



**Agreement on the Conservation of  
Albatrosses and Petrels**

**REPORT OF  
THE TENTH MEETING OF  
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**LIST OF ACRONYMS**

ABC	American Bird Conservancy
AC	Advisory Committee (AC1, AC2 etc. refer to the first, second, etc. meetings of the Advisory Committee)
ACAP	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels
AKP	Abercrombie and Kent Philanthropy
ATF	Albatross Task Force
AUD	Australian Dollars
CCAMLR	Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
CCSBT	Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna
CMS	Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
CPI	Consumer Price Index
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
HSI	Humane Society International
IPOA-Seabirds	International Plan of Action-Seabirds
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
MoP	Meeting of the Parties (MoP1, MoP2 etc. refer to the first, second etc. Session of the Meeting of Parties)
NGO	Non-governmental Organisation
NPOA-Seabirds	National Plan of Action – Seabirds
PaCSWG	Population and Conservation Status Working Group
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SBWG	Seabird Bycatch Working Group
(t)RFMO	(tuna) Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
TWG	Taxonomy Working Group
UK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
USA	United States of America
WGs	Working Groups



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## **1 OFFICIAL OPENING AND OPENING REMARKS**

- 1.1 The Tenth Meeting of the Advisory Committee (AC10) to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) was held in Wellington, New Zealand from 11 to 15 September 2017, with Mr Nathan Walker as Chair and Ms Tatiana Neves as Vice-chair.
- 1.2 Ten Parties were represented: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, New Zealand, Peru, Spain, the United Kingdom (UK) and Uruguay. France, Norway and South Africa notified their apologies for not being able to attend.
- 1.3 In addition, two Range States participated as observers: Namibia and the United States of America (USA).
- 1.4 American Bird Conservancy (ABC), BirdLife International, Humane Society International (HSI) and Projeto Albatroz attended the meeting as Observers.
- 1.5 The list of participants is provided in **ANNEX 1**. The list of meeting documents and information papers is provided in **ANNEX 2**.
- 1.6 The meeting commenced with a welcoming address by Mr Ian Angus, Acting Director of the Aquatic Unit, Department of Conservation, New Zealand.
- 1.7 Mr Angus welcomed the Executive Secretary, the Chair of the Advisory Committee, Working Group Convenors, Delegates and Observers to the Tenth Meeting of the Advisory Committee. The Department of Conservation is the agency charged with conserving New Zealand's natural and historic heritage. Mr Angus highlighted some of the conservation efforts undertaken at albatross and petrel breeding sites in New Zealand, as well as actions to reduce seabird bycatch in domestic fisheries. He welcomed the collaborative ethos of ACAP and acknowledged the hard work to date in this very important agreement for New Zealand.
- 1.8 Mr Angus encouraged meeting participants to enjoy some of Wellington's beautiful sites and wished them a successful meeting.
- 1.9 On behalf of the Advisory Committee, the AC Chair thanked Mr Angus for his words and good wishes for the meeting.

## **2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- 2.1 The draft agenda was adopted by the meeting and is provided in **ANNEX 3**.

## **3 RULES OF PROCEDURE**

### **3.1 Consideration of Rule 20**

- 3.1.1 The AC Chair recalled previous discussions on the amendment of Rule 20 that took place at AC7, AC8 and further deliberations held during AC9.
- 3.1.2 Argentina expressed interest in continuing to discuss this matter and in being involved in further intersessional work.

- 3.1.3 An intersessional contact group to further progress this issue was formed that included Argentina, Brazil, New Zealand and Uruguay.

#### **4 REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY**

- 4.1 Australia tabled the Report of the Depositary Government to the Agreement ([AC10 Doc 07](#)), which indicated that there have been no new accessions or notifications to the Agreement since AC9 in La Serena, Chile, 9 - 13 May 2016. Australia indicated that the Depositary Government would be pleased to assist any Range State or regional economic integration organisation that may be considering accession to ACAP.

#### **5 ACAP SECRETARIAT**

##### **5.1 Activities undertaken in 2016 - 2017 intersessional period**

- 5.1.1 The Executive Secretary provided a report on activities undertaken by the Secretariat during the 2016 - 2017 intersessional period ([AC10 Doc 06](#)). Support was provided for a range of tasks in the Advisory Committee's Work Programme. The Secretariat also participated in a range of meetings of RFMOs, CCAMLR, Inter-American Turtle Convention, CMS and others. A number of significant outcomes were achieved at these meetings which were identified in this document.
- 5.1.2 Support was also provided for the implementation of internships, the organisation of meetings of the Advisory Committee and Working Groups, and for the implementation of actions and tasks in the Secretariat Work Programme.
- 5.1.3 In addition to the engagement with other organisations, the Secretariat implemented a programme in collaboration with Abercrombie and Kent Philanthropy (AKP) to raise external funds for use in the flyback trials carried out at the Australian Maritime College (Launceston, Tasmania).
- 5.1.4 The Advisory Committee thanked the Secretariat for a comprehensive report and took the opportunity to especially thank Mr John Cooper, ACAP's Honorary Information Officer, for his work and commitment to raising the profile of the Agreement and ensuring its visibility.
- 5.1.5 The Advisory Committee recommended that a letter of acknowledgement be sent by the AC Chair to AKP to thank them for their support.
- 5.1.6 The Advisory Committee discussed the merit of fundraising being linked to specific projects or being generic in nature, noting that the Work Programme provides a ready list of projects that could be targeted for potential fundraising activities.
- 5.1.7 Argentina and Uruguay expressed a preference for any external fundraising to be generic in nature, with Argentina voicing concerns about the process by which any specific projects might be selected for fundraising.



- 5.1.8 The Executive Secretary noted that there is an intersessional process in place which requires the Secretariat to contact Parties to seek authorisation for each fundraising project.
- 5.1.9 The meeting discussed the importance and value of MoUs, and the merit of having a targeted approach given the limited resources of the Secretariat.
- 5.1.10 The Secretariat advised that its approach was to take advantage of any suitable opportunities to engage, while welcoming guidance provided by the Advisory Committee.
- 5.1.11 Argentina requested that revisions be made where necessary to the ACAP guidelines with regard to Resolution 2.9.

## **5.2 Secretariat Work Programme 2016 - 2018**

- 5.2.1 The Executive Secretary presented the 2016 – 2018 Secretariat Work Programme ([AC10 Doc 18](#)). It was agreed that the Secretariat Work Programme for the current triennium would be amended to include any additional items requested by the Advisory Committee for action by the Secretariat in its 2016 - 2018 Work Programme.

## **5.3 Secretariat Work Programme 2019 - 2021**

- 5.3.1 The Executive Secretary presented the draft Secretariat Work Programme for 2019 - 2021 ([AC10 Doc 19](#)). It was agreed that the Secretariat Work Programme for 2019 - 2021 would be amended to include any additional items requested by the Advisory Committee for action by the Secretariat in its 2019 - 2021 Work Programme. The amended draft Work Programme will be presented to MoP6 for approval.

# **6 AGREEMENT'S FINANCIAL MATTERS**

## **6.1 Financial Report**

- 6.1.1 The Executive Secretary presented the 2017 Interim Financial Report ([AC10 Doc 08](#)). It was noted that expenditure is currently within budget allocations, and the cash on-hand in the accounts is sufficient to meet all expected commitments for the current financial year.
- 6.1.2 The Executive Secretary confirmed that the audited financial statements for the 2017 financial year will be distributed by the end of September to ACAP Parties in accordance with Financial Regulations 10.2 and 11.3.
- 6.1.3 The Executive Secretary stated that approximately 40 percent of contributions for the 2017 financial year remain outstanding, although this shortfall was off-set by the payment of outstanding contributions from the 2016 financial year.

- 6.1.4 Ecuador mentioned that it had been able to track the transfer of funds that failed, preventing the payment of previous contributions, and advised that this issue would be solved soon.
- 6.1.5 Other AC Members provided updates on outstanding contributions for the 2017 Financial Year.
- 6.1.6 The Executive Secretary highlighted that there was no expenditure of funds from the Small Grants and Secondment programmes during the reported financial year, and that approximately 45 percent of the funds allocated were spent in projects identified as core in the Advisory Committee Work Programme (Appropriation 4).
- 6.1.7 Australia requested information from the Secretariat about the number of financial reports that are currently required to be provided to Parties each year.
- 6.1.8 The Executive Secretary advised that there was an apparent redundancy in reporting given that in addition to the two Secretariat biannual reports (January and July) that contained financial reports, similar information was contained in the report included in the financial audit report (late September), as well as in the financial reports drafted for the AC or MoP meetings scheduled either around early May or September each year.
- 6.1.9 The Advisory Committee indicated the value of reducing any redundancy in the above referred reports and suggested that the Secretariat present this issue to the next Session of the Meeting of the Parties.

## **6.2 Agreement Budget 2019 - 2021**

- 6.2.1 The Executive Secretary presented a draft budget for the Agreement for the 2019 - 2021 triennium ([AC10 Doc 09 Rev 1](#)), prepared in accordance with Regulation 3.1 of the Finance Regulations. The draft budget includes a statement of the significant financial implications for the 2019 - 2021 triennium in respect of proposed work programmes.
- 6.2.2 Significant savings have been made on office lease and associated office expenses. The contract for the new office is 12 percent less than the previous lease; nonetheless the new premises offer equivalent or better location and facilities.
- 6.2.3 The Executive Secretary used the allocation and expenditure figures from the current Financial Year to indicate to the Advisory Committee the funds available to implement the Small Grants and Secondment Programmes.
- 6.2.4 The Executive Secretary also indicated that the draft 2019 - 2021 budget was largely built using a figure of annual increase of 2.5 percent. However, following the request from Parties at MoP5, the Secretariat will provide to MoP6 budget figures showing different growth scenarios (e.g. annual increase following Tasmanian CPI), as well as including a budget with no nominal growth.

- 6.2.5 The Advisory Committee thanked the Executive Secretary for the report and highlighted the increased workload for the Secretariat, partly as a result of the continued growth of the AC Work Programme. Consequently, the Secretariat was encouraged to prepare a budget for MoP6 which includes figures that would contemplate the possibility of additional human resources, and take account of actual costs incurred in 2016 - 2018.

## **7 PROGRESS IN THE EVALUATION OF THE SECRETARIAT**

- 7.1 Mr Jonathon Barrington (Chair of Review Body) introduced [AC10 Doc 21](#) and advised that Article VIII (14) of the Agreement requires MoP to review the effectiveness of the Secretariat in facilitating the achievement of the objective of the Agreement at every third Session of the Meeting of the Parties. He advised that the second review was underway. A Review Body has been established with representation by Australia (Chair), Chile, Ecuador, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Spain, United Kingdom and Uruguay. A schedule has been developed to assist the Review Body in completing its work and preparing a report for the consideration of all Parties at MoP6. On behalf of the Review Body, Mr Barrington invited all Parties to provide input into the review of the effectiveness of the Secretariat.

## **8 OBSERVER REPORTS**

### **8.1 Reports from ACAP Observers at international meetings**

- 8.1.1 This item was considered under agenda item 5.1.

### **8.2 Reports from Observers to AC10**

- 8.2.1 Namibia and the USA reported on progress and actions undertaken during the intersessional period as well as progress in the accession to the Agreement. Statements from each Range State are provided in **ANNEX 8**.
- 8.2.2 Reports were also provided by American Bird Conservancy, BirdLife International, Humane Society International and Projeto Albatroz. Statements from all observers are provided in **ANNEX 9**.

## **9 REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

- 9.1 The AC Chair presented the Draft Report on Progress with the Implementation of the Agreement 2015 - 2017 ([AC10 Doc 15](#)). Implementation reports (**AC10 Inf 02** to **AC10 Inf 13**) were received from eight Parties, with another Party submitting their report after **AC10 Doc 15** was finalised.
- 9.2 The information contained within Part 1 of this report had been obtained by the Secretariat from Parties pursuant to Article VII (1) (c) and Article VIII (10).

Part 2 contains information provided by Parties to the Advisory Committee on an annual basis to assist it with its work, supplemented by the outcomes of work undertaken by PaCSWG and SBWG. The document highlights that based on the analysis presented, the reporting questions in Part 1 might require review and clarification by the Parties.

- 9.3 With regards to document [AC10 Inf 12](#), the Argentine Delegation recalled that "the Islas Malvinas, Georgias del Sur y Sándwich del Sur and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the Argentine national territory and, illegally occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are the subject of a sovereignty dispute between the two countries, which has been recognized by the United Nations."
- 9.4 The United Kingdom replied to state that it "has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and South Georgia & South Sandwich Islands (SGSSI) and surrounding maritime areas of both territories, nor about the principle and the right of the Falkland Islanders to self-determination as enshrined in the UN Charter and in article one of the two UN Covenants on human rights. The UN General Assembly has not issued any Resolution making reference to any claimed sovereignty dispute over SGSSI."
- 9.5 BirdLife thanked New Zealand for hosting the meeting, noting that half of the species listed by the Agreement breed in New Zealand. BirdLife welcomed the New Zealand implementation report, especially the news about work directed towards eradication of pests from the Auckland Islands. BirdLife's local partner, the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand, also welcomed engagement on vessel monitoring across New Zealand fisheries, the Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan and South East of the South Island, but noted that New Zealand's draft threatened species strategy would benefit from the inclusion of all 16 ACAP species that breed in New Zealand, and called for implementing line weighting as a mandatory measure in the surface long line fishery. BirdLife also urged New Zealand to accelerate efforts to protect the marine environment of importance to ACAP species.
- 9.6 The Advisory Committee thanked the authors for presenting the report in this refreshed and informative format, noting that some Parties were yet to submit their individual implementation reports. These Parties were strongly encouraged to do so in time for updates to be incorporated into this document prior to MoP6.
- 9.7 New Zealand and UK noted that some questions in Section 1 of the report require interpretation, time periods are not always clear, and cross referencing of overlapping questions or clarifications would be helpful. Both Parties thus supported a review of the questions as suggested in the document.
- 9.8 A drafting group including Australia, Brazil, New Zealand and the Secretariat offered to prepare a paper to MoP6 with advice on future reporting.

## **10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE SIXTH MEETING OF PARTIES**

- 10.1 The Chair of the Advisory Committee presented a draft outline report from the Advisory Committee to the Sixth Session of the Meeting of the Parties ([AC10 Doc 10](#)). The report to MoP6 will be prepared by the Chair and the Vice-chair after the conclusion of the current meeting (AC10) to incorporate its outcomes, and will be circulated intersessionally among the Members of the Advisory Committee for review and approval prior to MoP6.
- 10.2 Australia thanked the Chair and Vice-chair of the Advisory Committee, and the Secretariat for the drafting of this document, which reflects in a clear and concise way the extensive work of the Advisory Committee.
- 10.3 The UK recommended that the report notes the difficulties encountered in implementing the Small Grants and Secondment programmes during this triennium.
- 10.4 New Zealand recommended that proposals from the Working Groups involving changes in future focus, such as increased emphasis on drivers and barriers to the uptake of seabird bycatch mitigation, be noted.
- 10.5 Australia suggested that the development of the proposed Capacity Building Strategy be noted in this report in section 3.1 (Achievements).

## **11 POPULATION AND CONSERVATION STATUS OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS**

### **11.1 Report of the Population and Conservation Status Working Group**

- 11.1.1 The Co-convenor of the Population and Conservation Status Working Group (PaCSWG), Dr Richard Phillips, introduced the report of the Fourth Meeting of the PaCSWG ([AC10 Doc 11](#)). This report outlined inter-sessional progress against the Work Programme of the PaCSWG adopted at MoP5 in 2015 and amended by AC9. The report also reflected discussions and advice resulting from the WG meeting (PaCSWG4) held in Wellington, New Zealand, from 7 to 8 September 2017.
- 11.1.2 The Advisory Committee supported the following recommendations and took note of them when developing the AC Work Programme:
- 11.1.3 Population Status and Trends
- (i) Supported the review by PaCSWG of information concerning the global threat status (IUCN Red List Category of Extinction Risk) for all ACAP species to ensure consistency and strict adherence to the IUCN Categories and Criteria (published 2012), and to the Guidelines for using the IUCN Categories and Criteria (published 2017).
  - (ii) Endorsed PaCSWG conveying the outcomes of this review to BirdLife International with recommendations for revisions, if necessary, to the global threat status of ACAP species (IUCN Red List Category of Extinction Risk).

#### 11.1.4 Threats and Prioritisation

- (i) Commended the advances that are being achieved by Parties and Range States in planning and implementing large-scale eradication programmes for non-native species that will ultimately benefit the conservation status of ACAP species.
- (ii) Recognised the importance of mapping areas of greatest overlap and potential bycatch risk, including for albatrosses and petrels of different age and sex, in order to identify higher risk regions where enhanced seabird bycatch mitigation and improved bycatch monitoring are required.
- (iii) Endorsed the inclusion of Antipodean Albatrosses (*Diomedea antipodensis*) breeding on Antipodes Island as an ACAP Priority Population for conservation management.
- (iv) Supported ensuring that actions in the work plan for engagement with RFMOs and other conservation bodies include a focus on advancing the conservation of the Priority Populations.

#### 11.1.5 Data gaps

- (i) Encouraged Parties and Range States responsible for breeding populations of ACAP species to implement the priority monitoring programmes to increase current knowledge of population size, trends and demography.
- (ii) Encouraged Parties and others to undertake the identified priority tracking studies.

#### 11.1.6 ACAP Priority Populations

- (i) Requested that Parties develop a list of priority research and conservation actions for each of the Priority Populations where they are currently lacking, and report to each AC meeting on progress in implementing those activities.
- (ii) Requested that PaCSWG, with the assistance of SBWG, develop a template to assist reporting on progress of key actions for each of the Priority Populations.
- (iii) Encouraged Range States to share responsibility for priority research and conservation actions in the breeding and foraging grounds of the Priority Populations.
- (iv) Encouraged the Secretariat to ensure that their engagement with RFMOs is both strategic and targeted to ensure that attention to mitigation strategies focuses on the high Priority Populations, where appropriate.
- (v) Endorsed facilitating sharing of conservation outreach tools and products on the ACAP website.

### 11.1.7 Best practice guidelines and other online resources

- (i) Endorsed allocating resources to facilitate the revision of the Seabird Bycatch Identification Guide as a joint initiative between PaCSWG and SBWG.
- (ii) Encouraged developing guidelines and best practice advice to mitigate bird strikes in relation to artificial light, with a simple factsheet suitable for display being included as an annex to the guidelines.

### 11.1.8 New technologies

- (i) Encouraged Parties and others to consider the recommendations and actions for ongoing albatross dietary monitoring arising from the review of published albatross diet research papers.

### 11.1.9 Future Work Programme

- (i) Supported allocating adequate resources to the Secretariat to progress the work of the PaCSWG.

11.1.10 The Advisory Committee noted that the relationship with the University of California, Davis, was a good example of how international cooperation helped to advance the work of the PaCSWG.

11.1.11 Peru highlighted the need to review the implementation of the Waved Albatross Action Plan, one of the ACAP Priority Populations, by the relevant Parties as part of recommendation 11.1.6 (i).

11.1.12 With regards to sections 6 and 7 of the PaCSWG Report (**AC10 Doc 11 Rev 1**), Argentina objected to the use of the British toponymy used in Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6, as well as in ANNEX 2, as stated in ANNEX 5 of that report.

11.1.13 The UK responded as stated in ANNEX 6 of the PaCSWG Report (**AC10 Doc 11 Rev 1**).

11.1.14 The AC Chair thanked the PaCSWG and its Convenors for their considerable work and report.

## 11.2 **Future PaCSWG Work Programme**

11.2.1 The Advisory Committee discussed the PaCSWG's Work Programme for the current triennium and its proposed 2019 - 2021 Work Programme under Agenda Items 14.1 and 14.2 respectively.

## 12 **TAXONOMY OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS**

### 12.1 **Report of the Taxonomy Working Group**

12.1.1 The Convenor of the Taxonomy Working Group (TWG), Mr Mark Tasker, introduced the Report of the Taxonomy Working Group ([AC10 Doc 12](#)).



- 12.1.2 New Zealand noted the potential for collaboration between Working Groups in sharing information that would assist in better identification of the Wandering albatrosses.
- 12.1.3 The Convenor re-iterated that the TWG is always available to re-examine any taxonomic decisions, including intersessionally, as per its Terms of Reference.
- 12.1.4 The Convenor of TWG encouraged further membership of the Working Group by interested parties.
- 12.1.5 Brazil advised that it will consult with national experts to investigate the availability of additional TWG members.
- 12.1.6 The AC Chair noted that it was good to see the TWG re-invigorated.

## **12.2 Future TWG Work Programme**

- 12.2.1 The Committee discussed the TWG's Work Programme for the current triennium and its proposed 2019 - 2021 Work Programme under Agenda Items 14.1 and 14.2 respectively.

## **13 SEABIRD BYCATCH**

### **13.1 Report of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group**

- 13.1.1 The Convenor of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group (SBWG), Dr Anton Wolfaardt, introduced the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group (SBWG8). The report ([AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1](#)) outlined intersessional progress against the Work Programme of the SBWG, as well as discussions and advice resulting from the SBWG meeting held from 4 - 6 September 2017, in Wellington, New Zealand.
- 13.1.2 The Advisory Committee supported the following recommendations in respect of the SBWG and took note of them when developing the AC Work Programme:
- 13.1.3 Format and presentation of ACAP review and best practice advice documents
- (i) Endorsed the revised format of the ACAP Review and Best Practice Advice documents for demersal longline and trawl fisheries.
  - (ii) Endorsed the proposal to routinely keep the best practice documents up to date during the intersessional periods, including with respect to citations, and to request the persons identified for each gear type to take the lead on this work.
  - (iii) Noted the importance of clear communication regarding the purpose of the Best Practice Advice documents and other ACAP resources.



- 13.1.4 ACAP seabird bycatch mitigation best practice advice – definition and criteria
- (i) Endorsed the minor edits to the Best Practice definition and criteria shown in ANNEX 2 of the of the SBWG8 report (**AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**)
- 13.1.5 Seabird bycatch mitigation in trawl fisheries
- (i) Noted the intersessional work planned to improve the clarity and consistency of the best practice mitigation advice for trawl fisheries.
  - (ii) Encouraged implementation of the identified research priorities for trawl gear mitigation identified in Section 6.3 of **AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**.
- 13.1.6 Seabird bycatch mitigation in demersal longline fisheries
- (i) Endorsed the changes to the best practice advice for demersal longline fisheries regarding bird scaring lines for small vessels ( $\leq 24$  m) and the inclusion of text highlighting the advantages of line weighting where it is integral to the fishing gear (shown in ANNEX 3 of the SBWG8 report, **AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**).
  - (ii) Encouraged Parties and others to prioritise research to identify mitigation measures that improve the sink rate of baited hooks on floated longlines, and to keep the Working Group informed of developments associated with research on seabird mortality and mitigation in demersal longline fisheries.
- 13.1.7 Seabird bycatch mitigation in pelagic longline fisheries
- (i) Endorsed the changes to the Best Practice Advice regarding bird-scaring lines for pelagic longline vessels less than 35 m in total length (shown in ANNEX 4 of the SBWG8 report, **AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**).
  - (ii) Noted the reiteration of text in the Best Practice Advice for mitigating seabird bycatch in pelagic longline fisheries highlighting that ‘line weighting is integral to the fishing gear and, compared to bird scaring lines and night setting, has the advantage of being more consistently implemented, hence facilitating compliance and port monitoring’ (shown in ANNEX 4 of the SBWG8 report, **AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**).
  - (iii) Noted the importance of considering the implications of ACAP Best Practice Advice being cited or used on commercial websites or other platforms.
  - (iv) Encouraged implementation of the identified research priorities for pelagic longline gear mitigation identified in Section 8.3 of **AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**.
- 13.1.8 Seabird bycatch mitigation in gillnet fisheries
- (i) Encouraged Parties and others to keep the Working Group informed of developments in research on seabird mortality and mitigation in gillnet fisheries of potential relevance to ACAP species.

- 13.1.9 Risks posed to ACAP species from net fishing methods other than gillnet and trawl, and particularly purse seine fisheries
- (i) Endorsed the incorporation of advice on the use of the Modified Purse Seine to mitigate seabird bycatch in purse seine fisheries using the 'toolbox' format.
  - (ii) Endorsed the development of a bycatch mitigation fact sheet explaining the design and effectiveness of the Modified Purse Seine to mitigate seabird bycatch in purse seine fisheries.
  - (iii) Encouraged further data collection and analysis of other technologies and techniques for mitigating seabird bycatch in purse seine fisheries concerning the mitigation options identified in Section 10.1 of **AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**.
- 13.1.10 Artisanal and small-scale fisheries
- (i) Endorsed the general format of the mitigation toolbox and the recommendation to further develop separate toolboxes for each fishing method.
  - (ii) Encouraged further intersessional work to populate the toolboxes with available information and report back to future meetings.
- 13.1.11 Laser technology to mitigate seabird bycatch
- (i) Encouraged Parties and others to keep the Working Group informed of developments in research and information on the safety to seabirds and humans of using laser technology as a tool for seabird bycatch mitigation.
  - (ii) Noted that the Working Group's previous concerns regarding bird welfare issues remain.
- 13.1.12 Drivers and barriers in the uptake of best practice seabird bycatch mitigation measures
- (i) Recognised the importance of addressing drivers and barriers in the uptake of mitigation to reduce seabird bycatch in fisheries.
  - (ii) Noted and supported the proposed intersessional work to understand and address barriers and drivers in the effective use of seabird bycatch mitigation strategies, and encouraged all Parties to actively participate in this work.
- 13.1.13 ACAP performance indicators: seabird bycatch
- (i) Requested all Parties and collaborating Range States to use the revised bycatch reporting template to provide bycatch information as part of the next round of annual reporting, so that further discussions to finalise the reporting template may take place at SBWG9.

#### 13.1.14 Coordination of activities relation to RFMOs and CCAMLR

- (i) Recognised that the scope of the ACAP RFMO Engagement Strategy is not limited to ACAP Parties, but includes engaging with all relevant contracting and non-contracting Parties in RFMOs and CCAMLR.
- (ii) Supported the implementation of the prioritised areas for engagement with RFMOs and CCAMLR, as identified in ANNEX 6 of **AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**, and the provision of the resources necessary to achieve this.
- (iii) Supported the updating of **SBWG4 Doc 26 Rev 1** and the conversion of this document into an ACAP guideline document outlining best practice data collection and reporting approaches for observer programmes.
- (iv) Noted the importance of ACAP Parties and collaborating Range States collaborating and coordinating their efforts at RFMOs and CCAMLR, and working towards harmonised approaches between RFMOs.

#### 13.1.15 Electronic monitoring

- (i) Noted the planned intersessional work to further develop best practice guidelines for using electronic monitoring in relation to seabird bycatch, and encouraged Parties and others to participate in this work.

#### 13.1.16 Risk assessment

- (i) Encouraged Parties to collaborate in regional and global assessments of the impact of fisheries on seabirds.
- (ii) Encouraged the collection of data on sex, age and provenance of bycaught birds by fisheries observers to identify regions and fleets where bycatch is more likely to result in population-level impacts, and to improve targeting of bycatch mitigation and monitoring of compliance. This objective should be included in the proposed ACAP guideline document on best practice data collection and reporting approaches for observer programmes.
- (iii) Encouraged the inclusion of sex-specific effects when investigating the influence of fisheries on life history traits of albatrosses and petrels to improve understanding of the impact of fisheries on their population dynamics.
- (iv) Re-iterated the need for use of bycatch mitigation measures by fisheries in national and international waters within the distributions of ACAP species, and especially those overlapping with high priority populations.

#### 13.1.17 Deliberate take of ACAP species

- (i) Noted the planned intersessional work to collate current knowledge of the nature and extent of deliberate take of ACAP species at sea, and encouraged Parties and others to participate in this process by providing relevant information for the review.

#### 13.1.18 FAO IPOA/NPOA-Seabirds

- (i) Encouraged ACAP Parties that do not have a National Plan of Action – Seabirds (NPOA-Seabirds) to prepare and adopt a plan that fully complies with FAO's Technical Guidelines.
- (ii) Encouraged Parties with an existing NPOA-Seabirds to review and strengthen them, as applicable, to ensure full compliance with FAO's Technical Guidelines.
- (iii) Encouraged Parties to provide case studies to the Working Group demonstrating successes and highlighting challenging areas, where additional work is required and where collaboration or advice would be welcome.
- (iv) Encouraged Parties to participate in the process underway to conduct a global review of the effectiveness of NPOA-Seabirds to reduce seabird bycatch.

#### 13.1.19 Listing of new species on Annex 1 of the Agreement

- (i) Endorsed further review work on the listing criteria for ACAP species by all the Working Groups.

#### 13.1.20 Priority populations for conservation measures

- (i) Encouraged relevant fishery experts from Parties and other organisations to review the fisheries in the prioritisation table and provide any inputs to the Secretariat by 30 November 2017, so that these can be included in the prioritisation exercise undertaken for MoP6.

#### 13.1.21 Tools and guidelines

- (i) Endorsed updating the ACAP Seabird Bycatch Identification guide, and the provision of the resources necessary to achieve this.
- (ii) Supported the process to update the Mitigation Fact Sheets to the new simplified format, and the provision of the resources necessary to achieve this.

13.1.22 The following comments were made during the presentation of the SBWG8 report:

#### 13.1.23 Drivers and barriers

The UK highlighted the need to consider the range of different socio-economic and cultural realities, and to recognise that there are different sorts of 'knowing-doing' gaps, that will require different approaches to bridge them. The UK noted further that the scope of the work looking at drivers and barriers should not be restricted to the vessel level, but should consider all aspects of bycatch mitigation, as there will be opportunities at several levels, including the level of the vessel, and all of these should be considered. The Advisory Committee agreed that this work should be a priority.

#### 13.1.24 Purse seine fisheries

Chile indicated that it was helpful to receive feedback and recognition from ACAP on their research efforts to mitigate seabird bycatch in purse seine fisheries, and that this would help support further work in this area.

#### 13.1.25 General

ABC highlighted concerns about water hazing, which has been mooted as a possible mitigation option for purse seine and other fisheries, and the importance of recognising the potentially negative impact on seabirds if water that includes fish oil is used for this purpose. The SBWG Convenor noted use of water hazing was not currently recognised as a best practice measure by ACAP, and recommended that the potential impacts associated with fish oil be included in the Notes and Caveats section of the Review sections of ACAP's Best Practice Advice and Review documents on seabird bycatch mitigation.

13.1.26 Following discussions in the *Pterodroma* workshop, the UK highlighted the value of investigating squid jig fisheries as a potential threat to seabirds.

### 13.2 **Future SBWG Work Programme**

13.2.1 The Committee discussed the SBWG's Work Programme for the current triennium and its proposed 2019 - 2021 Work Programme under Agenda Items 14.1 and 14.2 respectively.

## 14 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### 14.1 **Advisory Committee Work Programme 2016 - 2018**

14.1.1 The 2016 - 2018 Work Programme (**AC10 Doc 16**) was reviewed during the meetings of SBWG8 and PaCSWG4, and following suggestions and discussion, actions that were completed were noted and further actions were decided upon. Some actions have been amended to better describe the Topic or Task. A final version of the Work Programme for the remainder of the current triennium was agreed (**ANNEX 4**).

14.1.2 Some actions in the Work Programme have a cost indicated against them (in Australian dollars). These figures are indicative only. The cost of work to implement the Work Programme that is carried out by Parties, Range States, Observer Organisations and the Secretariat, and many scientists on their budgets and in their time, is not included.

### 14.2 **Advisory Committee Work Programme 2019 - 2021**

14.2.1 The draft 2019 - 2021 Work Programme (**AC10 Doc 17**) was reviewed during the meetings of SBWG8 and PaCSWG4, and further amended during AC10 (**ANNEX 5**), and was endorsed by the Advisory Committee for its presentation to MoP6.

### 14.3 Agreement Grant Scheme

- 14.3.1 The AC Chair presented an overview of the implementation of the Agreement's Small Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme ([AC10 Doc 20](#)). This paper described the number of projects and amount of funds allocated by the Agreement's Small Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme, since 2008-09 for Small Grants, and 2005 for Secondments. The AC Chair noted that both the Agreement's Small Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme have been stalled due to implementation issues since 2015.
- 14.3.2 The AC Chair noted that the Agreement's Small Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme funding round undertaken in 2015 was not able to be implemented, as described previously in **AC9 Doc 14**. Following AC9, Parties involved sought agreement on a methodology to progress the Small Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme. Despite these intersessional efforts and those of the Grants Sub-committee and the Secretariat, it was not possible to find an agreed way forward.
- 14.3.3 The AC Chair presented four alternative approaches to deliver the Small Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme as suggested in **AC10 Doc 20**. A breakout group was formed to discuss a suitable delivery mechanism.
- 14.3.4 The Advisory Committee noted the importance of these programmes in delivering conservation actions and building capacity. Several Parties considered that the issue of the Small Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme is crucial and considered it to be the soul of ACAP's implementation as a collective effort by a group of countries interested in the conservation of migratory species they share, and believe that it should be considered a priority.
- 14.3.5 The Advisory Committee agreed on the following approach: "In the next call for applications, and until the end of the next triennium in 2021, the Small Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme will only accept applications/nominations from Parties. The Secretariat shall copy the proposals to the Advisory Committee Members, when sending the proposals to the Grants Sub-committee for review."
- 14.3.6 Argentina asked for the implementation of such a solution in accordance with ACAP provisions, and requested Parties to adopt a nuanced approach when considering which applications would be referred to the ACAP Grants Sub-committee for assessment under future rounds of the ACAP Small Grants and Secondments Programmes.
- 14.3.7 The Executive Secretary noted that it will be possible to call for applications following AC10 before the end of 2017, however the final decision on funding outcomes would not be possible until after MoP6.

### 14.4 Agreement Secondment Programme

- 14.4.1 This agenda item was considered under agenda item 14.3.

## 14.5 Outcomes of projects and secondments supported

- 14.5.1 This agenda item was considered under agenda item 14.3. No projects or secondments were undertaken over the last two years.

## 14.6 Capacity Building Strategy

- 14.6.1 The Executive Secretary introduced the proposed Capacity Building Strategy for the Agreement ([AC10 Doc 24](#)). This paper presents a revised version of the proposed strategy for the consideration of the Advisory Committee to be presented to MoP6.
- 14.6.2 This strategy is designed to provide guiding actions on capacity building. This will assist Parties and relevant stakeholders in building their capacity in research, administration, training and monitoring programmes that contribute to improved conservation of albatrosses and petrels. The strategy will assist in optimising the use of ACAP's limited financial and human resources to achieve the purpose of the Agreement.
- 14.6.3 Argentina sought clarification regarding aspects of the funding and delivery of the strategy, indicating that the relevant stakeholders should be the entities recognised by ACAP (Parties or Observers).
- 14.6.4 The Executive Secretary provided clarification and noted any use of funds would be within the Financial Regulations.
- 14.6.5 The Advisory Committee endorsed the Capacity Building Strategy outlined in **AC10 Doc 24** and agreed that the strategy would be presented to MoP6 for adoption.

## 15 INDICATORS TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF ACAP

- 15.1 The Executive Secretary presented [AC10 Doc 23](#) on the development of performance indicators related to capacity building, showing progress achieved since AC9 with the intersessional collaboration between Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile and New Zealand.
- 15.2 The paper reflected on recommendations from the previous meeting in reshaping the indicators following the State - Pressure - Response approach already considered for the development of other indicators.
- 15.3 The Advisory Committee endorsed the interim indicators on capacity building for consideration by MoP6.
- 15.4 Dr Anton Wolfaardt, Convenor of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group, recalled the discussion on seabird bycatch indicators in SBWG8 and urged AC Members to submit their bycatch data in the next round of online AC reporting in order to have a good basis from which to map the way forward at AC11.
- 15.5 Dr Richard Phillips, Co-convenor of the Population and Conservation Status Working Group, urged AC Members to provide further data on populations

and breeding sites not already submitted to the ACAP database so that the indicators on breeding sites and status and trends could be updated prior to MoP6. He also urged AC members to encourage data holders to submit tracking data to the Seabird Tracking database managed by BirdLife International, as this repository allows indicators on tracking data availability to be generated.

## **16 REPORT FROM PTERODROMA WORKSHOP**

- 16.1 The Chair of the Workshop on *Pterodroma* and other small burrowing petrels (hereby referred to as *Pterodroma* Workshop), Mr Mark Tasker, presented the results of a workshop ([AC10 Doc 14 Rev 1](#)) held on 10 September 2017, with the objective of advancing understanding of the best approaches for international cooperation in the conservation of *Pterodroma* and other small burrowing petrel species.
- 16.2 The *Pterodroma* workshop report supported ACAP increasing its role in international conservation actions for these small petrels, and in future perhaps the shearwaters, storm petrels and remainder of the Procellariidae. It was recognised that an increased role was constrained by resources and should be focused on those species that would gain most from international conservation actions. Overall these smaller species (both *Pterodroma* petrels and others) are affected predominately by land-based threats as opposed to the sea-based threats faced predominantly by the current ACAP species. ACAP may wish to revisit its prioritisation process to focus more on land-based threats.
- 16.3 The *Pterodroma* workshop report considered that there is a case for a limited number of additions to ACAP's Annex 1, but such additions needed to ensure sufficient resources were available, or a strong commitment to obtain such resources, to avoid dilution of existing conservation actions.
- 16.4 The *Pterodroma* workshop report noted the need to include social science and sustainable development issues into the design and execution of invasive species eradication projects, especially on inhabited islands.
- 16.5 The Chair and rapporteur of the *Pterodroma* workshop were thanked for their report and AC10 expressed its appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the workshop.
- 16.6 The recommendations endorsed by the Advisory Committee in regard to the outcomes of the *Pterodroma* workshop were as follows:
1. The Advisory Committee should revisit and complete a revised prioritisation process as soon as possible.
  2. Based on this prioritisation and other considerations, Parties may wish to bring forward further species for consideration as additions to Annex 1 of ACAP; the Meeting of Parties might consider whether cases for addition should address the resource needs of such additions.



3. The Secretariat and Parties should improve links to existing international conservation efforts for land-based threats, particularly those working on eradication of invasive species.
  4. Encourages the updating of, and possible additions to, ACAP conservation guidelines to ensure they adequately cover gadfly petrels and smaller Procellariiformes by the Working Groups.
  5. The Population and Conservation Status Working Group and the Secretariat consider ways to improve the profile and uptake of the revised ACAP conservation guidelines to highlight that although they are focused on ACAP species, they also cover smaller Procellariiformes.
  6. Explore ways to increase contact with experts on smaller Procellariiformes.
- 16.7 The Advisory Committee agreed that a contact group led by the UK and New Zealand be established to continue discussions intersessionally regarding *Pterodroma* and other small burrowing petrels.
- 16.8 The Advisory Committee agreed that the revised version of the *Pterodroma* workshop report (**AC10 Doc 14 Rev 1**) will be sent to the workshop participants for review. Once reviewed, the report and any additional recommendations will be included as an Annex to the Advisory Committee report to MoP6 that will be sent to the Advisory Committee for final input prior to being submitted to MoP6.

## 17 PRIORITISATION FRAMEWORK

- 17.1 Prioritisation of conservation actions for land-based and at-sea threats was discussed in SBWG8 (**AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1**) and PaCSWG4 (**AC10 Doc 11 Rev 1**) respectively. The Science Officer reminded the meeting that there was still time to provide inputs on the data used to generate at-sea priorities until 30 November 2017. Updates to population data and threats at breeding sites were also encouraged. The outputs for both land-based and at-sea actions will then be updated and presented for the consideration of MoP6.
- 17.2 HSI highlighted that there were recommendations that are coincident between the SBWG and PaCSWG and requested that these interrelated matters were considered at future working group meetings.
- 17.3 The Advisory Committee recognised that there are inter-connected recommendations from the SBWG and PaCSWG that should be considered in an integrated manner, and implemented collaboratively. These inter-connected recommendations relate to updating analyses of overlaps of distributions of albatrosses and petrels with fisheries and bycatch information to aid prioritisation and targeting of actions to reduce bycatch of ACAP species, and especially ACAP Priority Populations. The Advisory Committee noted that this collaborative approach was reflected in Task 5.14 of the Advisory Committee's 2016 - 2018 Work Programme.

**18 LISTING OF NEW SPECIES**

- 18.1 The Convenor of TWG presented a paper authored by that Working Group on the choice of a standard taxonomy to be used when considering new species for Annex 1 of ACAP ([AC10 Doc 22 Rev 1](#)). The Convenor noted that the revisions made to this report since the original were in response to some of the corrections suggested by an information paper from Birdlife International ([AC10 Inf 15](#)).
- 18.2 Australia, New Zealand, and Birdlife all thanked the Taxonomy Working Group for their report and were appreciative of the additional work undertaken.
- 18.3 AC10 noted the potential difficulty resulting from other organisations (including CMS) using a different taxonomic system to ACAP; the potential issue for considering a new species for listing under Annex 1 that does not have an IUCN Red List category due to having a different taxonomy; and, use of common names in any listing when there may be multiple common names across the three working languages.
- 18.4 The recommendations endorsed by the Advisory Committee were as follows:
1. Endorses Parties referring to the taxonomy used by the International Ornithological Congress when bringing forward a proposal for adding new species to Annex 1 of the Agreement.
  2. Notes that the existing ACAP taxonomy, and current mechanisms under the Agreement for considering proposals for new species, are not affected by the above recommendation.
  3. Endorse amending Annex 1 to the Agreement to remove the *Puffinus creatopus* synonym, leaving only *Ardenna creatopus* as the nomenclature for that species.
  4. Encourage further work exploring harmonisation of taxonomic approaches.
- 18.5 The Advisory Committee noted that a Resolution will be required to amend Annex 1 of the Agreement to remove the synonym *Puffinus creatopus*. Australia and the United Kingdom agreed to work with the Secretariat to prepare this Resolution for consideration by MoP6.
- 18.6 The AC recalled that the *Pterodroma* workshop report considered that ACAP may wish to revisit its candidate species list prioritisation process to focus more on land-based threats (**AC10 Doc 14 Rev 1**) (also see Agenda Item 16), which affect these smaller species (both *Pterodroma* petrels and others).
- 18.7 Australia noted that 10 species of Procellariiformes had not yet been assessed against ACAP criteria for candidate species, and encouraged the completion of this work.

## **19 GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 19.1 Chile recalled raising this matter at AC9.
- 19.2 The Advisory Committee decided that this agenda item is better suited to the agendas of both PaCSWG and SBWG.

## **20 BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES**

- 20.1 Argentina noted the importance of this matter and the support of other delegations for this agenda item in previous meetings. Argentina confirmed that it will submit a paper on this topic to MoP6.

## **21 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF AC OFFICERS**

- 21.1 The AC Chair advised the meeting that none of the Advisory Committee Officials' positions were currently vacant. However, he noted the possibility of creating an additional Seabird Bycatch Working Group convenor post to address the increasing workload in this Working Group.
- 21.2 Uruguay proposed Dr Igor Debski (New Zealand) for the position of Co-Convenor of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group. There were no other nominations and the AC endorsed the proposal, so Dr Debski was duly elected.
- 21.3 The United Kingdom proposed Dr Juan Pablo Seco Pon (Argentina) for the position of Co-vice Convenor of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group. There were no other nominations and the AC endorsed the proposal, so Dr Seco Pon was duly elected.
- 21.4 AC10 congratulated Dr Debski and Dr Seco Pon on their appointments.

## **22 ELEVENTH MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **22.1 Timing and Venue**

- 22.1.1 Brazil offered to host AC11 in Florianópolis (Santa Catarina) in 2019.
- 23.1.2 The Advisory Committee warmly welcomed this offer.

### **22.2 Draft Agenda**

- 23.2 A draft agenda for AC11 was reviewed by the Advisory Committee (**ANNEX 7**) and will be forwarded to Parties for their consideration ahead of AC11.

## **23 SIXTH MEETING OF PARTIES**

### **23.1 Timing and Venue**

23.1.1 The Executive Secretary advised the meeting that the Government of South Africa has offered to host the Sixth Session of the Meeting of Parties from 7 to 11 May, 2018 ([AC10 Inf 14](#)), at a location to be confirmed.

23.1.2 The Advisory Committee warmly welcomed this offer.

## **23.2 Draft Provisional Agenda**

23.2.1 The draft provisional agenda for MoP6 (**AC10 Doc 25**) was reviewed with the addition of one point under agenda item 7 (Operation of the Agreement) concerning bibliographic references (**ANNEX 6**).

## **24 OTHER BUSINESS**

24.1 There were no additional issues raised under this agenda item.

## **25 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

25.1 The meeting adopted the report of AC10.

## **26 CLOSING REMARKS**

26.1 The Chair concluded the meeting by highlighting the significant progress and outcomes achieved on a range of issues that are essential for the effective implementation of the Agreement. He thanked all participants for their contributions to the meeting, and extended special thanks to the Working Group Convenors and Vice-convenors for their leadership and dedication, to the Vice-chair for her support and to the Secretariat for its assistance.

26.2 Thanks were extended to the Government of New Zealand for hosting the meeting and side events, and for providing voluntary contributions to sponsor the attendance of delegates and experts. The Chair also thanked the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand/BirdLife International for hosting the Celebrating Seabirds event and helping raise the profile of seabird conservation. The interpreters from OnCall, technical staff and the staff from the Comfort Quality Hotels were also thanked for their excellent support, which ensured the smooth functioning of the meeting.

26.3 The Advisory Committee thanked the Chair and Vice-chair for their excellent stewardship during the meeting and strong guidance during the past intersessional period. The Executive Secretary noted in particular the large amount of work the AC Chair has contributed on a voluntary basis to assist the Secretariat.

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AC10 Doc 03	Meeting Schedule	2	AC Chair, Secretariat
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AC10 Doc 05	List of Meeting Documents	2	AC Chair, Secretariat
AC10 Doc 06	Secretariat Report	5.1	Secretariat
AC10 Doc 07	Depositary Report	4	Australia
AC10 Doc 08	2017 Financial Report	6.1	Secretariat
AC10 Doc 09 Rev 1	Draft Agreement Budget 2019 - 2021	6.2	Secretariat
AC10 Doc 10	Draft Advisory Committee Report to MoP6	10	AC Chair, Vice-chair
AC10 Doc 11 Rev 1	Report of Population and Conservation Status Working Group	11.1	PaCSWG
AC10 Doc 12	Report of Taxonomy Working Group	12.1	TWG
AC10 Doc 13 Rev 1	Report of Seabird Bycatch Working Group	13.1	SBWG
AC10 Doc 14 Rev 1	Workshop on <i>Pterodroma</i> and other small burrowing petrels	16	Workshop Chair
AC10 Doc 15	Draft Report on Progress with the Implementation of the Agreement 2015 - 2017	9	Secretariat, AC Officials
AC10 Doc 16	Advisory Committee Work Programme 2016 - 2018	14.1	AC Chair, Vice-chair, Secretariat
AC10 Doc 17	Draft Advisory Committee Work Programme 2019 - 2021	11.2, 12.2, 13.2, 14.2	AC Vice-chair, Chair, Secretariat
AC10 Doc 18	Secretariat Work Programme 2016 - 2018	5.2	Secretariat
AC10 Doc 19	Draft Secretariat Work Programme 2019 - 2021	5.3	Secretariat
AC10 Doc 20	Small Grants and Secondments Programmes	14.3, 14.4	Grant Sub-Committee, Secretariat
AC10 Doc 21	Review of the Effectiveness of the Secretariat	7	Review Body Chair, Secretariat, AC Chair
AC10 Doc 22 Rev 1	Choice of a standard taxonomy for ACAP	18	Taxonomy WG

<b>WORKING DOCUMENTS</b>			
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AC10 Doc 23	Performance Indicators on Capacity Building	15	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, New Zealand
AC10 Doc 24	Agreement's Capacity Building Strategy	14.6	Secretariat, AC Chair, Australia, UK
AC10 Doc 25	Draft Provisional Agenda for MoP6	23.2	MoP Chair, AC Chair, Secretariat

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AC10 Inf 03	2017 Implementation Report - Brazil	9	Brazil
AC10 Inf 04	2017 Implementation Report - Chile	9	Chile
AC10 Inf 05	2017 Implementation Report - Ecuador	9	Ecuador
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AC10 Inf 07	2017 Implementation Report - New Zealand	9	New Zealand
AC10 Inf 08	Not submitted	9	
AC10 Inf 09	Not submitted	9	
AC10 Inf 10	2017 Implementation Report – South Africa	9	South Africa
AC10 Inf 11	2017 Implementation Report - Spain	9	Spain
AC10 Inf 12	2017 Implementation Report - UK	9	United Kingdom
AC10 Inf 13	2017 Implementation Report - Uruguay	9	Uruguay
AC10 Inf 14	Offer to host MoP6	23.1	South Africa
AC10 Inf 15	Choice of a standard taxonomy for ACAP: comments from BirdLife International	18	BirdLife International

**ANNEX 3. AC10 AGENDA**

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<b>2. Adoption of the Agenda</b>	
<b>3. Rules of Procedure</b>	3.1 Consideration of Rule 20
<b>4. Report of the Depositary</b>	
<b>5. ACAP Secretariat</b>	5.1 Activities undertaken in 2016/2017 intersessional period 5.2 Secretariat Work Programme 2016 – 2018 5.3 Secretariat Work Programme 2019 – 2021
<b>6. Agreement's Financial Matters</b>	6.1 Financial Report 6.2 Agreement Budget 2019 - 2021
<b>7. Progress by Parties in the evaluation of the Secretariat</b>	
<b>8. Observer Reports</b>	8.1 Reports from ACAP Observers at International Meetings 8.2 Reports from Observers to AC10
<b>9. Report on the Implementation of the Agreement</b>	
<b>10. Advisory Committee Report to the Sixth Meeting of the Parties</b>	
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<b>12. Taxonomy of Albatrosses and Petrels</b>	12.1 Report of the Taxonomy Working Group 12.2 Future TWG Work Programme
<b>13. Seabird Bycatch</b>	13.1 Report of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group 13.2 Future SBWG Work Programme
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14.5 Outcomes of projects and secondments supported 14.6 Capacity Building Strategy
<b>15. Indicators to Measure the Success of ACAP</b>
<b>16. Report from <i>Pterodroma</i> workshop</b>
<b>17. Prioritisation framework</b>
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<b>19. Global Climate Change and its effects on the conservation of albatrosses and petrels</b>
<b>20. Bibliographic References</b>
<b>21. Election and Appointment of AC Officers</b>
<b>22. Eleventh Meeting of the Advisory Committee</b> 22.1 Timing and Venue 22.2 Draft Agenda
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**ANNEX 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016 – 2018**

Actions that have been completed or are no longer relevant are crossed out. New actions identified at SBWG8, PaCSWG4 and AC10 are highlighted in blue.

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
				Time	Funds	
<b>1. Taxonomy and Annex 1 review</b>						
1.1	Keep the Taxonomy Working Group's bibliographic database updated	TWG led by Convenor	2016-2018	0.5 week per annum (p.a.)	AUD 0	Ensure that ACAP's Biblio is updated
1.2	Continue the establishment of a morphometric and plumage database	TWG led by Convenor, Science Officer	2016-2018	2 weeks	AUD 0	This will facilitate the taxonomic process, the identification of bycatch specimens, and the long-term storage of valuable data. Possibly a catalogue of taxa that are difficult to separate visually instead
1.3	Maintain a database of site-specific information on the availability of samples relevant to studies of population genetics of ACAP species	TWG	2016-2018	2 months	?	In co-operation with PaCSWG (see Item 2.14) 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	2016-2018	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	2016-2018	1-2 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	Provided <del>advice</del> recommendations 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.

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
				Time	Funds	
<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	2016-2018	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 secondments).
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	2016-2018	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	2016-2018	3 weeks	AUD 5,000 (core)	May require further data portal updates. Consider alternative approaches as required. Reviewed at AC10.
2.4	Update ACAP Species Assessments	Science Officer, PaCSWG Convenors	2016-2018	6 weeks p.a.	AUD 4,000 (core)	Costs for Birdlife to update maps. <a href="#">Complete current update for all species by May 2018.</a>
2.5	Translate updates to Species Assessments and ACAP guidelines into Spanish and French	Science Officer	2016-2018		AUD 10,000 (core)	
2.6	Identify priority species or populations for monitoring of numbers, trends and demography	PaCSWG, Science Officer	2016-2018	2 weeks pa	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	2017	1 week p.a.	AUD 1,000 (core)	<del>Review at AC10</del>
2.8	Identify and review priority species or populations for conservation actions.	PaCSWG, Science Officer	2016-2018	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	Review at each AC Meeting. <a href="#">List PaCSWG documents which propose each Priority Population listing.</a>

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
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2.9	Review and prioritise the threats to breeding sites and identify gaps in knowledge.	PaCSWG, Science Officer	2016-2018	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	Annual updating of priorities by Parties, re-run prioritisation as required for AC10, <a href="#">paper to MoP6</a> .
2.10	Review and update best-practice guidelines	PaCSWG, Science Officer, Lead Richard Phillips (UK), Anton Wolfaardt (UK), Marcela Uhart (UCD)	2016-2018	3 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	May include developing new disease outbreak guidelines. See 2.15 and 2.16. <a href="#">Pterodroma workshop recommendations</a> .
2.11	Develop/update database of biosecurity plans for ACAP breeding sites	PaCSWG, Science Officer	2016-2018	1 week	AUD 0	Parties may also need to develop/implement biosecurity plans at breeding sites
2.12	Maintain centralised catalogue of plastic rings used on ACAP species and contact list, and addresses of ringing authorities	Science Officer, PaCSWG	2016-2018	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- <del>2017</del> 2018	2 weeks	AUD 0	List developed and presented at PaCSWG4. To be further developed by 2018.
2.15	Develop guidelines to quantify the ingestion of plastics by albatrosses and petrels	Lead <a href="#">Marcela Uhart (UCD)</a> , Patricia Serafini (Brazil), <del>Marcela Uhart</del> , Barbara Wienecke (Australia), Richard Phillips (UK)	By AC10	2 weeks	AUD 0	To include protocols for macroplastics and microplastics by 2018.
2.16	Develop guidelines for tissue sampling of dead birds	Marcela Uhart (UCD)	By AC10	1 week	AUD 0	Include link to <a href="#">faeces collection guidelines</a>
2.17	Complete breeding sites accounts	PaCSWG, Lead John Cooper (Secretariat)	By <a href="#">AC11</a> AC10	5 weeks	AUD 0	



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2.18	Review application of IUCN criteria to ACAP species	Barry Baker, Richard Phillips, Barbara Wienecke, Birdlife International, Rosemary Gales, Science Officer, Patricia Serafini, Johnathon Barrington, Graeme Taylor	Up to June 2018		AUD 0	Complete by June 2018
2.19	Make available outreach resources on the ACAP webpage	Projeto Albatroz, Hannahrose Nevins, Verónica López, Science Officer	Ongoing			First materials including links and contacts by June 2018
2.20	Develop guidelines for biosecurity to mitigate disease transmission after outbreaks	Marcela Uhart, Anton Woolfaardt, Patricia Serafini, Barbara Wienecke				Complete by June 2018
<b>3. Seabird Bycatch</b>						
3.1	Continue to implement the RFMO and CCAMLR engagement strategy interaction plan for ACAP (AC5 Doc 29) 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	2016-2018	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 Progress reported at each SBWG meeting, and actions for the forthcoming period included in Annex 5 of the SBWG8 Report. HIGH
3.2	Update analysis of overlaps of distributions and 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) Moved to Section 5

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
				Time	Funds	
3.3	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 and Parties	2016-2018		AUD 10,000 (grant)	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
3.4	Maintain bibliography of relevant bycatch information.	BirdLife/SBWG Science Officer	2016-2018	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. Refer and link to BMIS. Ongoing. LOW
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. <a href="#">Develop a new fact sheet for the Modified Purse Seine.</a>	SBWG/BirdLife - Trawl: New Zealand Pelagic longline: Australia Demersal longline: UK General: BirdLife	2016-2018	1 week per fact sheet	AUD 10,000 (core, for translation and for new factsheet)	<a href="#">Draft FSs for line weighting and hook-shielding devices developed using new format. Further modifications suggested at SBWG8 need to be addressed. Conversion of other fact sheets from old format to new will happen in a phased approach, prioritising the recently updated advice on bird scaring lines for demersal and pelagic longline fisheries, followed by other best practice measures, and finally the fact sheets for measures that are not considered best practice.</a> HIGH

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
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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	2016-2018	8 weeks	AUD 10,000 (core for publication and translation of materials)	Target audience is fisheries managers. May help inform the development of future strategies for engagement with fishing fleets (task 3.15). Possible <b>secondment</b> opportunity. <a href="#">SBWG8 agreed to pursue this action. Progress will be reported at SBWG9. HIGH</a>
3.7	Prepare review of knowledge on deliberate take/killing of ACAP species at sea.	<a href="#">SBWG – lead Mark Tasker and Barry Baker</a>	2016-2018	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 <del>is</del> was planned in 2015). Potential for <b>secondment or grant</b> . <a href="#">No progress yet, but SBWG8 agreed to undertake this work and report back to SBWG9. MEDIUM</a>
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	2016-2018	12 weeks	<del>To be determined</del> 10 000 AUD (core)	Will be informed by output of research planned for 2015 <a href="#">Close to completion. Results to be reported at SBWG9. HIGH</a>
3.9	Review and update the prioritisation framework for at-sea threats	SBWG	2017 (for MoP6)	1 week	AUD 5,000 (core)	Analysis and update of data relating to threats and mitigation. Possible workshop. <a href="#">In progress, to be completed by end of November for reporting to MoP6. MEDIUM</a>

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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	2016-2018	16 weeks	AUD 0	Follows on from development of the toolbox concept in 2015. Good opportunity for <b>secondment</b> . Good progress made and reported to SBWG8. Further work to expand toolbox mitigation options. HIGH
3.11	Further development of best practice advice for mitigation in gillnet fisheries	SBWG	2016-2018	2 weeks	AUD 0	see also 3.10 (toolbox) Will liaise with external initiatives, but will keep a watching brief, and request Parties and others to provide updates on research relevant to ACAP species. LOW
3.12	Assist other organisations or range states in bycatch research by facilitating collaboration with relevant experts	SBWG	2016-2018	ongoing	AUD 0	This is a principle that underpins various aspects of our work, rather than specific action. Consequently, we suggest removing this as an action in the work programme for 2019-2021
3.13	Development of bycatch indicators and associated data, methodological approaches and reporting required	SBWG/ Anton Wolfaardt, Igor Debski et al. Secretariat	2016-2018	20 weeks	AUD 10,000 (grant)	Possibility for continued <b>secondments</b> to build capacity Progress reported at SBWG8. Work continuing, and expecting all Parties to submit information using the reporting template for AC11. HIGH
3.14	<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>	SBWG	2016-2018		AUD 10,000 (core)	<del>Funds for publication and translation of materials</del> Combined with 3.6
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	2016-2018	2 weeks	AUD 0	Strategy and mechanism development planned for 2015-2016 Links to barriers and drivers. Will be removed as a specific action in the WP for 2019-2021

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
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3.16	Research actions for artisanal, small scale and recreational fisheries	SBWG	2016-2018		To be determined	Dependent on progress of research strategy for artisanal, small scale and recreational fisheries planned for 2015-Combined with 3.10
3.17	Research actions for gillnet fisheries	SBWG	2016-2018	1 week	AUD 0	<del>Liaise with external initiatives</del> Best addressed by liaising with external initiatives and keeping a watching brief. LOW
3.18	Extend revised format of review and best practice advice documents on bycatch mitigation to demersal longline and trawl fisheries	SBWG, Secretariat	2016-2018	4 weeks	AUD 0	Completed Updates to these will be taken up in new action 3.23
3.19	Development of mitigation advice for purse-seine fisheries	SBWG, Chile, Australia, ATF Chile, Lead Cristian Suazo and Barry Baker	2016-2017	4 weeks		Possible <b>grant</b> Using mitigation toolbox approach. Ongoing review will be progressed via leads. MEDIUM
3.20	Further development of best practice guidelines in the use of Electronic Monitoring for the assessment and monitoring of seabird bycatch	SBWG, Lead Nathan Walker	2016-2018	8 weeks	AUD 0	Possible <b>secondment</b> MEDIUM
3.21	Evaluate the factors that drive or limit success of NPOA-Seabirds in reducing the bycatch of seabirds – link to 4.1, 3.6 (drivers and barriers)	SBWG	2016-2018	20 weeks	AUD 0	Possible <b>secondment</b> Will be taken forward by the work being undertaken by Barry Baker and BirdLife. Outcomes, issues and potential resolutions should be presented to SBWG9, and will inform future actions. MEDIUM
3.22	Help facilitate and support collaborative seabird impact and risk assessments at various scales	SBWG	2017-2018			Encourage and help facilitate and support collaborative efforts to undertake seabird bycatch risk and impact assessments, including building capacity to undertake assessments. A number of initiatives currently underway. Progress will be reported at SBWG9, and inform further actions. HIGH

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
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3.23	Intersessional review of ACAP Best Practice Advice and Review documents for pelagic and demersal longline and trawl fishing gear	SBWG via leads - Pelagic LL: Jonathon Barrington, Sebastián Jiménez Demersal LL: Oli Yates, Anton Wolfaardt Trawl: Amanda Kuepfer, Igor Debski	2017-2018			
<b>4. Capacity building, New Parties, Organisation of Work</b>						
4.1	Provide assistance and capacity building to ensure facilitate drafting and implementation of NPOA-Seabirds	AC, Parties and BirdLife to consider	2016-2018	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	2016		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	2016-2018		AUD 0	
4.4	Populate and measure capacity building indicators	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, New Zealand, UK	2016-2018		AUD 0	
4.5	Complete the work on drafting the capacity building strategy	Advisory Committee, Parties	2016-2018		AUD 0	Completed a draft and will provide draft of final strategy to MoP6

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
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<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	2017	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	2016-2018	16 weeks	AUD 0	PaCSWG and SBWG to draft template to facilitate reporting of progress.
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	2016-2018	4 weeks	AUD 0	Review <del>Seabird Bycatch ID guide</del> and de-hooking guide. Possible <b>secondment</b> opportunity. <a href="#">See 5.15 for detail on Seabird Bycatch ID guide</a>
5.5	Implement system of indicators for the success of the ACAP Agreement	Parties, Secretariat, BirdLife and AC	2016-2018	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	2016-2018	2 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	
5.8	Manage directory of relevant legislation	Secretariat	2016-2018	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	2016-2018	2 days p.a.	AUD 0	Parties and AC to supply further information, as available

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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. <a href="#">Hasn't been progressed.</a>
5.13	<del>Update analysis of overlaps of distributions of albatrosses and petrels with fisheries managed by RFMOs</del>	BirdLife / ACAP	2016-2017	4 weeks	AUD 10,000 (core)	<del>Consider work and schedule of RFMO activities (e.g. seabird risk assessments and reviews of bycatch mitigation measures). Moved from 3.2</del> <a href="#">Merged with 5.14</a>
5.14	<del>Continue to update analysis of overlaps of distributions of albatrosses and petrels with fisheries and to review and utilise available information on foraging distribution, fisheries and seabird-bycatch information to aid prioritisation and targeting of actions to reduce the risk of fishing operations to ACAP species in waters subject to national jurisdiction and those managed by RFMOs.</del>	SBWG, PaCSWG and Parties	2016-2018	16 weeks	AUD 10,000 (core) AUD 10,000 (grant)	Assess any capacity building requirements to facilitate regional coordination to better assess bycatch. <a href="#">Increase focus on ACAP Priority Populations and high-risk bycatch areas.</a> <del>Consider possible link to conservation priorities, including priority populations.</del> Moved from 3.3
5.15	<a href="#">Update ACAP Seabird Bycatch Identification Guide</a>	SBWG, PaCSWG, Secretariat and Parties	2017-2018		AUD 20,000 (Core)	<a href="#">Costs include per diem/travel for secondee, plus graphic design, printing and translation costs.</a> <b>HIGH</b>
<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	2016-2018	2 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	Shorter-term advice provided by the AC Chair



Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
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6.2	Consider and advise on Staff matters as needed	AC	2016-2018	1 week p.a.	AUD 0	Shorter-term advice provided by the AC Chair
6.3	Oversee, advise and guide Secretariat in relation to database, web portal	Convenors, Chair and Vice-chair	2016-2018	6 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	
6.4	Manage work of Advisory Committee	Chair, Vice-chair and Convenors	2016-2018	18 weeks p.a.	AUD 0	Regular teleconferences and email conversations

**ANNEX 5. DRAFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019 - 2021**

Topic/ Task		Responsible group	Time frame	Resources		Action detail/ comments
				Time	Funds (AUD)	
<b>1. Taxonomy and Annex 1 review</b>						
1.1	Keep the Taxonomy Working Group's bibliographic database updated	TWG led by Convenor	Ongoing	0.5 week per annum (p.a.)	0	Ensure that ACAP's Biblio is updated
1.2	Continue the establishment of a morphometric and plumage database	TWG led by Convenor, Science Officer	2019-2021	2 weeks	0	This will facilitate the taxonomic process, the identification of bycatch specimens, and the long-term storage of valuable data. Possibly a catalogue of taxa that are difficult to separate visually instead.
1.3	Maintain a database of site-specific information on the availability of samples relevant to studies of population genetics of ACAP species	TWG	2019-2021	2 months	?	In co-operation with PaCSWG a database of researchers holding site specific samples was developed initially.
1.4	Consider taxonomic issues relating to species proposed for addition to Annex 1 of the Agreement	Parties and AC	Ongoing	0.5 week p.a.	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	Ongoing	1-2 weeks p.a.	0	Encourage ongoing harmonisation with CMS and IUCN.
<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	Ongoing	8 weeks p.a.	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> ).

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				Time	Funds (AUD)	
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	Ongoing	12 weeks p.a.	0	
2.3	Accurately assess and update global population trends	PaCSWG Convenors, Science Officer and BirdLife International with other experts as required	Ongoing	3 weeks	5,000 (core)	May require further data portal updates. Consider alternative approaches as required. Review at AC12.
2.4	Update ACAP Species Assessments	Science Officer, PaCSWG	Ongoing	6 weeks p.a.	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	Ongoing		10,000 (core)	
2.6	Identify priorities for monitoring of numbers, trends and demography	PaCSWG, Science Officer	Ongoing	2 weeks p.a.	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	2020	1 week p.a.	1,000 (core)	Review at AC12
2.8	Identify and review Priority Populations for conservation actions.	PaCSWG, Science Officer	Ongoing	1 week p.a.	0	Review at each AC Meeting
2.9	Review and prioritise the threats to breeding sites and identify gaps in knowledge.	PaCSWG, Science Officer	Ongoing	1 week p.a.	0	Annual updating of priorities by Parties, re-run prioritisation for AC12.
2.10	Review and update best-practice guidelines	PaCSWG, Science Officer	Ongoing	3 weeks p.a.	0	
2.11	Provide reports on activities to AC meetings	PaCSWG, Science Officer	As needed	12 weeks	0	

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<b>3. Seabird Bycatch</b>						
3.1	Continue to implement the RFMO and CCAMLR engagement strategy for ACAP (SBWG8 Doc 13) 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	Ongoing	a) 18 weeks p.a. b) 18 weeks p.a. c) 2 weeks p.a.	(a+b) 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
3.2	Intersessional review of ACAP Best Practice Advice and Review documents for pelagic and demersal longline and trawl fishing gear	SBWG via leads – Pelagic LL: Jonathon Barrington, Sebastián Jimenéz Demersal LL: Oli Yates, Anton Wolfaardt Trawl: Amanda Kuepfer, Igor Debski	Ongoing			
3.3	Development of mitigation advice for purse-seine fisheries	SBWG, via leads: Cristian Suazo, Barry Baker	Ongoing	4 weeks		Using the toolbox approach.
3.4	Continue to update Mitigation Fact Sheets using new simplified format in a phased approach: 1) complete fact sheets for pelagic LL line weighting and hook-shielding devices, 2) updated advice on bird scaring lines for pelagic and demersal LL, and 3) fact sheets dealing with ACAP Best Practice measures.	SBWG/BirdLife	2019-2021	1 week per fact sheet	10,000 (core, for translation and for new factsheet)	

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3.5	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, Secretariat	2019-2021			Aimed to help inform the development of future strategies for engagement with fishing fleets. Scope of work dependent on outputs of investigation into drivers and barriers
3.6	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	Ongoing			Will be informed by output of research underway in 2017, the results of which will be reported to SBWG9.
3.7	Development of bycatch indicators and associated data, methodological approaches and reporting required	SBWG, Secretariat	2019-2021	20 weeks		Possibility for continued <b>secondments</b> to build capacity
3.8	Review and update the prioritisation framework for at-sea threats	SBWG	2020 (for MoP7)	1 week	5,000 (core)	Analysis and update of data relating to threats and mitigation. Possible workshop.
3.9	Further development of best practice advice for mitigation in artisanal, small scale and recreational fisheries, including research for these fisheries.	SBWG	Ongoing		0	Continued development of the toolbox to provide advice on mitigation options available for artisanal and small-scale fisheries. Good opportunity for <b>secondment</b> .
3.10	Further development of best practice advice for mitigation in gillnet fisheries.	SBWG	Ongoing	2 weeks	0	Through liaison with external initiatives.
3.11	Further development of best practice guidelines in the use of Electronic Monitoring for the assessment and monitoring of seabird bycatch	SBWG	2019-2021			Will hopefully commence in the triennium ending 2018.

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3.12	Evaluate the factors that drive or limit success of NPOA-Seabirds in reducing the bycatch of seabirds	SBWG	2019-2021	20 weeks	0	Will be taken forward by the work being undertaken by Barry Baker and BirdLife. Outcomes should be presented to SBWG9, and will inform future actions for this triennium.
3.13	Help facilitate and support collaborative seabird impact and risk assessments at various scales	SBWG	2019-2021			Encourage and help facilitate and support collaborative efforts to undertake seabird bycatch risk and impact assessments, including building capacity to undertake assessments. A number of initiatives currently underway. Progress will be reported at SBWG9, and inform further actions.
3.14	Maintain bibliography of relevant bycatch information.	BirdLife/SBWG Science Officer	Ongoing	1 week p.a.	0	Includes both published and unpublished literature. Replace working papers with published papers where possible. Submission of information from Parties and others encouraged. Refer and link to BMIS and other online bycatch databases
3.15	Prepare review of knowledge on deliberate take/killing of ACAP species at sea.	SBWG	2019-2021			Possible actions dependent on outcome of investigation planned for 2017-2018.
<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	Ongoing	10 weeks	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	Ongoing		0	Initial work carried out at AC7, further work intersessionally, work with lead Parties and Secretariat as needed.

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4.3	Consider Working Group structure and function, including role and participation of members and experts	WGs, AC	Ongoing		0	
4.4	Populate and measure capacity building indicators	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, New Zealand, UK	Ongoing		0	
<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	2020	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	Ongoing	16 weeks	0	
5.3	Review, refine and standardise criteria to include new species on Annex 1.	PaCSWG, SBWG, TWG, Science Officer	Ongoing	1 week	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	Ongoing	4 weeks	0	If Seabird Bycatch ID guide not updated by the end of 2018, it will be a high priority for this triennium. Core funds of 20,000 AUD proposed (see 5.15 of 2016-2018 WP).
5.5	Implement system of indicators for the success of the ACAP Agreement	Parties, Secretariat, BirdLife and AC	Ongoing	1 week p.a.	0	
5.6	Review ACAP performance indicators	PaCSWG, SBWG Convenors, Science Officer and BirdLife International	2020	3 weeks	0	

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5.7	Manage database of relevant scientific literature	Secretariat	Ongoing	2 weeks p.a.	0	
5.8	Manage directory of relevant legislation	Secretariat	Ongoing	1 week p.a.	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	Ongoing	2 days p.a.	0	Parties and AC to supply further information, as available
5.10	Review information and drafts of triennial implementation report.	Advisory Committee, Secretariat	2020		0	In accordance with Article IX 6 (d) of the Agreement
5.11	Continue to update analysis of overlaps of distributions of albatrosses and petrels with fisheries and bycatch information to aid prioritisation and targeting of actions to reduce the risk of fishing operations to ACAP species in waters subject to national jurisdiction and those managed by RFMOs.	SBWG, PaCSWG and Parties	Ongoing	16 weeks	10,000 (core) 10,000 (grant)	Assess any capacity building requirements to facilitate regional coordination to better assess bycatch. Increase focus on ACAP Priority Populations and high-risk bycatch areas.
<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	Ongoing	2 weeks p.a.	0	Shorter-term advice provided by the AC Chair
6.2	Consider and advise on Staff matters as needed	AC	Ongoing	1 week p.a.	0	Shorter-term advice provided by the AC Chair
6.3	Oversee, advise and guide Secretariat in relation to database, web portal	Convenors, Chair and Vice-chair	Ongoing	6 weeks p.a.	0	
6.4	Manage work of Advisory Committee	Chair, Vice-chair and Convenors	Ongoing	18 weeks p.a.	0	



**ANNEX 6. DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA – MOP6**

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA – MoP6	
<b>1. Official Opening</b>	1.1 Official Opening and Opening Statements
<b>2. Procedural Issues</b>	2.1 Adoption of Agenda 2.2 Amendments to the MoP Rules of Procedure 2.3 Establishment of Credentials Committee
<b>3. Reports</b>	3.1 Report of Credentials Committee 3.2 Report of the Depositary 3.3 Reports of Observers
<b>4. Operation of the Secretariat</b>	4.1 Report of the Secretariat 4.2 Secretariat Work Programme 2019 - 2021 4.3 Review of Staff Regulations 4.4 Review of Financial Regulations 4.5 Review of the effectiveness of the Secretariat
<b>5. Operation of the Meeting of the Parties</b>	
<b>6. Operation of the Advisory Committee</b>	6.1 Report of the Advisory Committee 6.2 Advisory Committee Work Programme 2019 - 2021 6.3 <i>Pterodroma</i> workshop outcomes and recommendation from Advisory Committee
<b>7. Operation of the Agreement</b>	7.1 Report on Implementation of the Agreement 7.2 Criteria for listing and de-listing species in Annex 1 7.3 Proposed Amendment to Annex 1 - listing of new species 7.4 Identification of Priority Actions for Conservation Measures 7.5 Proposed Indicators to Measure the Success of the Agreement 7.6 Capacity Building 7.7 Development of Arrangements with Other International Organisations

7.8	Financial and Auditor's Reports
7.9	Agreement Budget 2019 - 2021
7.10	Scale of Contributions
7.11	National Plans of Action
7.12	Accession of non-Party Range States to the Agreement
7.13	Bibliographic references
<b>8.</b>	<b>Provisional Date and Venue of the Seventh Meeting</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
9.1	Media Release
9.2	Participation at future Conferences
<b>10.</b>	<b>Adoption of MoP6 Report</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

**ANNEX 7. DRAFT AC11 AGENDA**

<b>DRAFT AC11 AGENDA</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Adoption of the Agenda</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Rules of Procedure</b> 3.1 Consideration of Rule 20
<b>4.</b>	<b>Report of the Depositary</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>ACAP Secretariat</b> 5.1 Activities undertaken in 2018/2019 intersessional period 5.2 Secretariat Work Programme 2019 – 2021
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<b>7.</b>	<b>Observer Reports</b> 8.1 Reports from ACAP Observers at International Meetings 8.2 Reports from Observers to AC11
<b>8.</b>	<b>Report from the Sixth Meeting of the Parties</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Population and Conservation Status of Albatrosses and Petrels</b> 11.1 Report of the Population and Conservation Status Working Group 11.2 Future PaCSWG Work Programme
<b>10.</b>	<b>Taxonomy of Albatrosses and Petrels</b> 12.1 Report of the Taxonomy Working Group 12.2 Future TWG Work Programme
<b>11.</b>	<b>Seabird Bycatch</b> 13.1 Report of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group 13.2 Future SBWG Work Programme
<b>12.</b>	<b>Advisory Committee</b> 14.1 Advisory Committee Work Programme 2019 - 2021 14.2 Agreement Grant Scheme 14.3 Agreement Secondment Programme 14.4 Outcomes of projects and secondments supported 14.5 Capacity Building Strategy
<b>13.</b>	<b>Indicators to Measure the Success of ACAP</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Listing of New Species</b>

<b>15. Bibliographic References</b>
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<b>17. Twelfth Meeting of the Advisory Committee</b> 22.1 Timing and Venue 22.2 Draft Agenda
<b>18. Other Business</b>
<b>19. Adoption of Report</b>
<b>20. Closing Remarks</b>

## **ANNEX 8. STATEMENTS FROM OBSERVERS – RANGE STATES**

### **Namibia**

Dr. Hannes Holtzhausen, on behalf of the Namibian Government, thanked the ACAP Secretariat for the invitation and sponsorship to attend this important AC10 meeting and also the RSPB, UK for funding his flights. He also thanked the Government of New Zealand for hosting the event in the beautiful city of Wellington.

Namibia's formal application to accede to ACAP is still with the Namibian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Attorney General's Office. This application was endorsed by Cabinet in 2015 and approved by Parliament in 2016.

For 2017, the Namibian ATF, in conjunction with the Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources, started actively surveying the pelagic longline fisheries to establish its possible detrimental effect on albatrosses and petrels. Preliminary results indicate minimal bycatch of these birds. Also, in June this year, Namibia's NPOA seabirds was revised through a project of the Benguela Current Convention's (BCC) ecosystem-based management programme.

### **United States**

The United States thanked New Zealand for hosting the meeting and the Secretariat for organizing the meeting. The United States also expressed appreciation to the leaders and participants of the Working Groups, *Pterodroma* Workshop, and Advisory Committee for their work to progress the conservation of albatrosses and petrels. The United States stated its strong commitment to the objective of ACAP and highlighted a few of their on-going efforts that supports the work of ACAP. Activities included pursuing climate change adaptation strategies, including translocation of chicks of Laysan and Black-footed albatrosses to high island colonies protected by predator-proof fences; completion of feasibility studies and progressing implementation planning to eradicate house mice on Midway Atoll; development of an education video for seabird handling techniques and a seabird handling guide that is similar to what ACAP has developed; and collection of seabirds, particularly procellarids, that are bycaught in Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. West Coast fisheries as part of the Pacific Seabird Bycatch Necropsy Program, making use of bycaught seabirds to gather information that refines estimates of impacts of bycatch on populations, provides data for ecosystem models, and monitors changes in the marine environment.

## **ANNEX 9. STATEMENTS FROM OBSERVERS – NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS**

### **American Bird Conservancy (ABC)**

Hannah Nevins, Seabird Program Director representing the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) extended thanks the Advisory Committee and the Secretariat (Marco Favero) for allowing us to participate in the ACAP meeting. American Bird Conservancy is a non-governmental organization based in the US. The mission of the American Bird Conservancy is to conserve native birds and their habitats throughout the Americas. We focus on threats to seabirds with greatest conservation concern, including Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (EN), and Vulnerable species with restricted range (VU D2), many of which are listed by ACAP.

Our efforts to mitigate impacts to seabirds include efforts to protect high island colonies fences in Hawaii, identify threats and work with Ecuadorian, Chilean colleagues and NGOs. We recognize the role of ACAP in providing science-based guidance and advice on addressing threats in albatross. I also want to thank the Chairs of the Seabird Bycatch and Population Status Working Groups for their efforts to bring the most relevant information regarding methods to reduce seabird mortality to the ACAP body and other interested parties. We are particularly interested in the development of similar guidance for petrels.

I thank the NZ hosts, we have had great benefit from learning from the “New Zealand Experience” as it relates to developing tools for land-based conservation work including predator control, and bi-cultural management. I hope you will consider ABC as a partner in your continuing efforts to reduce impacts to seabirds on land and at sea.

I look forward to working in the intersessional period with my ACAP colleagues.

### **BirdLife International**

Thanks for the opportunity to introduce BirdLife International. I am here representing BirdLife International as an observer to the AC and also to the working groups. I am joined in our delegation to the AC by my F&B colleague Geoff Keey. BirdLife is the world’s largest nature conservation partnership, consisting of around 120 independent NGO partners, globally for example Forest and Bird here in NZ and Birds Australia in Australia. The BirdLife partnership has 6 Regional BirdLife Coordination Offices throughout the world and a Global Office in Cambridge, UK – together known as “The BirdLife International Secretariat”. BirdLife has enjoyed observer status to ACAP and actively contributes to the 2 working groups, Oli Yates from our Albatross Taskforce has recently become an expert member in the SBWG and Cleo Small is a member of the PACsWG, supported by Pep Arcos BirdLife has a very active Marine Programme actively engaging in all the RFMOs and through our Albatross Taskforce working directly with members and their fishing fleets on bycatch mitigation research and implementation. It’s also worth mentioning the Global Seabird Tracking database that BirdLife hosts and the value that has in providing important distribution information for overlap analyses with fishing effort and identification of high risk areas. BirdLife would like to

encourage members to invest in tracking work to fill gaps in distribution data and submit data to the tracking data base.

## **Humane Society International**

HSI would like to thank Parties to the Agreement for the opportunity to participate in this meeting and also for individual and collective efforts so far especially to address fisheries impacts on albatrosses and petrels.

We continue to be frustrated by the clear evidence that not enough is being done to halt the decline of many ACAP listed species. It was therefore a great disappointment that Parties failed to recognise the strategic potential of the line weighting precedence recommendation which was proposed at this meeting for greatly improving mitigation compliance and efficacy. It is essential to create new and better opportunities for ACAP engagement with other organisations and range states in order to ensure meaningful outcomes from seabird bycatch reduction efforts.

There is perhaps no better way to help achieve the required reduction in bird deaths than for the ACAP Parties, to lead by example. Papers presented this year to the meeting highlight the risk that certain Parties domestic fisheries continue to pose to seabirds, despite IPOA implementation. This high catch of albatrosses and petrels must end. New bycatch performance reporting by the ACAP Parties should serve to encourage greater effort in bird catch reduction nationally as well as internationally.

HSI encourages Parties to further strengthen their considerable efforts in mitigation and compliance monitoring, and focus on reversing the downward spiral of population trends put before this meeting. Let the urgency of this be driven by the example of the Antipodean albatross (our 'canary in the coalmine') predicted to be extinct in 20 years! Let's not be responsible for having done too little too late.

## **Projeto Albatroz**

Projeto Albatroz thanks for the opportunity and clarify that it was created in 1990 with the purpose to reduce the bycatch of albatrosses and petrels in national fisheries. It develops conservation work in partnership with the government, fishermen and fishing companies and its main line of action are the development of research, to support public policies, and awareness in fishery sector and primary education. Projeto Albatroz is sponsorship by Petrobras, through the Petrobras Environmental Program, and is supported by the Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB), the Albatross Task Force Programme (ATF) of Birdlife International and Save Brasil.

In order to reduce by-catches to a minimal level, the Brazilian Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Aquaculture and Fisheries formulated regulation no.4/2011, together with the fishing productive sector. It established the simultaneous use of tori lines and weight branch lines by longline fishing vessels authorized to operate in waters under Brazilian jurisdiction south of latitude 20°S. The revision process of the INI 04/2011 began in 2012 with the support of Projeto Albatroz and members of Brazil's Fishery Management Council of Tuna.

This council is composed of representatives of various branches that are relevant to the regulation of fishing activities, such as government agencies and fishing industry stakeholders advised by scientific subcommittees. The main focus of this review was to discuss the implementation of ACAP's recommendations, in particular whether to change the requirement of the use of two obligatory mitigation measures (tori line and weights branch lines) and include a third new one (i.e., the mandatory use of night settings). The major goal in this new combination of measures was to protect the populations of albatrosses and petrels, in accordance with the National Plan of Action for albatrosses and petrels. This new regulatory framework provided by the INI 07/2014 covered several gaps in the former regulation and detailed safety measures for fisherman, including electronic monitoring, and size of the tori line proportional to the size of the vessel.

This regulation represents a breakthrough on the conservation of albatrosses and petrels in Brazil and was based on studies conducted by the Projeto Albatroz which along with fishermen of the national fleet of longline reached the optimal design of tori line and proven through scientific research that changing the weight of the position does not change the capture of fishing.