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Advisory Committee Work Programme

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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.

Task	Reference to Paper(s) for the first Advisory Committee Meeting (AC1)
1. Taxonomy Review	ACAP/AC1/Doc.12 (Agenda 10)
2. Review of Status and Trends	ACAP/AC1/Doc.11 (Agenda 9) ACAP/AC1/Inf.5 ACAP/AC1/Inf.12
3. Protection of Breeding Sites and Status of Non-native Species	ACAP/AC1/Doc.13 (Agenda 11)
4. Foraging Ranges and Overlap with Fisheries	ACAP/AC1/Inf.2 (Agenda 12)
5. Assessment of impacts of threats	
6. Mitigation of threats	ACAP/AC1/Inf.3 (Agenda 13)
7. Criteria development	ACAP/AC1/Inf.1 (Agenda 11)
• Identification of internationally important breeding sites	
• Addition of species to Annex 1	
8. Cross-cutting themes	
9. Reporting for MOP	ACAP/AC1/Doc.17 (Agenda 17) ACAP/AC1/Inf.4
• Additional reporting - Action Plan 5.1	ACAP/AC1/Doc.15

Future development of Advisory Committee Work Programme

As noted elsewhere in the report from the interim Secretariat (ACAP/AC1/Doc.6), and the Financial report (ACAP/AC1/doc.9), the availability of staff resources for the Secretariat is likely to restrict the ability of the Secretariat to contribute to currently assigned tasks.

ACTION BY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ATTACHMENT 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2005-2007 (Annex 2 of Resolution 1.5)						
	Task/Topic	Paragraphs of ACAP/MoP1/ Doc. 15	Responsible group	Timeframe	Action	Status
1	Taxonomy Review					
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			By July 2005	WG Chair send draft report to Secretariat for circulation to AC. AC prepare its final report for MOP2. Report includes a standard reference text listing the taxonomy.	Ongoing
2	Review of Status and Trends					
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 national coordinators to compile and submit data			By August 2005	Parties and Signatories to notify Sec. of national coordinators	Ongoing
2.5	Data collation and submission	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

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2.6	Populate database		Australia	Prior to 1 st AC meeting	Data entry.	Ongoing
2.7	Undertake initial gap analysis	5.2	WG	Prior first AC 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 Adv. Comm.	Not started
3	Protection of Breeding Sites and Status on Non-Native Species					
3.1	Development of data proforma and database format	6.8-6.10	Secretariat	Jun-05	Secretariat to finalise proforma and distribute to parties. Proforma includes data on protection status of sites, presence/absence of non-native species, and associated impacts on Annex 1 species. Also include plans for eradication or protection status change.	Ongoing
3.2	Identify national coordinators to compile and submit information			Jul-05	Parties and Signatories to notify Secretariat of national coordinators.	Ongoing
3.3	Data submission		National coordinators	Prior to 1 st meeting	Submit completed proforma to Secretariat	Ongoing
3.4	Assess breeding sites.		AC	At 1 st meeting	Identify breeding sites that may require additional protection. Prioritise sites for eradication programs. Agree upon criteria for identification of sites that may require additional protection.	Not started
3.5	Identify additional breeding sites requiring protection.				Apply criteria to identify additional sites.	Not started

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3.6	Undertake protection measures for breeding sites.		Parties & Signatories	2006/07	Encourage and support Parties & Signatories to enhance protection status of breeding sites where required. Plan and secure funding for eradication of non-natives at priority sites.	Not started ¹
4	Foraging Ranges and Overlap with Fisheries					
4.1	Accessing existing remote tracking data.	5.11, 6.24	Secretariat		Request BirdLife International to identify holders of remote tracking data and analyse the distribution data for all Annex 1 species.	Ongoing ²
4.2	Additional data sources.				Consider potential for inclusion of at-sea and banding data.	Not started
4.3	Continued data collection.	5.11, 6.24	Parties		Support and encourage data collections for Annex 1 species as identified by existing gap analysis.	Not started
4.4	Access fishing effort data.	6.2	Parties	Year 1	Identify sources and strategies for accessing fishing effort data. In particular, mechanisms for RFMO provision of data that indicates areas of overlap with foraging areas.	Not started
4.5	Convene workshop.			Year 2	Convene workshop with RFMOs to identify areas of key overlap with foraging areas. Workshop report produced by Year 3.	Not started
5	Assessment of Impacts of Threats					
5.1	Access bycatch data.	6.25	Secretariat	Prior to 2 nd AC meeting.	Requests Parties and relevant non-Parties to submit fishery-specific data on bycatch rates and estimates.	Not started

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5.2	Plan a workshop.		AC	Year 3	Conduct a workshop to assess the nature and extent of threats (marine and terrestrial) to Annex 1 species at the population level; additionally identify gaps and prioritize action items. Analyse potential level of threat based on foraging range distribution, fishing effort, and associated bycatch rates.	Not started
6	Mitigation of Threats					
6.1	Review of programs that address identified priority threats.	6.3	AC & Secretariat	Year 1	Identify and access information from current and planned programs that address fishery and land-based threats.	Ongoing ³
6.2	Identify and promote adoption of current best practices.		AC	Start Year 2	Encourage and support adoption of existing and appropriate mitigation measures and/or eradication programs.	Not started
6.3	Develop fishery-specific mitigation measures.	6.5	AC	Start Year 3	Encourage and support mitigation research programs for those fisheries where they are not currently in place.	Not started
7	Criteria Development					
7.1	Identification of Internationally Important Breeding Sites	6.1	IASOS	For 1 st AC meeting.	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	Addition of species to Annex 1	7.3	South Africa & Spain	By AC3	Prepare discussion paper.	Not started

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8	Cross-Cutting Themes					
8.1	Capacity Building			Ongoing	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.	Ongoing
8.2	Education and Information Programs			By Year 2	Develop strategies to assist in the implementation of the Work Program. Identify existing strategies by Parties and mechanisms to synergise with non-Parties.	Not started
9	Reporting for MOP					
9.1	System of indicators		AC	For MOP2	Develop a system of indicators to measure the collective success of the Parties to the Agreement [ACAP IX(6)(f)]	Ongoing
9.2	Additional reporting items.		AC	For MOP2	Additional reporting items from Action Plan paragraph 5.1.	Ongoing

¹ This task is described as 'not-started' as the assessment of breeding sites to identify sites which would benefit from enhanced protection has not been carried out. It is recognised however that there are already mechanisms in place to protect and manage breeding sites.

² As a first step, the interim Secretariat has asked BirdLife International to prepare a paper for the first Advisory Committee Meeting (AC1).

³ The development of papers for AC1 agenda item 13 is seen as the starting point for this task.