



Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

Fifth Meeting of Status and Trends Working Group

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STWG Terms of Reference and Work Program

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STATUS AND TRENDS WORKING GROUP

The Terms of Reference for the Status and Trends Working group were most recently revised in 2008 at AC4.

Resolution 1.5 of the First Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP1) to ACAP provides for the establishment by the Advisory Committee of a Working Group on the Status and Trends of albatross and petrel species covered by the Agreement.

The aims of the Status and Trends Working Group are:

- to oversee the collation of the most up to date information on population numbers and demography of each species of albatross and petrel listed on Annex 1 of the ACAP Agreement. The information will be sought from Parties and Signatories to ACAP who are Breeding Range States for (i.e. are home to breeding populations of) the ACAP listed species.
- to contribute towards production and review of comprehensive assessments of the status and trends of each species.
- to identify key gaps in the knowledge of the conservation status of each species.
- to work with other working groups in identifying specific albatross and petrel populations that may require priority conservation actions.

Components of the Advisory Committee Work Programme 2010-2012 that relate specifically to Status and Trends Working Group

	Topic/Task	Responsible group	Timeframe	Action detail
2.1	Consider gaps in status and trends data submitted to ACAP and request any outstanding data (including from SCAR). Continue to update population data	STWG (Secretariat)	a) End 2009 b) 2010-2012	a) All outstanding existing data to be incorporated into database. b) Parties to provide new population data
2.2	Incorporate all feedback received into the draft species assessments, and incorporate missing data	STWG Convenor (with species authors) (Secretariat)	2010-2012	Feedback from AC4 and incorporate data that are currently missing
2.3	Provide advice to CEP regarding census methods for Antarctic southern giant petrels	STWG, (Secretariat)	End 2008	CEP requested review and advice on census methods prior to their 2009 meeting
2.4	Supply data and validate ACAP database	STWG Convenor and members (with data holders) (Secretariat)	2010-2012	Liaise with Secretariat
2.5	Finalise Species Assessments for all ACAP species	Species Assessment Coordinating Group, STWG Convenor, (Secretariat)	End 2009	This to include updating population trends with 2008 data and any new species added to Annex 1
2.6	Translation of Species Assessments into Spanish and French	STWG (Secretariat)	2010	Includes contributions in kind from Spanish and French speaking Parties
2.7	Reconsider selection of RFMOs whose boundaries are included on distribution maps in Species Assessments	SBWG STWG	2010	Further maps, if required, would need to be commissioned from BirdLife
2.8	Provide and consider annual reports to AC on STWG activities	STWG and AC	2010-2012	
4.16	Identify and prioritise conservation measures required for each species and by each Party to the Agreement	WG Convenors and <i>ad-hoc</i> group, lead New Zealand	2010-2012	An analysis of threats, data/knowledge gaps and population trends will be reported
4.17	Develop and harmonise conservation strategies for particular species or groups of species of albatrosses and petrels	WGs, AC (Secretariat)	2010-2012	Precise definition of what is needed difficult at this range

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Grey entries are those that should be completed during 2009