



Advisory Committee Work Programme

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AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

	Topic/Task	Responsible group	Timeframe	Detail (where relevant, an indicative cost in Australian dollars is given)
1.	Taxonomy and Annex 1 review			
1.1	Review the evidence supporting the specific status of the following taxa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Petrels and Westland Petrels • Tristan and Wandering Albatross • Amsterdam and Wandering Albatross • Campbell and Black-browed Albatross 	TWG led by convenor	AC4	
1.2	Migrate the WG's web site to ACAP Secretariat	TWG led by convenor	AC4	Liaise with Secretariat
1.3	Assess the utility of the subspecies rank for ACAP purposes and if appropriate develop guidelines for the recognition of subspecific status	TWG convenor	AC4	
1.4	Construct a morphological and plumage database, then canvas for, collate, archive and summarise available data	TWG led by convenor	AC4	Liaise with other WG Convenors on construction of database and data sharing agreements (see 7.1)
1.5	Maintain the WG's bibliographic database of published scientific papers relevant to the taxonomic status of ACAP listed taxa	TWG led by convenor	AC4	Liaise with Secretariat and Convenor of Bycatch WG (see 7.2)
1.6	Develop and provide advice to AC on the construction and maintenance of species lists as appropriate	TWG led by convenor	ongoing	
1.7	Provide annual reports to AC on WG activities	TWG led by convenor	AC4	

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1.8	Draft resolutions (when necessary) for amendments to the species list in Annex 1 of the Agreement	Party with assistance from TWG convenor		
2. Status and Trends				
2.1	Continue population data collection	Parties and Range States with breeding populations	2007 and ongoing	Parties to provide outstanding and new population information.
2.2	Progress development of an ACAP database to be held within, and managed by, the Secretariat	Australia assisting Secretariat and WG Convenors	July 2007	Develop relational database curate and centralise data from ACAP WGs. Central to progressing development of Species Assessments (see 7.1)
2.3	Progress IT framework for web-based Species Assessments	Australia	July 2007	Develop framework to enable web based printer friendly species Assessments (\$AUD 11,200)
2.4	Establish Species Assessments Coordination Group	Secretariat and STWG Convenor	July 2007	Establish coordination group with representation from the 4 ACAP WG Convenors and representatives from France, NZ, UK and South America.
2.5	Engage contracted employee for development of Species Assessments	Secretariat and STWG Convenor	July-August 2007	Identify and contract person coordination of Species Assessments (\$36,800)
2.6	Seek information from the Secretariat on the progression of the ACAP database	STWG Convenor	December 2007	Liaise with Secretariat
2.7	Progress translations of Species Assessments	Secretariat, STWG Convenor, Assessment Contractor and Parties	December 2008 and ongoing	Progress voluntary translations (where possible) of Species Assessments, priority given to English to Spanish translations
2.8	Complete draft Species Assessments – publication on CD ROM and as pdf files on ACAP web site	STWG / Parties / Assessment Contractor	AC4 August 2008	Endeavour to complete Species Assessments of currently listed ACAP species (\$AUD 5000)
2.9	Provide and consider annual reports to AC on STWG activities	STWG	AC4, AC5	Undertake STWG meetings and report to AC
2.10	Maintenance of database and updating Species Assessments	STWG, Secretariat and AC	December 2008 and ongoing	Populate database with newly collected information and update Species Assessments as required.
3 Protection of Breeding Sites and Status of Non-Native Species				

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3.1	Identify national coordinators	BSWG Convenor	Ongoing	Parties to notify/confirm identity of national coordinators/BSWG members to interim Secretariat
3.2	Revise the database lists and structures following the recommendations made at AC3	BSWG	By Dec. 2007	Revise list of threats and definitions of threat levels
3.3	Complete, review and update data submission from Parties	BSWG	By Dec. 2007 and ongoing	Request outstanding breeding site data from Parties. Review and update existing submissions in light of revised definitions of threats and threat levels
3.4	Develop analyses of threats to breeding sites	BSWG	By AC4 and ongoing	Determine key threats to breeding sites. Identify sites that require management actions
3.5	Review analyses and identify data gaps	BSWG and AC	By AC4 and ongoing	
3.6	Work with other ACAP WGs to report on analyses of threats	BSWG	By AC4 and ongoing	Contribute to ACAP species assessments
3.7	Transfer breeding sites database to Secretariat and link with population status and trends data	BSWG and Secretariat	By AC4	Develop integrated breeding site and population database (see 7.1)
3.8	Develop or review best-practice guidelines to mitigate selected threats to breeding sites	BSWG and AC	AC4	Review existing guidelines for eradication of introduced mammals from breeding sites. Consider which further guidelines are necessary.
3.9	Consider criteria for prioritisation of important bird areas	BSWG	AC4	BirdLife to document listing IBAs for all ACAP species with suggestions on potential approaches to prioritization.
3.10	Provide and consider annual reports to AC on BSWG activities	BSWG and AC	AC4	
4. Seabird Bycatch				
4.1, old 4.2	To consolidate Seabird Bycatch Working Group	Parties with assistance of Convenor of SBWG and Secretariat	End of August 2007	France, Spain, Peru, Ecuador and Norway and further interested Range States to nominate working group members

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4.2, old 4.3	Develop a strategy for ACAP and Parties to engage and assist RFMOs and other relevant international and national bodies to assess and minimise bycatch of albatrosses and petrels	SBWG	MoP2, AC3	Completed
4.3, new	Develop a interaction plan for ACAP and relevant Parties to engage and assist RFMOs and other relevant international bodies to assess and minimise bycatch of albatrosses and petrels	SBWG	1) End Sept 2007 2) End Nov 2007 3) End Jan 2008 4)Final product for AC4	1) Convenor of SBWG/Secretariat with any necessary support to develop draft interaction plan for consideration of SBWG; 2) Comments by SBWG and National Contact points; 3) Revision complete Plan to include who responsible for lead on each RFMO/international body (including Secretariat), which Parties and Range States need consultation (see Table x in meeting report), record keeping, analysis of needs of each RFMO and identification of products
4.4, old 4.1	Analysing existing remote tracking data and complete initial reports on overlaps with fisheries	BirdLife under contract to ACAP	AC4	Analyse the distribution data for all ACAP species within areas managed by key RFMOs (AU\$ 25,000)
4.5, old 4.4	Review and utilise available information on foraging distribution and seabird bycatch to assess the risk of fishing operations on ACAP species in fishing regions (e.g. RFMO areas of competence, national EEZs)	SBWG	AC4 to review progress	Note overlap with 4.4, use output from BirdLife contract. Note recent progress with three RFMOs on risk assessment

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4.6	Develop generic products to assist RFMOs and other relevant international and national bodies in reducing seabird bycatch	SBWG Convenor /Secretariat, with other SBWG consultation to review needs	Discuss at AC4	Observer programme designs including protocols for the collection of seabird bycatch data, analytical methods for assessing seabird bycatch to be examined first (AU\$ 20,000). Note that this needs to consider more than just data collection, e.g. training, operational issues.
4.7, old 4.8	Develop specific materials and guidelines to assist ACAP representatives attending RFMO and other relevant meetings to maximise effective participation and consideration of issues relevant to ACAP	SBWG and others as defined	after AC4	These materials would be defined in the RFMO implementation plan (See 4.3) and be tailored for each RFMO above and beyond those outlined above (AU\$ 40,000). Priority decided inside the RFMO interaction plan.
4.8, old 4.5	Review information on mitigation measures for fishing methods known to impact albatrosses and petrels	SBWG (New Zealand/UK lead for trawl; Chile/UK/ Argentina lead for demersal longline)	AC4 initial review, final product MoP3	Initial work focused on pelagic longline methods (completed AC3); focus should next be on trawl interactions and demersal longline. Initial material for work within meetings to establish the SPRFMO would be helpful in the near future.
4.9, old 4.7	Assist in the preparation, adoption and implementation of FAO NPOA-Seabirds or equivalent	SBWG and Parties/ Range States	Review progress by AC4	Participate in development of FAO Best Practice Guidelines (AU\$ 13,000). Once developed, provide capacity building in accordance with the needs identified by interested parties in order to encourage implementation, in particular in Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, South Africa, (Mozambique, Madagascar), Tristan da Cunha, France, and EC external fisheries.
4.10, old 4.9	Provide and consider annual reports to AC on WG activities	SBWG and AC	AC4, AC5	

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4.1 1	Points from pelagic longline research strategy			
4.1 2	Points from waved albatross action plan			Likely social influencing programme needing to be planned
5. Capacity building				
5.1	Develop strategy for capacity building	AC	AC3	
5.1	Identify needs for capacity building	AC	AC3	Seek advice from Parties and Range States on obstacles preventing implementation of ACAP.
5.2	Identify sources of funding for capacity building	AC	2006/09	
5.3	Support applications for funding from e.g. GEF	AC	2006/09	
5.4	Technical Cooperation	AC	2006/09	Identify opportunities for assisting Parties and Range States through exchange of skills, knowledge, training, and other resources.
5.5	Waved Albatross Workshop - Ecuador		2007 - 2008	
5.6	Secondment to Secretariat from Brazil			
6. Indicators				
6.1	Develop a system of indicators for the success of the ACAP Agreement	BirdLife, South Africa and New Zealand	AC4, AC5	Develop a system of indicators to measure the collective success of the Parties to the Agreement
7. Collation of information on research, legislation and organisations/individuals concerned with albatrosses and petrels				
7.1	Develop relational database to centralise and curate data from ACAP WGs	Secretariat and WG Convenors	AC4	Engage contractor to develop appropriate database (\$AUD 40 000)

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7.2	Develop a database of relevant scientific literature	AC with Parties, [volunteer]	AC3, AC4	Once developed, this would be passed to Secretariat for maintenance. There are many existing individual initiatives. (AUD 2000)
7.3	Develop a directory of relevant legislation	AC with Parties, [volunteer]	AC5	This will help Parties/AC in reducing their reporting needs and could potentially also be useful to any Party wishing to develop further legislation. Once assembled, this would be passed to Secretariat for maintenance. (AUD 500)
7.4	Develop a list of authorities, research centres, scientists and non-government organisations relevant to ACAP	AC with Parties, [volunteer]	AC3, AC4, AC5	This will help Parties/AC in reducing their reporting needs. Once assembled, this would be passed to Secretariat for maintenance. (AUD 500)
8.	Secretariat oversight			
8.1	Budget matters	AC	Ongoing	Process matters that arise as a result of the Financial Regulations and consider a report on these matters prepared by the Executive Secretary
8.2	Staff matters	AC	Ongoing	Process matters that arise as a result of the Staff Regulations and consider a report on these matters prepared by the Executive Secretary