



Agreement on the Conservation  
of Albatrosses and Petrels

22 May 2020

To: Advisory Committee Members  
National Contact Points  
Meeting Attendees

### **AC12 Meeting Circular 3 - Postponement of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee**

AC12 Meeting Circular 2 foreshadowed the possible postponement of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Advisory Committee and its associated Working Group meetings.

After consultation with the Parties, we advise that ACAP Parties have decided (following Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure for the Meeting of the Parties) to instruct the Advisory Committee to **postpone the next meeting of the Advisory Committee (and its Working Groups) to 2021, to be held in Ecuador**. The meeting is accordingly postponed. A revised date and other details for the meeting will be decided nearer the time.

The Parties have also considered whether to postpone the 7<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties (due to be held in Australia in May 2021). This decision remains pending, as Australia has asked for some more time before deciding about whether to postpone the meeting.

Notwithstanding the postponement of AC12 (and potential postponement of MoP7), some intersessional consultation and decision-making will be required, concerning essential decisions under the Agreement that cannot be delayed beyond June 2021. In a separate circular to Parties and Advisory Committee Members we shall set out options for this decision-making process.

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