

Pre-SBWG12 Workshop on Seabird Bycatch-Related Data & Reporting

Lima, Peru, 4 August 2024

Objective

The broad objective of this workshop is to continue to find solutions to the challenges experienced in the reporting of ACAP seabird bycatch indicators and to update the ACAP at-sea threats priorities to inform relevant ACAP strategies such as the RFMO Engagement Strategy. This will be achieved through the following specific objectives:

- Review the current ACAP seabird bycatch-related indicators and associated data reporting;
- Identify ways to refine the indicators to ensure they are useful and practical to report on;
- Identify options to further refine bycatch-related data reporting to ACAP to ensure it is practical;
- Consider the use of alternative data sources or approaches, if required, to report on ACAP bycatch-related indicators;
- Review the process for identifying ACAP at-sea conservation priorities;
- Review updated priority fisheries and identify potential actions for ACAP or ACAP parities to address these priorities; and
- Consider options for potential improvement of the process to identify at-sea threat priorities.

Rationale

The ACAP Performance Indicators provide a means to demonstrate the effectiveness of measures to address seabird bycatch. There has been considerable effort in developing ACAP seabird bycatch indicators and a reporting framework on which these indicators are based ([SBWG4 Doc 25 Rev 3](#), [SBWG5 Doc 16](#), [SBWG6 Doc 09](#), [SBWG7 Doc 05](#), [SBWG8 Doc 05](#), [SBWG9 Doc 05 Rev1](#)). Whilst an increase in data reporting has been noted ([SBWG10 Doc 05](#)), the low level of reporting of seabird bycatch as total estimated mortality or rates per unit effort has prevented full implementation of the indicators.

A workshop proposed by SBWG10 and endorsed by the AC ([AC Doc 13 Rev1](#)) and the MoP ([MoP7 Report](#)), was held prior to SBWG11. The workshop aimed to understand and find solutions to the challenges experienced in reporting ACAP seabird bycatch indicators ([SBWG11 Doc 05](#)). The workshop identified a number of potential actions that ACAP could take to address some of the key challenges faced by Parties which were presented to SBWG11, with onward recommendations to AC13 ([AC Doc 11 Rev1](#)).

An expert opinion-based framework was developed by ACAP to set, monitor and report progress on identified priority conservation actions for ACAP species. This prioritisation framework for at-sea threats is underpinned by information on fisheries, including those

operating outside exclusive economic zones (EEZs), as well as the size and trends of albatross and petrel populations which might be impacted by those fisheries. Twenty-five fisheries and 28 seabird populations were identified as priority targets for action during the latest (2021) iteration of the prioritisation process.

Scope

In order to focus the activity of this workshop it will build upon the work undertaken by the Bycatch Data Reporting and Bycatch Indicators intersessional groups established at AC13. A draft updated table of priority fisheries will be provided as the basis for review of at-sea priority conservation actions.

The outcomes of the workshop will be reported to SBWG12, together with any recommendations made during the workshop. SBWG will further consider these outcomes and recommendations (under Agenda Items 11 and 14) and in turn SBWG may make any appropriate recommendations to AC14.

Format and language

The workshop is intended to expand on intersessional work and as such it will aim to encourage open and informal discussion.

No interpretation will be available. The facilitators will aim to accommodate discussion in both English and Spanish. The workshop report will be prepared in English.

Participants

Convenors: SBWG Convenors, Secretariat.

Target participants: ACAP Party bycatch data experts and administrators.

Other participants: open invitation to SBWG attendees. Please register using the Registration form for AC14/Working Groups available on the [ACAP website](#).

Logistics

Venue: Hotel José Antonio, Lima, Peru (See [AC14 Circular 2](#)). Date: Sunday 4 August 2024

All participants should be familiar with the previous SBWG papers on the development of ACAP bycatch indicators and the bycatch data reporting framework, in particular:

[SBWG8 Doc 05](#), [SBWG9 Doc 05 Rev1](#), [SBWG10 Doc 05](#), [SBWG11 Doc 05](#)

Other relevant background information will be posted in the password protected part of the ACAP website, available to registered participants.

Agenda

Time	Session
09:30	Welcome, introductions and workshop objectives
09:45	Overview of the current purpose and application of seabird bycatch data reporting and indicators, and progress with intersessional discussions
10:00	Overview of updated bycatch-related data reporting by Parties and Range States
10:15	Activity 1: Identify priority bycatch-related data and indicators that could be most useful for ACAP
11:00	Coffee break
11:30	Activity 2: Identify what information is needed and available to report on priority indicators?
12:30	Report back, key messages for SBWG12
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Recap of current process to identify priority fisheries, and presentation of draft updated priorities
14:15	Activity 3: review updated priority fishery tables and identify potential actions for Parties and ACAP
15:15	Activity 4: Review the prioritisation methodology and identify potential future improvement
15:45	Wrap-up
16:00	Close

Outcomes

- Improved understanding of ACAP seabird bycatch data reporting and indicators and how they are or could be used to meet Agreement/Strategy objectives.
- Options for bycatch-related indicators which could be readily reported on.
- Identification of the minimum bycatch-related data reporting requirements to ACAP for relevant indicators that can be used to meet Agreement/Strategy objectives.
- Reviewed and updated list of priority fisheries, with potential actions for ACAP or Parties identified.
- Options for refining the at-sea threat prioritization, if required.
- A summary report capturing options and any recommendations worked for consideration at SBWG12 (the report will be SBWG12 Doc 04).