

Sixth Meeting of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group

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Draft Annotated Agenda

SBWG Convenor and Vice-convenors

Agenda item	Papers
1. Welcome and opening remarks	
2. WG membership and introduction	SBWG6 Doc 04
3. Adoption of Agenda	SBWG6 Doc 01
4. Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Pelagic Longline Fisheries	
Lead: Ed Melvin	
Review recent developments in mitigation research and update best practice advice:	SBWG6 Working Documents
a) Review of seabird bycatch mitigation measures for pelagic longline gear, and	
 b) Summary advice statement for reducing impact of pelagic longline gear on seabirds 	
 Developments in the use of sliding lead weights in an Australian pelagic longline fishery: voluntary uptake, compliance and methods to minimise lead loss to the environment 	SBWG6 Doc 12
 Recommendations concerning ACAP's advice for reducing the impact of pelagic longlines on seabirds 	SBWG6 Doc 13
 Review of evidence of injuries sustained by fishers in the course of using weighted lines in pelagic longline fisheries 	SBWG6 Doc 15
Hook pod update	SBWG6 Inf 12
 Seabird Bycatch During Gear Retrieval in a Pelagic Longline Fishery 	SBWG6 Inf 08
Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required	SBWG6 Doc 19
Consider priorities for mitigation research	(see also Agenda item 16)
Action/expected outcomes: SBWG is provided with an update on recent advances in mitigation research for pelagic longline fisheries.	

 ACAP's advice on best practice bycatch mitigation for pelagic longline fisheries is updated, if necessary. 	
 ACAP/BirdLife mitigation fact sheets updated, if necessary. 	
 Priorities for mitigation research are updated. 	
5. Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Demersal Longline Fisheries	
Lead: Igor Debski	
Review recent developments in mitigation research and update best practice advice	SBWG6 Working Documents
a) Review of seabird bycatch mitigation measures for demersal longline gear, and	
 b) Summary advice statement for reducing impact of demersal longline gear on seabirds. 	
 SeaBird Saver: an innovative laser technology to reduce seabird bycatch in commercial fisheries 	SBWG6 Doc 23 (also relevant to agenda items 4 & 6)
Kellian Line Setter Sea Trials Initial Performance Testing	SBWG6 Inf 02
Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required	SBWG6 Doc 19 (see also Agenda
Consider priorities for mitigation research	item 16)
Action/expected outcomes: SBWG is provided with an update on recent advances in mitigation research 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, if necessary. 	
Priorities for mitigation research are updated.	
6. Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Trawl Fisheries	
Lead: Oli Yates	
Review recent developments in mitigation research and update best practice advice:	SBWG6 Working Documents
a) Review of seabird bycatch mitigation measures for trawl gear, and	
b) Summary advice statement for reducing impact of trawl gear on seabirds.	
 Innovation in mitigation of seabird bycatch in trawl and set net fishing gear 	SBWG6 Inf 04

 Mitigation of Seabird Interactions in the trawl sectors of the Southern and Eastern Scalefish and Shark Fishery of Australia 	SBWG6 Inf 06
 Preliminary assessment of seabird interactions with the Uruguayan demersal trawl fishery 	SBWG6 Inf 11
 — Significant reductions in mortality of threatened seabirds in a South African trawl fishery. 	SBWG6 Inf 13
Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required	SBWG6 Doc 19 (see also Agenda
Consider priorities for mitigation research	item 16)
Action/expected outcomes: • SBWG is provided with an update on recent advances in mitigation research for trawl fisheries.	
 ACAP's advice on best practice bycatch mitigation for trawl fisheries is updated, if necessary. 	
ACAP/BirdLife mitigation fact sheets updated, if necessary.	
Priorities for mitigation research are updated.	
7. Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Gillnet Fisheries Lead: Igor Debski	
 Definitions and descriptions of net fisheries 	SBWG6 Doc 07
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Tests of visual cues and sub-surface nets as bycatch mitigation in small-scale gillnet fisheries in Peru	SBWG6 Doc 16
 Innovation in mitigation of seabird bycatch in trawl and set net fishing gear 	SBWG6 Inf 04
Assessment of bycatch in gillnet fisheries	UNEP/CMS/ScC 18/Inf.10.15.1
Action/expected outcomes: Definitions and descriptions of net fisheries that should be incorporated into ACAP work are discussed and agreed.	Assessment of Bycatch in Gill Net Fisheries
 Recent advances in mitigation research assessed and priorities for mitigation research and the development of advice are agreed. 	
8. Artisanal Fisheries and Intentional Take	
Lead: Tatiana Neves	
Artisanal, small scale and subsistence fisheries.	SBWG6 Doc 08
NISURI Fastset – a simple, cheap and effective artisanal demersal longline setting system to reduce seabird bycatch	SBWG6 Doc 14 (also relevant to Agenda item 5)

 Mitigation and education resources for small-vessel and recreational fisheries in New Zealand. 	SBWG6 Inf 01
 Seabird Mitigation for Recreational Fishers. 	SBWG6 Inf 03
 Action/expected outcomes: Definitions and descriptions of artisanal, small-scale and subsistence fisheries that should be incorporated into ACAP work are discussed and agreed. 	
The SBWG develops priorities for further work in the identification of mitigation measures and the development of best practice advice for artisanal and other small-scale fisheries.	
9. Bycatch Data Collection and Reporting	
Lead: Anton Wolfaardt	
Review bycatch data received by Parties and Range States, and consider how the reporting, analysis and presentation of data can be improved, and how this information should be conveyed effectively to the Advisory Committee and the Meeting of Parties.	
Assess progress in electronic monitoring of seabird bycatch and the implementation of bycatch mitigation measures.	
 Seabird bycatch data reporting by Parties. 	SBWG6 Doc 09
E-monitoring factsheet	SBWG6 Doc 06
 Implementing electronic monitoring systems as a means of independently monitoring seabird bycatch during fishing operations. 	SBWG6 Doc 22
 Strategic Plan for Electronic Monitoring and Electronic Reporting in the North Pacific. 	SBWG6 Inf 07
Updating New Zealand's level two seabird risk assessment	SBWG6 Inf 09
An example of bycatch data dissemination	SBWG6 Inf 10
Action/expected outcomes:	
 Seabird bycatch and fisheries data collection and reporting protocols are refined to improve ACAP's ability to monitor bycatch and measure performance in respect of bycatch mitigation. 	
 Provision of advice to the Advisory Committee on the interim and longer-term analysis of bycatch and fisheries data submitted by Parties, and how this is used to monitor bycatch. 	

10. ACAP Performance Indicators	
Lead: Igor Debski	
Review progress on the development of seabird bycatch performance indicators.	SBWG6 Doc 10
Progress on ACAP bycatch indicators	
Action/expected outcomes: Provision of advice to the Advisory Committee on preferred bycatch performance indicators, and the identification of actions required to develop these further.	
11. Coordination of activities relating to RFMOs	
Lead: Warren Papworth	
Review of RFMO engagement strategy, including process to develop minimum elements, methods and indicators to review seabird bycatch mitigation requirements in tRFMOs.	
Review of RFMO Engagement Strategy	SBWG6 Doc 11
 Identification of minimum elements to review the effectiveness of seabird bycatch mitigation regulations in tuna RFMOs. 	SBWG6 Doc 20
 Information on levels of seabird bycatch in fisheries adjacent to the CCAMLR management area. 	SBWG6 Doc 21
Action/expected outcomes:	
 SBWG Inputs received on draft document that was prepared for CCAMLR. 	
12. FAO IPOA/NPOA-Seabirds	
Lead: Tatiana Neves	
Parties will be given an opportunity to report briefly on progress towards the development and implementation of National Plans of Action –Seabirds.	
 Contributions for ACAP species conservation in Brazil. 	AC8 Inf 17
Action/expected outcomes: SBWG to note progress on development and implementation of FAO IPOA/NPOA-Seabirds.	

13. Listing of species on Annex 1Lead: Wiesława Misiak	
 Criteria for listing new species on Annex 1 	AC8 Doc 24
Action/expected outcomes: • Feedback and guidance provided to AC8 on the revised process for listing and de-listing species on Annex 1 of the Agreement.	
14. Priority Actions for Conservation Measures	
Lead: Anton Wolfaardt	
Review and update outputs of prioritization framework.	SBWG 6 Working document (excel file) AC8 Doc 14
Case study: South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur) ¹ Wandering Albatross and Grey-headed Albatross populations ²	7.00 200 1.
 Fisheries overlap, and influence of environmental and fisheries covariates on the demography of Wandering and Grey-headed Albatrosses 	SBWG6 Doc 17
 Suggestion regarding Agenda item 14.2 of SBWG6 (Case study: South Georgia [Islas Georgias del Sur]¹ Wandering Albatross and Grey-headed Albatross populations) 	SBWG6 Doc 18
 Wandering albatross attendance and bycatch in Argentine longline and trawl fisheries. 	SBWG6 Inf 05
Action/expected outcomes: • Priorities for at-sea threats to ACAP-listed species are reviewed and updated.	
 Ensure database entries are complete and accurate and any omissions are identified. 	
 Case study is used to identify priority (at sea) conservation actions for Wandering and Grey-headed Albatross populations at South Georgia (Islas Georgias del Sur)¹ 	
 SBWG inputs provided to prioritisation report to MoP5 (AC8 Doc 14) 	

¹ "A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (Islas Georgias del Sur e Islas Sandwich del Sur) and the surrounding maritime areas"

² The objective of this agenda item (case study) is to use a practical example to consider the range of information and requirements relating to the at-sea threats to this population and their management: our knowledge of the nature and extent of the threats, what is needed to address these threats, the extent to which these management measures are being implemented, and finally what else needs to be done to improve the conservation status of the population

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15. ACAP funded Programmes	
Lead: Marco Favero	
Review ACAP funded projects, and discuss priorities for future funding.	AC8 Inf 01 AC8 Inf 02
Action/expected outcomes:	7.00 1111 02
16. Tools and Guidelines	
Lead: Wiesława Misiak	
The meeting will be provided with a brief report back on the Hook Removal Guide and the Photo ID guide for bycaught seabirds, as well as intersessional progress in updating the Mitigation Factsheets.	
ACAP/BirdLife Mitigation Factsheet progress	SBWG6 Doc 19
Action/expected outcomes:	
 SBWG to ensure that the process of updating mitigation reviews and best practice advice is harmonised with updating the mitigation factsheets 	
17. Reviews and information	
Lead: Anton Wolfaardt	
The meeting will be informed about the current status of a paper on the conservation of ACAP species, as well as ACAP-related plans for the 2 nd World Seabird Conference.	
 Action/expected outcomes: SBWG to take note of ACAP plans for the 2nd World Seabird Conference, and make recommendations, as appropriate. 	
18. SBWG Work Programme	
Lead: Marco Favero	
 Review and update relevant sections of the Advisory Committee Work Programme 2015, noting progress achieved, both intersessionally and at the meeting. 	AC8 Doc 16
 Develop the SBWG component of the Advisory Committee Work Programme for 2016-2018. The existing Work Programme (2013-2015) will serve as the basis from which to develop the programme for 2016-2018. It is the intention to identify actions for the 2016-2018 work programme in the 	AC8 Doc 17

	meeting as items arise on the Agenda, and to use this agenda item (18) to finalise the work programme, and to discuss items that have not been addressed earlier.	
Actio	n/expected outcomes: SBWG Work Programme for 2015 and 2016-2018 updated.	
19.	Adoption of Report	
20.	Close of Meeting	