



**Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels**  
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**First Meeting of Advisory Committee**  
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**South Africa**

**Second Meeting of the ACAP Advisory Committee**



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### **Issue**

The possibility of the Republic of South Africa hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels.

### **Background**

At the first Meeting of Parties in Hobart, Australia, from 10-12 November 2004, the Republic of South Africa was informally asked to consider making an offer to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels.

### **Consideration**

It has been ascertained that the hosting of all international meetings in the Republic of South Africa must be approved by Parliament. A submission has been routed to the Minister for Environmental Affairs and Tourism requesting the approval of Cabinet and Parliament to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels in mid 2006.

If approval is granted, the Republic of South Africa will be in a position to make a formal offer to host the meeting. Then, if the Advisory Committee accepts the offer, it is anticipated that the meeting will be held at a venue close to Cape Town.

### **Conclusion**

Necessary Parliamentary approval for the Republic of South Africa to make an offer to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels in mid 2006 has not yet been granted. However, the process to request this approval has been initiated.