

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p><b>Eighth Meeting of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Wellington, New Zealand, 4 – 6 September 2017</i></p> <p><b>Assessment of the “Modified Purse Seine (MPS)” against ACAP best practice criteria</b></p> <p><b><i>Cristián G. Suazo<sup>1</sup>, Esteban Frere<sup>2</sup>, Marcelo García<sup>3</sup>, Luis Cocas<sup>3</sup> &amp; Oliver Yates<sup>2</sup></i></b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> <i>Albatross Task Force, BirdLife International, Chile</i></p> <p><sup>2</sup> <i>BirdLife International Marine Programme, U.K.</i></p> <p><sup>3</sup> <i>Subsecretaría de Pesca y Acuicultura, Chile</i></p>
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## SUMMARY

The "Modified Purse Seine (MPS)" is one of the first proposed measures to mitigate seabird bycatch in purse seine fisheries, and results from collaborative work between fishers, vessel owners, fishing gear manufacturers and seabird researchers. Empirical data from *in situ* monitoring under commercial conditions identified sources of seabird bycatch in purse seine gear and informed the design of innovative technical mitigation measures, with an emphasis on diving seabird species. This document presents the MPS for evaluation against ACAP's criteria for best practice to mitigate seabird bycatch.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Invite SBWG members to review the MPS according to ACAP's criteria for best practice seabird bycatch mitigation measures.
2. Invite SBWG members to consider the suitability of this proposed mitigation measure for ACAP listed and other seabird species in assemblages associated with purse seine fisheries.