



Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

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FORMAT FOR REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Following the general framework of the Action Plan, all contributing reports should be accurate, up-to-date, and written with the purpose of identifying and facilitating opportunities for coordination and priority setting for future activities pursuant to the Agreement. As such, all entries should include information on the potential for cooperation and collaboration with Agreement Parties, Range States, and other participants.

In particular, responses should include specific information on the potential for technology transfer, information exchange, or capacity building that would facilitate or augment the described activities. Where a particular measure doesn't apply, this should be indicated. For example, if the control of invasive species for the protection of seabirds is not an issue of concern in your country, please indicate this rather than not reporting under this heading. Wherever there are obstacles or substantial challenges to full and effective implementation of the Agreement, such obstacles should be specified, as appropriate. Priority should be given to reporting on actions pertain directly to species of albatrosses and petrels listed under Annex I of the Agreement. Where activities related to non-listed species are described, the potential of those activities to produce substantial indirect benefits to Agreement-listed species through the development and testing of technology, scientific or management approaches, or other relevant activities, should be explained.

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1. Species Conservation

Outline of planned actions for national implementation over the next three years	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference

Briefly list major planned actions for carrying out the Agreement over the next three years. Specifically highlight particular themes, focuses, gaps, and challenges to fully completing such actions.

Measures to eliminate, control or prevent introduction of non-native species to breeding sites	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	1.4	3	III (1) b)

Briefly describe efforts to eliminate, control, or prevent the introduction of non-native species to the breeding sites of Annex I species, with specific reference to how the success or failure of such efforts would impact the long-term survival of one or more Annex I species.

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

Provide a brief list of exemptions granted for the taking or harming of Annex I species in your country (as appropriate). Estimate the impact of such exemptions on the species and indicate how such exemptions are consistent with efforts to protect such species under the species conservation provisions of the Agreement.

Use and trade	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	1.1.1, 1.1.2		III (3)

Provide a brief list of activities related to the use and trade of Annex I species in your country (as appropriate). Estimate the impact of such use and trade, or the restriction of

such use and trade, indicating how such activities are consistent with efforts to protect Annex 1 species under the species conservation provisions of the Agreement.

Single or multi-species conservation strategies / action plans	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	1.1.3		

Provide a brief description of single or multi-species conservation strategies or action plans focusing on Annex 1 species. Are such strategies and plans effective at conserving seabird species? What have the significant results been? What are the lessons learned from the implementation of such strategies and action plans?

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

Have any emergency measures been authorized?

Re-establishment schemes	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	1.3		

Have you conducted any re-establishment schemes? For which species? What were the most important results of such schemes? Has an obvious benefit to at least one Annex 1 listed species been detected? What were the lessons learned?

Any other conservation projects for ACAP species	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference

Briefly provide information on any other activities that you carried out for benefit or that have benefited Annex 1 species. What are the most substantial and transferable results of these activities?

Legal and policy instruments for species protection of albatrosses and petrels	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	5.1 I)	3	

Provide a list including brief descriptions of the main elements of national legislation or other legal measures in your country (if applicable) that directly pertain to or could be applied to the species conservation provisions of the Agreement. Include information on how these measures are being specifically being used in or could potentially contribute to the protection Annex I species. Are existing measures adequate and/or effective for fulfillment of the Agreement? How so or how not?

2. Habitat Conservation

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

Provide a list including brief descriptions of the main elements of national legislation or other legal measures in your country (if applicable) that directly pertain to or could be applied to the habitat conservation provisions of the Agreement. Include information on how these measures are being specifically being used in or could potentially contribute to the protection of breeding sites of Annex I species. Are existing measures adequate and/or effective for fulfillment of the Agreement? How so or how not?

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

Provide a summary of whether the management of living marine resources under your authority (as appropriate) was carried out in such a way that provides sufficient food for Annex 1 species. How so? Were direct or indirect benefits achieved?

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

Provide a brief description of the management and protection of important marine areas for or resulting in the benefit of Annex 1 species. Were these actions successful? In what ways? What were the most significant benefits?

3. Management of Human Activities

Legal and policy instruments for environmental impact assessments	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	3.1		

Provide a brief description of legal and policy instruments in your country (as appropriate) for conducting environmental impact assessments as they directly pertain or have the potential to impact Annex 1 species.

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

Provide a description of environmental impact assessments conducted that directly pertain to Annex 1 species, their habitats, or significant food sources. Were any mitigation measures employed?

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

Describe activities related directly to reducing or eliminating the incidental mortality of Annex I species in fisheries. What are the greatest challenges or obstacles to the full realization of the potential for these actions?

Measures to combat illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	3.2.4	6	

Describe efforts conducted to combat illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing activities that have direct consequences for protecting Annex 1 species from either direct or indirect harm from such fishing activities.

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

Describe activities related directly to the minimisation of pollutants and marine debris in or around important areas for seabirds. How are such activities contributing to the conservation of Annex I species?

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

Describe measures conducted to minimise disturbance in marine and terrestrial habitats as they directly apply to Annex 1 species. Provide any noteworthy details of the execution of such measures.

4. Research and Monitoring

Ongoing research programmes relating to the conservation of albatrosses and petrels	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
	4.1		

Provide a summary of more notable research activities and findings that may be noteworthy or of particular interest to other Agreement Parties, Range States, or participants. This may include substantial results, identification of major information gaps, or noteworthy results regarding shared species.

Observer programs to monitor	Action Plan	AC Work	Agreement
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fisheries bycatch of albatrosses and petrels	Reference	Programme Reference	Reference
	4.2	5.1	

Describe actions taken to monitor fisheries bycatch of seabird species, specifically detailing techniques, technologies, or other aspects of such monitoring that may be of interest and/or use to other Parties, Range States, or participants.

National institutions (lists of authorities, research centres, scientists and nongovernmental organisations) involved in albatross and petrel conservation	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference

Provide a list of national institutions that are involved in seabird conservation, specifically noting any significant connections and collaborations between institutions and how such collaborations have facilitated seabird conservation.

5. Collation of Information by the Advisory Committee

There is no obligation for Parties to report under this heading.

6. Education and Public Awareness

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

Briefly describe actions taken in the dissemination of information/training for "user audiences". Have such materials been shown to be effective at furthering the goals of the Agreement?

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

Provide a brief description of activities undertaken to disseminate information to the general public regarding seabirds and seabird conservation. Have these activities increased public awareness of such issues and how has this contributed to your overall seabird conservation efforts?

7. Implementation

Summarise progress to implement decisions of previous Meetings of the Parties	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference

Provide a summary of progress made to implement specific decisions made at previous Meetings of the Parties, in addition to those outlined generally in the Action Plan. How have these actions been integrated into larger seabird conservation efforts?