

Ninth Meeting of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group

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Annotated Draft Agenda

SBWG Convenors and Vice-convenors

		Agenda item	Papers
1.	We	come and opening remarks	
2.	WG	membership and introduction	
3.	Add	option of Agenda	SBWG9 Doc 01
4.	AC	AP seabird bycatch mitigation advice – definition and criteria	
	\Rightarrow	Robbing Peter to pay Paul: Replacing unintended cross-taxa conflicts with intentional tradeoffs by moving from piecemeal to integrated fisheries bycatch management	SBWG9 Inf 03
<u>Actio</u>	ons/e	xpected outcomes:	
•	whe	eminder of the definitions and criteria used by ACAP to determine other a mitigation measure or approach meets the 'best practice' andards.	
5.	Sea	bird Bycatch Mitigation in Trawl Fisheries	
		Review recent developments in mitigation research and late Best Practice Advice	
	\Rightarrow	Updates to the ACAP Review and Best Practice Advice for Reducing the Impact of Pelagic and Demersal Trawl Fisheries on Seabirds	SBWG9 Doc 08
	\Rightarrow	Seabird interactions and by-catch in the anchovy pelagic trawl fishery operating in northern Argentina	SBWG9 Doc 25 (also for Agenda 16.1)
	\Rightarrow	Industry-based development of effective new seabird mitigation devices in the southern Australian trawl fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 15
	\Rightarrow	Summary Report of the U.S. West Coast and Alaska Trawl Fisheries Seabird Cable Strike Workshop	SBWG9 Inf 20
	5.2	Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required	
	5.3	Consider priorities for mitigation research	

Actio	ns/expected outcomes:	
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•	SBWG is provided with a brief update on recent advances in bycatch mitigation research and associated conservation efforts for trawl fisheries.	
•	ACAP's advice on best practice bycatch mitigation for trawl fisheries is updated, if necessary.	
•	ACAP/BirdLife mitigation fact sheets updated (see also Agenda item 22.2)	
•	Priorities for mitigation research in respect of trawl fisheries are considered and updated	
6.	Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Demersal Longline Fisheries	
	6.1 Review recent developments in mitigation research and update Best Practice Advice	
	⇒ ACAP Review and Best Practice Advice for Reducing the Impact of Demersal Longline Fisheries on Seabirds	SBWG9 Doc 09
	⇒ Gear configuration and use of floats in the South African Demersal Hake Longline fishery	SBWG9 Inf 32
	⇒ Seabird bycatch in Uruguayan longline fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 31 (also for Agenda 7.1 & 16.1)
	6.2 Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required	
	6.3 Consider priorities for mitigation research	
Actio	ons/expected outcomes:	
•	SBWG is provided with a brief update on recent advances in bycatch mitigation research and associated conservation efforts for demersal longline fisheries.	
•	ACAP's advice on best practice bycatch mitigation for demersal longline fisheries is updated, if necessary.	
•	ACAP/BirdLife mitigation fact sheets updated (see also Agenda item 22.2)	
•	Priorities for mitigation research in respect of demersal longline fisheries are considered and updated	
7.	Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Pelagic Longline Fisheries	
	7.1 Review recent developments in mitigation research and update Best Practice Advice	
	⇒ Seabird bycatch in Uruguayan longline fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 31 (also for Agenda 6.1 & 16.1)
	⇒ The relative safety of weighted branchlines during simulated fly-backs (cut-offs and tear-outs	SBWG9 Doc 15
	⇒ Improving safety when hauling branch lines during pelagic longline fishing operations	SBWG9 Doc 16
	⇒ Status of branch line weighting within RFMOs as a mitigation measure in pelagic longline fisheries	SBWG9 Doc 17

	\Rightarrow	A new method using AIS data to obtain independent compliance data to determine night setting use at sea	SBWG9 Doc 18 (also for Agenda 12)
	\Rightarrow	Setting baited hooks by stealth (underwater) can prevent the incidental mortality of albatrosses and petrels in pelagic longline fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 17
	\Rightarrow	Threat Abatement Plan for the incidental catch (or bycatch) of seabirds during oceanic longline fishing operations	SBWG9 Inf 16
	\Rightarrow	Report of workshop to review seabird bycatch mitigation measures for Hawaii's pelagic longline fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 01 (also for Agenda 22.1)
	7.2	Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required	
	7.3	Consider priorities for mitigation research	
Actio	ons/e	xpected outcomes:	
•	miti	WG is provided with a brief update on recent advances in bycatch gation research and associated conservation efforts associated pelagic longline fisheries.	
•		AP's advice on best practice bycatch mitigation for pelagic gline fisheries is updated, if necessary.	
•	AC.	AP/BirdLife mitigation fact sheets updated (see also Agenda item 2)	
•		orities for mitigation research in respect of pelagic longline eries are considered and updated	
8.	Sea	bird Bycatch Mitigation in Gillnet Fisheries	
		Consider recent developments in mitigation research and sider priorities for further research	
	\Rightarrow	Illuminating gillnets to save seabirds and the potential for multi- taxa bycatch mitigation	SBWG9 Inf 06 (also for Agenda 10)
	\Rightarrow	High contrast panels and lights do not reduce bird bycatch in Baltic Sea gillnet fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 29
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•	Development of ACAP advice on best practice measures for mitigating seabird bycatch in purse-seine fisheries discussed and next steps agreed.	
10. A	artisanal and small-scale fisheries	
	0.1 The development of a 'toolbox' template for mitigation dvice in artisanal and small-scale fisheries	
=	'Toolbox' template for mitigation advice in artisanal and small- scale fisheries	SBWG9 Doc 21
Action	s/expected outcomes:	
•	The SBWG reviews and endorses the proposed mitigation 'toolbox' template for providing advice on mitigating seabird bycatch in artisanal and small-scale fisheries, including the proposed categorisation of advice for each method included in the 'toolbox'.	
•	The SBWG identify additional possible mitigation methods to populate the 'toolbox' and consider how the advice should be categorised and presented.	
11. L	aser technology to mitigate seabird bycatch	
Action	s/expected outcomes:	
•	Given concerns raised previously regarding the safety aspects of laser technology (for birds and humans), the SBWG considers updates on recent research and use of this technology, and whether any further actions are required from ACAP.	
	Privers and barriers in the uptake of best practice seabird bycatch mitigation measures	
=	Drivers and barriers in the uptake of seabird bycatch mitigation measures and related conservation actions	SBWG9 Doc 10 Rev 1
=	 Lessons from seabird conservation in Alaskan longline fisheries: A case study 	SBWG9 Doc 11
=	Recommendation on ACAP actions to contribute to Marine Stewardship Council assessment and management of seabird bycatch in marine capture fisheries	SBWG9 Doc 12
=	Bycatch and the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC): A review of the efficacy of the MSC certification scheme in tackling the bycatch of non-target species	SBWG9 In 28
=	⇒ Certification schemes in Argentine Fisheries: Opportunities and Challenges for Seabird Conservation	SBWG9 Inf 11
=	⇒ Seabird Smart Assurance Scheme	SBWG9 Inf 04
=	⇒ Seabird bycatch mitigation observations on the high seas	SBWG9 Inf 19

=	Chile-Argentina: An at-sea classroom for training and expanding implementation of mitigation in trawl fisheries	SBWG9 Doc 14
=	⇒ The role of small-scale fishers' experiences on non-target taxa conservation in Chile	SBWG9 Doc 13
=	⇒ Summary Report of the U.S. West Coast and Alaska Trawl Fisheries Seabird Cable Strike Workshop	SBWG9 Inf 20 (Also for Agenda 5.1)
Action	ons/expected outcomes:	
	 The SBWG discuss the information presented, review and provide feedback on the next steps to promote the drivers and address the barriers in the uptake and proper use of seabird bycatch mitigation measures. 	
13.	ACAP Performance Indicators: Seabird Bycatch	
	13.1 Review of intersessional work to further develop bycatch indicators and a reporting framework for ACAP, and review the information submitted to trial the reporting framework	
	⇒ ACAP seabird bycatch performance indicators and reporting framework	SBWG9 Doc 05
	⇒ Data collection guidelines for observer programmes to improve knowledge of fishery impacts on ACAP-listed species	SBWG9 Doc 06
	⇒ Observer coverage for monitoring bycatch of seabirds and other ETP species in pelagic longline fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 26
Actio	ons/expected outcomes:	
•	The SBWG is provided an update on the use by Parties of the framework for reporting of information relating to the ACAP seabird bycatch performance indicators	
•	The SBWG provides advice on further refinements needed to progress the seabird bycatch indicator reporting framework, so that it can be endorsement by the Advisory Committee and used from now on as part of the national reporting mechanism.	
14.	Coordination of activities relating to RFMOs	
	14.1 Feedback on and update of RFMO engagement strategy	
	⇒ Review of ACAP RFMO Engagement Strategy	SBWG9 Doc 07
Actio	ons/expected outcomes:	
•	The SBWG is provided with brief feedback on relevant actions pertaining to the ACAP RFMO engagement strategy	
•	The updated RFMO engagement strategy, including outcomes from the RFMO workshop preceding SBWG9, is discussed and refined for endorsement by the Advisory Committee.	

15.	Elec	tronic Monitoring	
		The further development of advice for the use of E- itoring in relation to seabird bycatch	
		Methods to increase the functionalities and accuracy of fisheries electronic monitoring systems	SBW98 Inf 02
		Improving seabird species identification in electronic monitoring applications using machine learning systems	SBWG9 Inf 21
		Remote electronic monitoring as a potential alternative to on- board observers in small-scale fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 07
Actio	ons/ex	spected outcomes:	
•	per	e SBWG is provided with brief feedback on relevant initiatives taining to the efficacy, and limitations, of electronic monitoring in ation to seabird bycatch and mitigation.	
•	fac	e SBWG considers and recommends further actions needed to ilitate the development of ACAP guidelines and best practice vice on e-monitoring	
16.	Risk	Assessment	
		New bycatch information for species/fisheries, including lap of seabirds and fishing effort	
		Live-capture rates of albatrosses and petrels in fisheries, and subsequent survival	SBWG9 Doc 20
		Improving estimates of cryptic mortality for use in seabird risk assessments: loss of seabirds from longline hooks	SBWG9 Doc 09
	\Rightarrow	Seabird bycatch in Uruguayan longline fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 31 (also Agenda 6.1 & 7.1)
		Updated seabird bycatch estimates for the Namibian demersal Hake longline and trawl fishery	SBWG9 Inf 22
		Seabird bycatch in dolphinfish longline and tuna handline fisheries off south-southeastern Brazil	SBWG9 Inf 23
		Estimation of mortality and preliminary analysis of seabird bycatch in bottom and midwater trawlers in Argentina	SBWG9 Inf 24
		Seabird interactions and by-catch in the anchovy pelagic trawl fishery operating in northern Argentina	SBWG9 Doc 25 (Also for Agenda 5.3)
		Captura incidental de aves marinas en pequerías de cerco de la zona centro sur de Chile	SBWG9 Inf 30
		Assessment of the risk of trawl and longline fisheries to ACAP-listed seabirds in Chile	SBWG9 Inf 08 (Also for Agenda 21)

	\Rightarrow	At-sea distribution and fisheries bycatch risk of juvenile grey- headed albatrosses from South Georgia	PaCSWG5 Inf 19
	\Rightarrow	Additive effects of climate and fisheries drive catastrophic declines in multiple albatross species	SBWG9 Inf 05
	\Rightarrow	A comprehensive large-scale assessment of fisheries bycatch risk to threatened seabird populations	PaCSWG5 Inf 18
	\Rightarrow	Ocean Sentinel, an operational program monitoring interactions between large albatrosses and fisheries in the south-western Indian Ocean	PaCSWG5 Inf 14
	\Rightarrow	Effect of fisheries activity on the foraging behaviour of Black- browed albatrosses (<i>Thalassarche melanophris</i>) during the non- breeding period in the Argentinean Continental Shelf	SBWG9 Inf 10
	\Rightarrow	Long-term changes in Black-browed albatross diet as a result of fisheries expansion: an isotopic approach	SBWG9 Inf 09
Actio	ns/e	xpected outcomes:	
•	Th re m	ne SBWG to note new/updated information on bycatch, fisheries- lated risks to ACAP species, and approaches to measure, conitor and manage these, and to consider the need for any specific actions	
17.	Deli	iberate take/killing of ACAP species	
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		1 Review of knowledge on deliberate take/killing of ACAP cies at sea	
	\Rightarrow	Reviewing the nature and level of interactions between seabirds and jigging vessels in the Falkland Islands	SBWG9 Inf 12
	\Rightarrow	Bill mutilations in albatrosses and petrels: a call for best practices mitigating sub-lethal effects of bycatch on seabirds	SBWG9 Inf 18
Actio	ns/e	xpected outcomes:	
•	ad	e SBWG to consider the information presented, and how best to dress the issues of deliberate take and bill mutilations, or other liberately harmful actions by fishers to seabirds.	
18.	FAC) IPOA/NPOA-Seabirds	
	18.	1 Review of status of implementation of NPOA-Seabirds	
	\Rightarrow	Developing best practice for assessing and managing impacts of fisheries bycatch on seabirds	SBWG9 Doc 22
	\Rightarrow	Falkland Islands National Plan of Action for Reducing Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Trawl Fisheries, 2019 (FI NPOA-S-T-2019)	SBWG9 Inf 13
			SBWG9 Inf 25
	\Rightarrow	National Plan of Action for Minimising Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Australian Capture Fisheries	

Actio	The SBWG to consider and provide feedback on the FAO NPOA-Seabirds plans presented, and discuss more broadly an evaluation of the factors that drive or limit the success of NPOA-Seabirds in reducing the bycatch of seabirds	
19.	Listing of species on Annex 1	
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	19.1 Criteria for listing and delisting of candidate species	
	⇒ Considering nominations to Annex 1 of the Agreement - list of candidate species	AC11 Inf 04
	19.2 Proposals to list new species on Annex 1	
Action	ons/expected outcomes:	
•	No documents proposing the listing of new species on Annex 1 of the Agreement have been submitted to AC11.	
•	The SBWG to collaborate with the PaCSWG to address the issues identified in SBWG7 Doc 25, and work intersessionally to present a revised list of scores of Procellariiformes (i.e. an update of Table 1 in AC11 Inf 04)	
20.	Priority Actions for Conservation Measures	
	20.1 Review key research and management actions for current ACAP priority populations	
	⇒ ACAP Priority Populations – reporting template	PaCSWG5 Doc 06
Acti	ons/expected outcomes:	
•	SBWG to consider the draft reporting template, advise any changes that should be made, and recommend its implementation for the next meetings of the WGs, and AC12 in 2020	
•	Recommend that the reporting template, updated to reflect any inputs, be incorporated into the annual cycle of AC reporting, and, as appropriate, into the triennial implementation report provided by Parties prior to each MoP.	
21.	ACAP funded Programmes	
	⇒ Small Grants and Secondments Programme supported by the AC	AC11 Inf 02
	⇒ Assessment of the risk of trawl and longline fisheries to ACAP- listed seabirds in Chile	SBWG9 Inf 08 (also for Agenda 16.1)
Actio	ons/expected outcomes:	
•	Advice is provided to AC11 on future priorities for funding	
22.	Tools and Guidelines	
	22.1 Updates and new guidelines	

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	\Rightarrow	Guide on removing entangled seabirds from nets	SBWG9 Doc 24
	\Rightarrow	Safe handling practices to increase post-capture survival of cetaceans, sea turtles, seabirds, sharks, and billfish in tuna fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 14
	\Rightarrow	Seabird Bycatch Identification Guide – an update	SBWG9 Inf 27
	\Rightarrow	Light Attraction: Guideline for Saving Seabirds Aboard Vessels	PaCSWG5 Doc 07
	\Rightarrow	Report of workshop to review seabird bycatch mitigation measures for Hawaii's pelagic longline fisheries	SBWG9 Inf 01 (also for Agenda 7.1)
	22.	2 Mitigation Fact Sheets	
	\Rightarrow	Bycatch Mitigation Factsheets - New Designs and Updates	SBWG9 Doc 23
Actio	ns/e	xpected outcomes:	
•	gι	ote progress on the development of outreach materials, tools and uidelines and provide feedback, and advice to AC11 and the ecretariat, as appropriate.	
•	re	ne SBWG to ensure the process of updating bycatch mitigation views and best practice advice is harmonised with updating the itigation factsheets.	
•	up	ne SBWG to advice on the priorities and next steps regarding the odating the series of seabird bycatch mitigation fact sheets to the ew, simplified, format	
23.	SB	WG Work Programme	
	23.	1 Work Programme 2019 -2021	
	\Rightarrow	Advisory Committee Work Programme 2019-2021	AC11 Doc 11
Action	ons/e	expected outcomes:	
•	R W	eview and update relevant sections of the Advisory Committee of the Programme 2019-2021, noting progress achieved and utstanding actions.	
24.	Any	other business	
	24.	1 3rd World Seabird Conference, 19-23 October 2020	
25.	Add	option of Report	
26.	Clo	se of Meeting	