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The attached document is tabled by SCAR as an information paper for ACAP AC2 for consideration regarding high-seas Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), also known as Marine Important Bird Areas (MIBAs). The document is a paper submitted to *Antarctic Science*, and is expected to be published in the Proceedings of the SCAR Biology Symposium, held in Curitiba, Brazil, in 2005. The paper is the first to be published from a Ph D thesis submitted in March 2006 to the Institute of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies at the University of Tasmania.

While other studies have used seabird observations for inshore and coastal MPAs within EEZs, this doctoral study is the first to use seabirds at sea observations (including albatross and petrel species of interest to ACAP) for the selection of candidate high-seas MPAs. Further papers will be published from this thesis in the near future.

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