

Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

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Template for Country Reports

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MoP2 adopted the revised template for country reports submitted by the Advisory Committee (MoP2 Doc 29), subject to minor textual amendments, which Parties were requested to submit to the Secretariat following MoP2 (MoP2 Final Report, paragraph 7.6.2).

One Party (United Kingdom) submitted amendments as shown in track changes below.

The Advisory Committee is required to submit a consolidated report of Parties' country reports at least 120 days prior to the next Meeting of the Parties. MoP2 provisionally agreed that the Third Session of the Meeting of the Parties would be held during April 2009. The Advisory Committee will therefore need to have this report completed by October 2008. It is suggested that Parties be requested to provide their country reports to the Secretariat by 1 June 2008 in order to provide the Secretariat sufficient time to prepare a draft consolidated report by AC4.

Country Report Template with suggested amendments shown in track changes

1. Species Conservation

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

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

Briefly describe efforts to eliminate, control, or prevent the introduction of nonnative 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. Mention any obstacles to tackling this threat.

Report on any exemptions to prohibitions on the taking or	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme	Agreement Reference
harming of albatrosses and		Reference	
petrels	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	AC Work Programme	Agreement	
	Reference	Reference	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.

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Single or multi-species	Action Plan	AC Work	Agreement
conservation strategies /	Reference	Programme	Reference
action plans		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	Action Plan	AC Work Programme	Agreeme	
Measures	Reference	Reference	Reference	
	1.2	VIII (11) e)		

Have any emergency measures been authorized? If so, what steps were taken? Has anything been learnt from the experience?

Re-establishment schemes	Action Plan	AC Work Programme	Agreement
	Reference	Reference	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	Action Plan Reference		Agreement Reference
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species	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?

2. Habitat Conservation

Measures (legal and policy instruments and actions) to implement protection and management of breeding sites	Action F Referer		AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement Reference
including habitat restoration	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 used in or could potentially contribute to the protection of breeding sites of Annex I species. Are existing measures adequate and/or effective for fulfilment of the Agreement? How so or how not?

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

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

Provide a description of environmental impact assessments or equivalents 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, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities that have direct consequences for protecting Annex 1 species from either direct or indirect harm from such fishing activities. Mention any obstacles you face to tackling IUU fishing

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

Describe activities related directly to the minimisation of pollutants and marine (including fisheries-derived) debris in or around important areas for Annex 1 species. How are such activities contributing to the conservation of Annex I species?

Measures to minimise disturbance in marine and terrestrial habitats	Action Plan 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	Action Plan	AC Work	Agreement
programmes relating to the	Reference	Programme	Reference
conservation of albatrosses		Reference	
and petrels	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 programmes to monitor fisheries bycatch of albatrosses and petrels	Action Plan Reference	AC Work Programme Reference	Agreement 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.

6. Education and Public Awareness

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