on their progress in implementing the Agreement, to be completed triennially prior to the AC preceding a Meeting of Parties (ANNEX 2).

The current reporting format significantly reduces the amount of free text required (and the time needed for a Party to complete the report) and, making use of data already submitted to the ACAP database, seeks mostly quantitative information in a standard format from all Parties.

Although the new reporting process was generally well received, respondents identified a number of issues which were presented for consideration at AC6 ([AC6 Doc 16 Rev 1](#)). The AC reviewed the issues identified and endorsed some modifications to the format for implementation in the next round of reporting.

Advisory Committee Report Format

The Advisory Committee report allowed Parties to check and update National Contact Point information (**Section A**), Populations and Breeding Sites information (**Section B**), Fisheries and Bycatch data (**Section C**), and to report on any funding received or provided for ACAP related research or capacity building activities (**Section D**).

Where possible, **Sections A to C** were pre-populated with information previously submitted to the database. Only Parties with Breeding Sites reported on **Section B**. Report compilers who were also breeding site custodians, could directly update any existing Section B information for their sites by following a link to the data entry forms. Report compilers who

were not breeding site custodians, could follow a link to contact breeding site custodians via email with any additional information or any questions they had and ask them to amend the database. The content of this email would then be archived in the database against the breeding site record.

Sites in the Antarctic Treaty Area or in Disputed jurisdictions were reported on separately, with all Parties being able to view Section B information for all sites south of 60°S if they chose to create an Antarctic report. Only jurisdictions relevant to disputed sites could view Section B information for those sites.

Section D also allowed report editors to upload any supporting documentation for this section.

MoP Report Format

This report comprised 22 questions which required yes or no answers. If neither option was selected, the default option of “not answered” remained selected. For each question, text boxes were provided for additional information as well as the option to upload supporting documents. The text boxes were not character limited.

FUTURE REPORTING

AC6 endorsed the following modifications to the reporting format and process:

1. Timing of request for report completion

AC6 agreed that in future, three months be provided for Parties to complete their implementation reports, i.e. requests will be made six months prior to the deadline for submission of AC docs.

2. Antarctic and disputed sites

AC6 expressed a preference for all Antarctic sites (south of 60°) to be included in each Party's report, so that only one AC report per Party needs to be submitted.

3. AC Report Section D: Funding received and provided

Although AC6 Members felt that this question could be useful in generating capacity indicators in the future, and should therefore be retained, they expressed concern regarding the availability and confidentiality of information needed to answer this question, as well as the complexity of compiling this information. Members agreed that to reflect this, the question could be qualified with “where readily available”.

4. Accessing bycatch forms outside AC Report

The AC agreed with the SBWG recommendation that the fisheries component be made available outside of the AC reporting process so that it can be updated on an ongoing basis, as happens with population and breeding site data.

5. Overlapping information requested for AC and MoP reports

AC report section D asks for research and capacity building information, while the MoP report requests information on research programmes and education (which could include capacity building) in sections 5 and 6.

The AC suggested that the information in both sections could be somehow linked, and the Secretariat has agreed to develop this concept for the next round of reporting.

6. Reporting forms

To accommodate non-Party reporting, a separate report will be constructed for NGOs who have been accepted as Observers at the meeting of the Advisory Committee preceding the reporting request. BirdLife offered to work intersessionally with the Secretariat to develop these forms prior to the AC7 reporting deadline.

ANNEX 1

Report template - Advisory Committee Annual Report

Section A: Party Information

Designated National Contact Point:

Institution:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: (w) (m)

National Contact for country contributions

Name:

Institution:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: (w) (m)

Section B: Populations and Threats on Land

B1 - Populations

Extirpated sites are indicated by ******* in the latest population.

Sites / Species	Latest Population	Year	Survey accuracy	Trend [Applicable Years]	Ongoing Population	Ongoing Survival	options
							Add new data or Inform custodian #icon_link#

B2 - Threats

Sites / Species	Threats	options
		Add new data or Inform custodian #icon_link#

B3 - Plans

Conservation Listings and Management Plans

Sites / Species	Conservation Category	Year applied	Legislation (optional)	options
				Add new data or Inform custodian #icon_link#
Sites / Species	Management Plan name	Year published	Legislation (optional)	options
				Add new data or Inform custodian #icon_link#

B4 Tracking

Please provide the date/year of latest track available for each group

Sites / Species	Breeding adults	Adult Non-breeders	Juvenile Non-breeders	options
				Add new data or Inform custodian #icon_link#

Section C: Threats at Sea - Fisheries

Fishery name	<input type="text"/>
Description	<input type="text"/>
Jurisdiction	Pick from
Agency responsible for management	<input type="text"/>
Contacts	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>

An example of the detailed fishery form follows on p 6-9:

Fishery name
 Description
 Jurisdiction
 Agency responsible for management
 Contacts
 Organisation
 Email
 Telephone

1. Fleet Information

Year	Active licenses	Fleet Size (m)					Fleet Tonnage				
		0-15	16-30	31-60	61-120	> 120	0-10	11-50	51-100	101-500	> 500
2004	0										
2005	0										
2006	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
2007	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
2008	2		1	1					1	1	
2009	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
2010	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

2. Fishing areas (please describe the geographic range for each year or submit maps)

3. Observer Program (please use the comments boxes to provide further details where relevant)

3.1 Is an observer program operating in this fishery? **Yes**
 Year of first observers (target species) - 2003

3.2 Are observers specifically tasked with recording seabird and other bycatch data? **Yes**
 Year of first observers (seabirds) - 2003
 Year of first observers (other bycatch) - 2003

3.3 Do other observer tasks take priority over seabird and other bycatch data? **No**

4. Fishing effort:

Fishing effort - total number of hooks set

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Year	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sep)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)	Annual
2004	402 546	423 043	493 095	193 359	1 512 043
2005	172 373	156 322	231 878	192 748	753 321
2006	177 283	204 471	154 666	174 648	711 068
2007	159 115	223 412	192 650	162 534	737 711
2008	42 550	79 903	48 218	55 390	226 061
2009	45 210	121 310	189 163	163 905	519 588
2010	86 253	226 620	193 295		

5. Number of hooks/tows/other observed for seabird bycatch of total set

Number of hooks for seabird bycatch

Year	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sep)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)	Annual
2004	41 118	17 626	0	0	58 744
2005	38 190	0	0	30 260	68 450
2006	0	13 850	0	0	13 850
2007	0	0	12 000	0	12 000
2008	16 480	12 270	0	10 797	39 547
2009	0	31 225	6 840	6 725	44 790
2010	0	0	0		

6. Total annual bycatch of seabirds (number of birds)

Observed caught

Year	Q1 (Jan-Mar)	Q2 (Apr-Jun)	Q3 (Jul-Sep)	Q4 (Oct-Dec)	Annual
2004	0	0	0	0	0
2005	0	0	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0	0
2008	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	2	0	0	2
2010	0	0	0		

7. Composition of bycatch for each year monitored (number of birds)

2004

no data

2005

no data

2006

no data

2007

no data

2008

no data

2009

Observed caught

Catch item	Catch count	Catch type
<i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i> (Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatross)	1	Observed caught
<i>Puffinus carneipes</i> (Flesh Footed Shearwater)	1	Observed caught
Citation/source/data holder:		

2010

no data

2011

no data

8. Mitigation measures

8.1 Are any mitigation measures currently required in this fishery? If YES, list the measures for each year in table below (chose year and select from a list of measures):

Yes

Mitigation measures per year

2004	no data
2005	no data
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tori lines •Offal discharge prohibited during setting •Non-frozen bait •Night setting south of latitude 30 degrees South
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tori lines •Offal discharge prohibited during setting •Non-frozen bait •Night setting south of latitude 30 degrees South
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tori lines •Offal discharge prohibited during setting •Non-frozen bait •Night setting south of latitude 30 degrees South
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tori lines •Offal discharge prohibited during setting •Non-frozen bait •Night setting south of latitude 30 degrees South
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tori lines •Offal discharge prohibited during setting •Non-frozen bait •Night setting south of latitude 30 degrees South
2011	no data

- 8.2 Is any detailed information on mitigation collected? If YES, please provide further details (e.g. aerial extent of tori lines, line weighting regime applied): **Yes**
 Incident report for each bird observed hooked. Each observer reports on mitigation measures in use and results of their checking that measures comply with required standard.
- 8.3 Is the effectiveness of the mitigation measures monitored? If YES, how is it monitored? **Yes**
 5% observer coverage in each 5 degree latitude band south of 30S, for each season (summer and winter)
- 8.4 Is compliance with mitigation measures monitored? If YES, how is it monitored? **Yes**
 By observers and compliance officers implementing the fishery's compliance risk assessment and enforcement plan. This plan is revised annually.

9. Additional comments

Due to the recent low level of effort in the fishery, observer coverage has been variable ranging from 2% to 17% per annum (hooks observed), however, averaging 6.4% for 2004 to 2009. For all questions, 2010 data is for Q1,2&3 only.

Section D: Other Annual Reporting Requirements

Please summarise any funding activity since the last reporting period.

1. Since the last report, has the Party funded any ACAP-related research?

Funded? Yes No

Total Amount and currency
OR
Total Amount \$AUD

Recipient(s) of funding

Provider(s) of funding

Purpose of the activities
funded (e.g. breeding site
management, bycatch
monitoring etc)

Link to relevant report (or
please attach)

2. Since the last report has the Party received any funding for ACAP-related research?

Funded? Yes No

Total Amount and currency
OR
Total Amount \$AUD

Recipient(s) of funding

Provider(s) of funding

Purpose of the activities
funded (e.g. breeding site
management, bycatch
monitoring etc)

Link to relevant report (or
please attach)

3. Since the last report has the Party undertaken or funded any capacity building activities relevant to ACAP?

Funded? Yes No

Total Amount and currency OR

Total Amount \$AUD

Recipient(s) of funding

Provider(s) of funding

Purpose of the activities funded (e.g. breeding site management, bycatch monitoring etc)

Link to relevant report (or please attach)

Please list and provide any publications not already mentioned, including scientific articles, videos, websites, pamphlets, manuals, identification guides, etc. created since the last reporting period

Final Submission

Check if all existing data has been checked and there are no substantive changes from prior years

Are there any final comments before final submission.

Check if this is the final submission of this report

ANNEX 2

Report template - Report for the Meeting of Parties

1. Overview of implementation of Agreement and Action Plan

1.1 Has action been taken to implement the decisions of previous MoPs?

Yes No Not answered

1.2 Is action for national implementation planned to occur in the next three years?

Yes No Not answered

2. Species conservation

2.1 Has the Party provided any exemptions to prohibitions on the taking or harmful interference with albatrosses and petrels?

Yes No Not answered

2.2 Has any use or trade in albatrosses or petrels occurred?

Yes No Not answered

2.3 Has the Party implemented any new single or multi-species conservation strategies / Action Plans?

Yes No Not answered

2.4 Has the Party taken any emergency measures involving albatrosses or petrels?

Yes No Not answered

2.5 Has the Party conducted any re-establishment schemes?

Yes No Not answered

2.6 Has the Party introduced any new legal or policy instruments for species protection of albatrosses and petrels?

Yes No Not answered

2.7 Has the Party implemented any legal or policy instruments for environmental impact assessments?

Yes No Not answered

2.8 Does the Party have any species it would like to submit for addition to Annex 1?

Yes No Not answered

2.9 Are there any other conservation projects for ACAP species not already mentioned?

Yes No Not answered

3. Habitat conservation

3.1 Has the Party introduced any legal or policy instruments or actions to implement protection and management of breeding sites, including habitat restoration?

Yes No Not answered

3.2 Has the Party implemented any sustainable management measures for marine living resources which provide food for albatrosses and petrels?

Yes No Not answered

3.3 Has the Party implemented any management or protection of important marine areas for albatrosses and petrels?

Yes No Not answered

4. Management of human activities

4.1 Has the Party completed any new environmental impact assessments related to albatrosses and petrels?

Yes No Not answered

4.2 Has the Party implemented any new measures to minimise discharge of pollutants and marine debris (MARPOL)?

Yes No Not answered

4.3 Has the Party introduced any new measures to minimise the disturbance to albatrosses and petrels in marine and terrestrial habitats?

Yes No Not answered

5. Research programmes

5.1 Does the Party have any ongoing research programmes relating to the conservation of albatrosses and petrels not already reported on? Yes No Not answered



5.2 Does the Party have any additional national institutions (authorities or research centres), or NGOs involved in albatross and petrel conservation? Yes No Not answered



6. Education and public awareness

6.1 Has the Party conducted training or provided information for user audiences (eg scientists, fishers, etc)? Yes No Not answered



6.2 Has the Party conducted training or provided information to the general public? Yes No Not answered



7. Other

Does the Party have any new information to report on research into observed impacts, or mitigation of, climate change on albatrosses and petrels? Yes No Not answered



8. Additional Comments

