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1. Species Conservation

1.1 Outline of planned actions for			Agreement
national implementation over the next three years	Reference	Programme Reference	Reference
next three years		Reference	

1.2 Measures to eliminate, control or prevent introduction of non- native species to breeding sites			AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	1.4	R	III (1) b)	

1.3 Report on any exemptions to prohibitions on the taking or harming of albatrosses and petrels		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	1.1.2	III (3)	

1.4 Use a trade	and	Action Reference	Plan	AC Refer	Work ence	Programme	Agreeme Reference	
		1.1.1, 1.1.2		III (3)				

-	<i>multi-species</i> strategies /	Action Plan Reference	AC Worl Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
		1.1.3		

Development and adoption of the Plan of Action for the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels during 2007. Implementation of conservation measures during 2008 (e.g. streamer lines).

1.6 Emergency	Action Plan	AC Work Programme	Agreement
Measures	Reference	Reference	Reference
	1.2	VIII (11) e)	

1.	.7 Re-establishment	Action Pl	lan	AC Work Programme	Agreement
S	chemes	Reference		Reference	Reference
		1.3			

1.8 Any other conservation projects for ACAP species	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
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DINARA, through its Pelagic Resources Division, undertakes research and dissemination activities on these species.

The 'Albatrosses and Petrels' project has been carrying out research and dissemination activities focusing on the conservation of albatrosses and petrels. Development and distribution of the 'Atlántico Sur' Bulletin, band retrieval campaign.

Birdlife has implemented, together with the 'Albatrosses and Petrels' project and 'Aves Uruguay' an Albatros Task Force (ATF) in Uruguay, and has undertaken ongoing activities with the longline fleet and ports, for the purpose of awareness raising of all stakeholders in the fishing sector and to encourage them to assist with the conservation of these species.

2. Habitat Conservation

2.1 Measures (legal and policy instruments and actions) to implement protection and management of breeding sites including habitat restoration	Action Referen		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	2.1	3	III (1) a)	

2.2 Sustainable management of marine living resources which provide food for albatrosses and	Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
petrels	2.3.1 a)		

2.3 Management and protection of important marine areas for albatrosses and petrels		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	2.3.2, 2.3.3	4	

3. Management of Human Activities

3.1 Report on environmental impact statements related to albatrosses and petrels		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	3.1		

3.2 Measures to reduce or eliminate incidental mortality in fisheries		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	3.2	6	

National Plan of Action to Reduce Incidental Mortality of Seabirds in Uruguay's Fisheries.

Decree Nº 248/997 dated 23 July 1997 establishes in its Article 5 the mandatory requirement to use streamer lines.

3.3 Measures to combat illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	3.2 4	6	

3.4 Measures to minimise discharge of pollutants and marine debris (with reference to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	2.3.1 b), 3.3		

3.5 Measures to minimise disturbance in marine and terrestrial habitats	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	3.4		

4. Research and Monitoring

conservation of albatro	research to the sses and	Referen	AC Programm Reference	Agreement Reference
petrels		4.1		

4.2 Observer programmes monitor fisheries bycatch albatrosses and petrels		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	4.2	5.1	

5. Education and Public Awareness

5.1 Dissemination of information / training for 'user audiences' e.g. scientists, fishermen, conservation bodies, and decision-makers	Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	6.1		

5.2 Dissemination of information to the general public	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	6.2		

6. Implementation

Summarise	progress	to	Action	Plan	AC	Work	Agreement
implement de	cisions of prev	ious	Reference	ce	Programme		Reference
Meetings of th	e Parties				Reference		