

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p>Eighth Meeting of the Parties <i>Dunedin, New Zealand, 19 - 23 May 2025</i></p> <p>Annotated Provisional Agenda</p> <p>Secretariat, MoP8 Vice-chair</p>
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Agenda Item	Documents
<p>1. Official opening</p> <p>1.1. Official opening and opening statements</p> <p><i>An opening speech will be provided by New Zealand. Election of Chair of MoP8. The Secretariat will inform delegates of administrative and organisational matters. Parties will be provided with an opportunity to give a brief opening statement.</i></p>	
<p>2. Procedural issues</p> <p>2.1. Adoption of Agenda</p> <p><i>The Meeting will be invited to review the Provisional Agenda, and to make any proposals for a Supplementary Agenda prior to the formal adoption of a meeting agenda.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Adoption of the meeting agenda and Supplementary Agenda if required.</p> <p>2.2. Amendments to the MoP Rules of Procedure</p> <p><i>A proposal to amend Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure will be presented by the Secretariat.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Adoption or rejection of the proposed amendment to the MoP Rules of Procedure. <u>Resolution 8.x</u>.</p> <p>2.3. Establishment of Credentials Committee</p> <p><i>Parties will be invited to nominate Members for a Credentials Committee consisting of three Representatives of the Parties.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Establishment of a Credentials Committee to review the credentials submitted by Parties in accordance with Rule 5(3) of the</p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 01 MoP8 Doc 02 MoP8 Doc 03 MoP8 Doc 04 MoP8 Doc 05</p> <p>MoP8 Doc 06</p>

<p>MoP Rules of Procedure; (also see ACAP – ANCP Circular 2025-02 for guidelines on submission of Credentials to the MoP)</p>	
<p>3. Reports</p> <p>3.1. Report of Credentials Committee</p> <p><i>The Chair of the Credentials Committee will present a report on the outcome of the Committee’s considerations.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Endorsement of the findings of the Credentials Committee.</p> <p>3.2. Report of the Depositary</p> <p><i>Australia, as the Depositary for the Agreement, will provide an update on the status of the Agreement since MoP7.</i></p> <p>3.3. Reports of Observers</p> <p><i>Observers to the Meeting will be provided with an opportunity to give a brief report on activities relevant to the MoP8 agenda.</i></p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 07</p> <p>MoP8 Inf 03</p>
<p>4. Operation of the Secretariat</p> <p>4.1. Report of the Secretariat</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will report on its activities over the past triennium.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Parties note progress on the activities undertaken</p> <p>4.2. Secretariat Work Programme 2026 - 2028</p> <p><i>Consideration by Parties of the proposed Secretariat Work Programme for 2026 - 2028.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Adoption of the Secretariat Work Programme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium. <u>Resolution 8.x</u></p> <p>4.3. Review of Staff Regulations</p> <p><i>Any items arising from the Report of the Secretariat relevant to the Staff Regulations will be considered, as required.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Parties to give consideration to any issues relating to the Staff Regulations arising from the Secretariat Report</p> <p>4.4. Review of Financial Regulations</p> <p><i>Items arising from the Report of the Secretariat and the Interim 2025 Financial Report relevant to the Financial Regulations will be considered, as required. A proposal to establish a Budget Sub-committee will be considered.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Parties to identify and propose follow up on any issues relating to the Financial Regulations arising from the Secretariat Report and the Financial Report. Adoption or rejection of the</p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 08</p> <p>MoP8 Doc 18</p> <p>MoP8 Doc 08</p> <p>MoP8 Doc 08 MoP8 Doc 09 MoP8 Doc 23</p>

<p>7.2. Criteria for listing and de-listing species in Annex 1</p> <p><i>MoP8 Inf 01 provides a list of candidate species according to agreed taxonomy, sorted by suitability of species for inclusion on Annex 1 of the Agreement.</i></p>	<p>MoP8 Inf 01</p>
<p>7.3. Report on Implementation of the Agreement</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will present a summary document, compiled from implementation reports provided to the Secretariat by Parties to the Agreement. This is a key item for discussion at the meeting.</i></p> <p>Outcome: A discussion among Parties on the progress and challenges of implementing the Agreement.</p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 12 MoP8 Doc 13 MoP8 Doc 14 MoP8 Inf 02</p>
<p>7.4. Identification of priority actions for conservation measures</p> <p><i>The Advisory Committee Chair will report on the update of the conservation priorities following the framework developed by the Agreement to address land-based and at-sea threats.</i></p> <p><i>The updated RFMCO Strategy will be presented for endorsement.</i></p> <p><i>New Zealand will propose a Resolution on Actions to address the conservation crisis faced by albatrosses and petrels due to the threat of fisheries bycatch.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Endorsement of the list of priority actions to address at-sea and land-based threats impacting ACAP-listed species. RFMCO Strategy is endorsed. Adoption or rejection of the proposed Resolution. <u>Resolution 8.x.</u></p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 15 MoP8 Doc 22 MoP8 Doc 24</p>
<p>7.5. Indicators to measure the success of the Agreement</p> <p><i>The Advisory Committee Chair will report on ACAP indicators that assess the current status of breeding sites, population sizes, population trends, and the availability of tracking data.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Discussion on the status of ACAP species and the success of the Agreement to date based on ACAP's suite of indicators. Identification of further actions required to develop and report on ACAP indicators.</p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 13 MoP8 Doc 14</p>
<p>7.6. Capacity building</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will introduce MoP8 Doc 16 on capacity building indicators and activities. Parties to consider the utility of continuing to present all current capacity building indicators.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Note capacity building initiatives undertaken in the last triennium and identify new initiatives for 2026 – 2028. Agree to discontinue capacity building indicator relevant to domestic activities.</p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 16 MoP8 Doc 25</p>

<p>7.7. Communications Strategy</p> <p><i>An update is provided on the implementation of ACAP's Communications Strategy. A proposal is made for the establishment for a permanent part-time Communications Adviser position.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Proposal for new staff position is accepted or rejected.</p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 26</p>
<p>7.8. Arrangements with other organisations</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will present a report on existing arrangements plus two proposals for new arrangements one of which is ready for signature and the other under development.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Parties welcome progress with arrangements with other organisations. MoP agrees (or rejects) proposals to conclude an arrangement with the CTMFM and develop one with GFW.</p> <p><u>Resolution 8.x</u></p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 21</p>
<p>7.9. Financial Report</p> <p><i>The interim financial report for the 2025 financial year provides provisional information on progress to date. A final report is sent to Parties at the end of the financial year. Financial Regulation 11 requires that an external auditor be appointed at each ordinary Session of the Meeting of the Parties.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Interim Financial Report noted. Meeting agrees to appoint an audit company designated by the Tasmanian Audit Office as the Agreement's external auditor in accordance with Financial Regulation 11.1.</p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 09</p>
<p>7.10 Agreement Budget 2026 - 2028</p> <p><i>The Secretariat has prepared three scenarios for a Draft 2026 - 2028 Budget for the Agreement. Parties are requested to consider these scenarios and adopt a budget for the 2026 - 2028 triennium. This is a key item for discussion.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Adoption of the Agreement Budget for 2026 - 2028.</p> <p><u>Resolution 8.x</u></p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 19</p>
<p>7.11. Scale of Contributions</p> <p><i>A draft of three scenarios for the scale of contributions for the 2026 - 2028 triennium is provided for the consideration of Parties. These have been developed in accordance with the principles agreed to by Parties at MoP3 and is based on the formula adopted by Parties at MoP4. This is a key item for discussion and a decision is essential.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Adoption of a Scale of Contributions for the 2026 - 2028 triennium. <u>Resolution 8.x</u></p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 20</p>

<p>7.12. National Plans of Action</p> <p><i>No papers have been submitted for consideration under this agenda item. Parties will have the opportunity to refer briefly to progress and actions taken relative to their National Plans of Action – Seabirds.</i></p> <p>7.13. Accession of non-Party Range States to the Agreement</p> <p><i>The Secretariat Report contains information on the implementation of the Secretariat Work Programme, including liaison with potential Parties to the Agreement.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Note progress with engagement on accession of non-Party Range States to the Agreement made during the triennium.</p>	<p>MoP8 Doc 08</p>
<p>8. Provisional date and venue of the Ninth Meeting of the Parties</p> <p><i>Offers are sought from Parties to host the Ninth Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MoP9).</i></p>	
<p>9. Other business</p> <p>9.1. Media release</p> <p><i>The Secretariat (together with New Zealand) will prepare a media release at the conclusion of the meeting.</i></p> <p>9.2 Participation at future Conferences</p> <p><i>The Chair of the Advisory Committee will refer to the possible participation of ACAP in conferences during the 2026 – 2028 triennium.</i></p>	
<p>10. Adoption of MoP8 Report</p> <p><i>The Report of the meeting is to be drafted and adopted in plenary by the Parties.</i></p> <p>Outcome: Adoption of MoP8 Report.</p>	
<p>11. Closing remarks</p> <p><i>The Chair will sum up the agreed outcomes of the meeting. Parties will have the opportunity to make closing remarks.</i></p>	