



**Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels**

**Second Meeting of Advisory Committee**

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**Advisory Committee Work Programme**

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The First Session of the Meeting of the Parties to ACAP (MOP1) established a work programme for the Advisory Committee for 2005-2007, set out in Annex 2 of Resolution 1.5. Progress against tasks in this work programme is shown in Attachment 1 to this paper.

Resolution 1.5 also provides for the revision of the work programme after each meeting of the Advisory Committee (point 3), with any amendments to be adopted by the Parties (via the Secretariat) using the intersessional voting procedures of the MOP.

The Advisory Committee work programme includes the following tasks. Progress with several of these tasks is reported in other papers to this meeting, as indicated below.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Reference to Paper(s) for the first Advisory Committee Meeting (AC1)</b>
1. Taxonomy Review	Doc.11 (Agenda 9.1)
2. Review of Status and Trends	Doc.10 (Agenda 8.1)
3. Protection of Breeding Sites and Status of Non-native Species	Doc.12 (Agenda 10.1)
4. Foraging Ranges and Overlap with Fisheries	Doc 13 (Agenda 11.1)
5. Assessment of impacts of threats	
6. Mitigation of threats	Doc (Agenda 11)
7. Criteria development	(Agenda 10.3)
• Identification of internationally important breeding sites	
• Addition of species to Annex 1	Doc 21 (Agenda 16)
9. Reporting for MOP	Doc.18 (Agenda 14.1)
• System of indicators	

### ACTION BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee is invited to review and revise the work programme as appropriate.

ATTACHMENT 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2006-2009 (Annex 2 of Resolution 1.5)						
	Task/Topic	Paragraphs of ACAP/MoP1/ Doc. 15	Responsible group	Timeframe	Action	Status
<b>1</b>	<b>Taxonomy Review</b>					
1.1	Establishment of a working group to review the taxonomy of albatrosses	4.5	Interim Secretariat and Advisory Com.	By Jan 2005	AC to establish Working Group.	Completed
1.2	Development of terms of reference		AC	By Nov 2004	Chair of WG to develop terms of reference in conjunction with Secretariat and circulate to Advisory Committee	Completed
1.3	Develop draft report		AC	By July 2005	AC to prepare its final report for MOP2. Report includes a standard reference text listing the taxonomy.	Ongoing
1.4	Review the evidence supporting the specific status of selected ACAP taxa.		WG Chair	2006/2007	Review the evidence supporting the specific status of the following taxa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buller's and Pacific Albatrosses</li> <li>• Northern Royal Albatrosses and Southern Royal Albatrosses</li> <li>• Indian Yellow-nosed Albatrosses &amp; Atlantic Yellow-nosed Albatrosses</li> <li>• Chatham Albatrosses &amp; Salvin's Albatrosses</li> <li>• Northern Giant-petrels &amp; Southern Giant-petrels</li> <li>• Black Petrels &amp; Westland Petrels</li> <li>• White-chinned Petrels &amp; Spectacled Petrels</li> </ul>	Ongoing
1.5	To construct a morphological and plumage database		WG Chair	Ongoing	To construct a morphological and plumage database, then canvas for, collate, archive and summarise available data	Ongoing

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1.6	Assess the utility of the subspecies rank for ACAP purposes		WG Chair	2006/2007	Assess the utility of the subspecies rank for ACAP purposes and if appropriate develop guidelines for the recognition of subspecific status	Ongoing
1.7	Maintain the WG's bibliographic database		WG Chair	AC3	Maintain the WG's bibliographic database	Ongoing
1.8	Provide annual reports to AC on WG activities		WG Chair	AC3	Provide annual reports to AC on WG activities	Ongoing
1.9	Write draft resolutions (when necessary) for amendments to the species list in Annex 1 of the Agreement		AC	AC3	To draft resolutions (when necessary) for amendments to the species list in Annex 1 of the Agreement	Ongoing
1.10	Migrate the Taxonomy WG website to the ACAP Secretariat		Chair	2006/2007	Migrate the Taxonomy WG website to the ACAP Secretariat	2006/07
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of Status and Trends</b>					
2.1	Establishment of a working group to review the status and trends of species in ACAP Annex 1	See Section 5	Interim Secretariat and AC	By March 2005	AC members to submit nominations and establish working group.	Completed
2.2	Development of terms of reference		AC	By Nov 2004	Chair of working group to develop terms of reference and circulate to AC for agreement.	Completed
2.3	Development of data proforma and database format	5.4	Australia	By August 2005	Proforma reviewed by WG.	Completed
2.4	Identify and review national coordinators to compile and submit data. Review coordinators as required.			By August 2005 and ongoing	Parties and Signatories to notify Sec. of national coordinators	Ongoing

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2.5	Data collation and submission. Request annual submissions	5.8-5.10	National Coord. and Australia	By Sept. 2005	Compiled data from Parties, Signatories, SCAR, BirdLife etc. to be submitted to Sec.	Ongoing
2.6	Populate database		Australia	AC2 and ongoing	Data entry.	Ongoing
2.7	Undertake initial gap analysis	5.2	WG	Prior AC2 meeting	WG review data and identify gaps and priorities	Ongoing
2.8	Population data collection		Parties and Signatories	2006/07	Encourage and support parties to initiate collection of priority data as identified and recommended by the Advisory Committee.	Ongoing
2.9	Determine frequency for data submission		S&T WG chair and WG and AC2	June 2006	Agree upon appropriate frequency of requests for data submission	AC2
2.10	Progress further development for data submission		S&T WG chair and WG	Jan-June 2007	Liase with Parties to ensure comprehensive data submission	Ongoing
2.11	Establish agreed process for analyses of trends		S&T WG chair and WG	Jan-Feb 2007	Continue assessment of relevant and appropriate statistical approaches to analyses of trend data	Ongoing
2.12	Develop proforma for ACAP species assessments		S&T WG chair and WG	Jan-March 2007	Refine draft of species assessment and circulate to WG for approval	Ongoing
2.13	Coordinate synthesis based on species conservation assessments		S&T WG chair and WG	July 2007	Develop executive summary of species assessments	Ongoing
2.14	Develop strategy of publication of species assessments in public domain – web, print, electronic		S&T WG chair and WG	July-Nov 2007	Finalise and implement communication strategy for species assessments	Ongoing

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2.15	Consider amalgamation of Status and Trends WG and Breeding Sites WG		AC3	2007-09		
<b>3</b>	<b>Protection of Breeding Sites and Status on Non-Native Species</b>					
3.1	Advise national coordinators for BSWG		Parties and Signatories for BSWG (Breeding Range States)	October 2005	Contact Parties and Signatories and seek nominated National Coordinators	Ongoing
3.2	Examine options for data storage and access to information		Chair and BSWG members	November 2005	Examine a range of data storage options and formats, circulate these options to the BSWG for their comments	Completed
3.3	Adopt terms of reference		Parties and Signatories (Breeding Range States)	December 2005	Circulate the TOR to the Parties and Signatories and seek their views and any changes	Completed
3.4	Confirm a database format for use by ACAP		Chair and BSWG members	December 2005	Examine costing and implementation issues on agreed database format in 3.2 above	Completed
3.5	Revise proforma and implement data compilation		Chair and BSWG members	March 2006	Proformas circulated to BSWG members, seek data to test and populate the database partially for examination of its fitness-for-purpose	Completed

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3.6	Conduct initial gap analysis		Chair and BSWG members	May 2006	Compile a comprehensive list of known breeding areas and identify those for which data are outstanding across the range of ACAP species and jurisdictions	Completed
3.7	Data submission from Parties 1 <sup>st</sup> tranche (1/2 available data) 2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche (remaining data) 3 <sup>rd</sup> tranche (newly collected data)		Parties and Signatories (Breeding Range States)	May 2006 Dec 2006 Annually	Seek data submissions from BSWG members	Completed for 2006
3.8	Report on the assessment of database structure and data quality issues and recommend analyses for prioritisation		Chair and BSWG members	June 2006	Examine data-entry interface and ability of the database structures to provide appropriate extracts to enable analyses, via feedback from the BSWG members	Completed
3.9	Request a list of breeding sites from parties		Chair and BSWG	July 2006	Seek detail on any outstanding breeding site details not already covered by submissions (site details remain outstanding for Chile, United Kingdom and Ecuador, and New Zealand)	Ongoing
3.10	Revise the database lists and structures following the recommendations of the BSWG in June 2006		Chair and BSWG	September 2006	Following feedback from the BSWG, revise the list of threats, species identified	Ongoing
3.11	Develop a list of alien species		Chair and BSWG	July 2006	A list will be derived that identifies any alien species of relevance to the conservation of ACAP species. This replaces the need for 'potential' threats to be identified for each alien species at the breeding sites.	Ongoing

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3.12	Develop analyses as set out in the report of the BSWG of June 2006		Chair and BSWG	March 2007	Liaise with the BSWG to refine analyses to be conducted to meet item 3.13 of the work programme. Implement these analyses intersessionally with the BSWG	Ongoing
3.13	Review analyses of data and gaps. Recommend priority sites / threat management actions Recommend data-gathering priorities		Chair and BSWG members	June 2007 Prior to AC3	Review the range of analyses conducted under 3.12 at the BSWG meeting in 2007, and recommend priority sites / threat management actions and data gathering priorities for the AC	Ongoing
3.14	Work with other ACAP WGs to report on analyses of threats to ACAP species		Chair and BSWG members	June 2007 and ongoing	Report the analyses of WGs through agreed reporting formats (e.g. as set out in 2.13, 2.14 above)	Ongoing
<b>X</b>	<b>Seabird Bycatch Working Group</b>					
X.1	Analysing existing remote tracking data and complete initial reports on overlaps with fisheries	5.11, 6.24	AC	2006/07	Analyse the distribution data for all Annex 1 species. BirdLife contract to complete.	Ongoing
X.2	Continued tracking data collection and collation and analysis of overlap with fisheries	5.11, 6.24	ACAP WGs	2007/09	Support and encourage tracking data collections for Annex 1 species as identified by existing gap analysis. Encourage submission to the Global Tracking Database of BirdLife International. Analyse overlap with fishing distribution.	Ongoing
X.3	Confirm the indicative work programme of the SBWG		Chair and SBWG	End 2006	Develop work programme for the working group, also taking account of relevant items from previous ACAP Work programmes	Ongoing
X.4	Convene workshop		SBWG	2008/09?	Convene workshop with RFMOs to identify areas of key overlap with foraging areas. Workshop report produced by Year 3.	Not started
<b>6</b>	<b>Management of Land Based Threats</b>					



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6.1	Produce best-practice conservation guidelines for ACAP Species breeding sites		BSWG	2007/09	Identify and access information from current and planned programs that address land-based threats. Information currently derived via national reports. Encourage and support adoption of existing and appropriate mitigation measures and/or eradication programs.	
6.2	Undertake protection measures for breeding sites		Parties & Signatories	2006/09	Encourage and support Parties & Signatories to enhance protection status of breeding sites where required. Minimise and where possible eliminate threats at breeding sites. Plan and secure funding for eradication of non-natives at priority sites.	Ongoing
<b>7</b>	<b>Criteria Development</b>					
7.1	Identification of Internationally Important Breeding Sites	6.1	IASOS	By AC3	Preparation of discussion paper based on review of existing criteria that may assist in development of new criteria to identify Internationally Important Breeding Sites critical for Annex 1 species	Ongoing
7.2	Develop a system of indicators for the success of the ACAP Agreement		BirdLife, South Africa and New Zealand	2007/09	Develop a system of indicators to measure the collective success of the Parties to the Agreement [ACAP IX(6)(f)].	Ongoing
7.3	Develop a framework to guide the listing of species in Annex 1.	7.3	South Africa & Australia	2007 for revised version	Continue to develop the framework	Ongoing
<b>8</b>	<b>Cross-Cutting Themes</b>					

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8.1	Technical Cooperation		AC and Parties	2006/09	Seek advice from Parties & Signatories on obstacles preventing implementation of priority Work program items. Identify opportunities for assisting Parties & Signatories through exchange of skills, knowledge, training, and other resources. Technical cooperation includes capacity building and other exchanges.	Ongoing
8.2	Education and Information Programs		Secretariat with interested Parties.	by AC3	-Develop a communication strategy and products for ACAP in all official languages, e.g. -Audio-visual presentations for representatives of ACAP at meetings (e.g. RFMOs, IFFs) -ACAP promotional brochure and other material -Dedicated sections on ACAP websites -Species assessments from WGs -Compile an internet-based directory of legislation concerning albatrosses and petrels	Ongoing
8.3	Exchange of technical information and expertise		Secretariat	2006/09	Consider funding programmes that encourage the exchange of information and technical expertise e.g. between experts in mitigation.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Administrative items</b>					
9.1	Finalise Headquarters Agreement		Secretariat	MOP2		
9.2	Annual budget management		Secretariat	2006/09		