

 <p style="font-size: small;">Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p><b>Seventh Meeting of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group</b></p> <p><i>La Serena, Chile, 2 – 4 May 2016</i></p> <p><b>Draft Annotated Agenda</b></p> <p><b><i>SBWG Convenor and Vice-convenors</i></b></p>
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Agenda item	Papers
<b>1. Welcome and opening remarks</b>	
<b>2. WG membership and introduction</b>	
<b>3. Adoption of Agenda and confirmation of rapporteurs</b>	SBWG7 Doc 01
<p><b>4. Update format and presentation of ACAP best practice advice documents relating to seabird bycatch mitigation</b></p> <p>— Recommended revisions to the presentation of information in the ACAP review and best practice advice documents relating to bycatch mitigation</p> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed revisions to the format/structure of the ACAP review and best practice advice on bycatch mitigation are discussed, and next steps agreed.</li> </ul>	SBWG7 Doc 16 (piloted for pelagic longline fisheries, with the aim of extending to other gear types)
<p><b>5. Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Demersal Longline Fisheries</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Review recent developments in mitigation research and update best practice advice</b></p> <p>a) Review of seabird bycatch mitigation measures for demersal longline gear, and</p> <p>b) Summary advice statement for reducing impact of demersal longline gear on seabirds.</p> <p>— Characterisation of subsurface float configurations used by New Zealand small vessel demersal longliners</p> <p>— Best practices to avoid seabird bycatch in the US West Coast demersal longline fishery for sablefish</p> <p>— Developing tori lines for New Zealand’s small-vessel longline fisheries</p>	<p>SBWG7 Inf 02</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 03</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 08 (also relevant to Agenda Item 7)</p>

<p><b>5.2 Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required</b></p> <p><b>5.3 Consider priorities for mitigation research</b></p> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG is provided with a brief update on recent advances in mitigation research for demersal longline fisheries.</li> <li>• ACAP’s advice on best practice bycatch mitigation for demersal longline fisheries is updated, if necessary.</li> <li>• ACAP/BirdLife mitigation fact sheets updated, if necessary.</li> <li>• Priorities for mitigation research are considered and updated.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Trawl Fisheries</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Review recent developments in mitigation research and update best practice advice:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review of seabird bycatch mitigation measures for trawl gear, and</li> <li>b) Summary advice statement for reducing impact of trawl gear on seabirds</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— A new bird baffler design for offshore trawl vessels.</li> <li>— Potential impact and testing of mitigation measures aimed at reducing seabird mortality associated with third-wire cables</li> <li>— Discard management as a seabird by-catch mitigation tool: the effect of batch-discarding on seabird interactions</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2 Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required</b></p> <p><b>6.3 Consider priorities for mitigation research</b></p> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG is provided with an update on recent advances in mitigation research for trawl fisheries.</li> <li>• ACAP’s advice on best practice bycatch mitigation for trawl fisheries is updated, if necessary.</li> <li>• ACAP/BirdLife mitigation fact sheets updated, if necessary.</li> <li>• Priorities for mitigation research are considered and updated.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Inf 04</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 05</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 25</p>
<p><b>7. Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Pelagic Longline Fisheries</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Review recent developments in mitigation research and update best practice advice:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Review of seabird bycatch mitigation measures for pelagic longline gear, and</li> <li>b) Summary advice statement for reducing impact of pelagic longline gear on seabirds.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 16 (see Agenda item 4)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The relative safety of ACAP’s recommended minimum specifications for the weighting of branchlines</li> <li>— Categorising branch line weighting for pelagic longline fishing according to sink rates</li> <li>— Lumo Lead trials in the Brazilian pelagic longline fishery</li> <li>— Hook pod: development and at sea trialling of a ‘one-stop’ mitigation solution for seabird bycatch mitigation in pelagic longline fisheries</li> <li>— Hook pod as best practice seabird bycatch mitigation</li> <li>— Efficacy of the ‘Smart Tuna Hook’ in reducing bycatch of seabirds in the South African Pelagic Longline Fishery.</li> <li>— ‘Smart Tuna Hook’ as best practice seabird bycatch mitigation in pelagic longline fisheries</li> <li>— Incidence of live bird haul capture in pelagic longline fisheries</li> </ul> <p><b>7.2 Update Mitigation Fact Sheets if required</b></p> <p><b>7.3 Consider priorities for mitigation research</b></p> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG is provided with an update on recent advances in mitigation research for pelagic longline fisheries.</li> <li>• ACAP’s advice on best practice bycatch mitigation for pelagic longline fisheries is updated, if necessary.</li> <li>• ACAP/BirdLife mitigation fact sheets updated, if necessary.</li> <li>• Priorities for mitigation research are considered and updated.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 08</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 07</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 14</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 06 Rev 1</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 10</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 07</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 09</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 18</p>
<p><b>8. Seabird Bycatch Mitigation in Gillnet Fisheries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Gillnet bycatch of ACAP species and ongoing mitigation development</li> <li>— Assessing the importance of net colour as a seabird bycatch mitigation measure in gillnet fishing</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent advances in mitigation research considered and priorities for mitigation research and the development of advice are agreed.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Inf 09</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 10</p>

<p><b>9. Assessment of risks posed to ACAP species from net fishing methods other than gillnet and trawl</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Risks posed to ACAP species from net fishing methods other than gillnet and trawl</li> <li>— Impacts of purse-seine fishing on seabirds and approaches to mitigate bycatch</li> <li>— Collaboration on technical innovation towards the reduction of seabird bycatch in purse-seine fisheries</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent advances in mitigation research considered and priorities for mitigation research and the development of advice are agreed.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 11</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 11</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 20 Rev 1</p>
<p><b>10. Artisanal Fisheries and small scale fisheries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— ‘Toolbox’ template for mitigation advice in artisanal and small-scale fisheries</li> <li>— Developing incentive-based bycatch reduction approaches in fisheries</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SBWG reviews the proposed mitigation toolbox template, and agree a template for future use.</li> <li>• The SBWG identify possible mitigation methods to populate the ‘toolbox’ and consider how the advice provided should be categorised and presented, and any additional elements that require further development.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 12</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 26</p>
<p><b>11. Laser technology to mitigate seabird bycatch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Results of initial trials to determine if laser light can prevent seabird bycatch in North Pacific fisheries</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SBWG is provided with an update, and an opportunity to provide inputs, on research investigating the safety and efficacy of laser technology as a seabird bycatch mitigation tool</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Inf 12</p>
<p><b>12. ACAP Performance Indicators: Seabird Bycatch</b></p> <p>Review of intersessional work to further develop ACAP seabird bycatch indicators, including bycatch data needs, methodological approaches and reporting requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Further development of ACAP seabird bycatch indicators, data needs, methodological approaches and reporting requirements</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 05</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Updating New Zealand's bycatch extrapolation and risk assessment.</li> <li>— Definitions for bycatch reporting requested by ACAP</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG is provided with an update on the intersessional work to develop further the framework for reporting of information relating to the ACAP seabird bycatch performance indicators.</li> <li>• The SBWG provides advice on further actions needed to progress the seabird bycatch indicator reporting framework.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Inf 21</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 28</p>
<p><b>13. Coordination of activities relating to RFMOs</b></p> <p>Review and further development of the ACAP RFMO engagement strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Review of the ACAP RFMO Engagement Strategy.</li> <li>— Update on ACAP intersessional group on RFMO seabird conservation measure monitoring</li> <li>— Report of the Effectiveness of Seabird Mitigation Measures Technical Group</li> <li>— Update on the seabird component of the Common Oceans Tuna Project</li> <li>— Harmonisation of Longline Bycatch Data Collected by Tuna RFMOs</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SBWG is provided with brief feedback on relevant actions pertaining to the ACAP RFMO engagement strategy.</li> <li>• The updated RFMO engagement strategy is discussed and refined for endorsement by the Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 15</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 23</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 16</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 14</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 15</p>
<p><b>14. Electronic monitoring</b></p> <p>Review recent initiatives regarding the use and assessment of electronic monitoring in relation to seabird bycatch and mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Examination of the benefits and limitations of e-monitoring in relation to seabird bycatch</li> <li>— Australia's electronic monitoring program</li> <li>— Electronic monitoring in fisheries of the United States</li> <li>— Detecting seabird captures via video observation</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 06</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 17</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 19</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 18</p>

<p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG is provided with brief feedback on relevant initiatives pertaining to the efficacy (and limitations) of electronic monitoring in respect of seabird bycatch and mitigation.</li> <li>• SBWG considers and recommends further actions needed to facilitate the development of ACAP guidelines and best practice advice on e-monitoring.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>15. Risk Assessment</b></p> <p>Review of new bycatch and Risk Assessment information on for ACAP species and fisheries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Issues with fishing closures in seabird conservation</li> <li>— Incidental catch of seabirds in the demersal trawl fishery in southern Chile</li> <li>— Demographic responses of an albatross community to fisheries effort</li> <li>— Prioritising research and management of at-sea threats to New Zealand seabirds</li> <li>— Risk factors for seabird bycatch in a pelagic longline tuna fishery</li> <li>— Migratory routes and at-sea threats to Pink-footed Shearwaters</li> <li>— First steps for mitigating seabird bycatch of Pink-footed Shearwaters</li> <li>— Predicting at-sea distributions and fisheries overlaps of ACAP species in Ecological Risk Assessment</li> <li>— Priority Population Assessment – Waved Albatross at Española Island, Galápagos</li> <li>— The intentional harvest of waved albatrosses by small-scale fishers in Peru</li> </ul> <p><b>Action/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG to note new/updated information on bycatch, fisheries-related risks to ACAP species, and approaches to measure and monitor these, and to consider the need for any specific actions.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 17</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 19 Rev 1</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 22</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 20</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 27</p> <p>PaCSWG3 Inf 03</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 01 Rev 1</p> <p>PaCSWG3 Inf 04</p> <p>PaCSWG3 Doc 04 (also relevant to Agenda item 20)</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 13</p>

<p><b>16. FAO IPOA/NPOA-Seabirds</b></p> <p>Review of how effective the FAO IPOA/NPO-Seabirds has been in facilitating the conservation of threatened seabirds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Has the IPOA-Seabirds been effective in the conservation of threatened seabirds?</li> <li>— New Zealand’s implementation of its NPOA-Seabirds</li> <li>— Revised National Plan of Action to reduce seabird bycatch in Uruguayan fisheries</li> <li>— Novel legal framework for mitigation of incidental bycatch of albatrosses and petrels in Brazil</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG to discuss the review of FAO IPOA/NPOA-Seabirds, and consider how this mechanism can be improved.</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 13</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 22 Rev 1</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 23</p> <p>SBWG7 Inf 24</p>
<p><b>17. Listing of species on Annex 1</b></p> <p>Review updated scores for at-sea threats and migratory nature of albatrosses and petrels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Updated scores for at-sea threats and migratory nature of albatross and petrel species</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG to review updated scores and consider how to progress the review process further</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 25</p>
<p><b>18. ACAP funded Programmes</b></p> <p>Consider progress reports on conservation projects and secondments supported by the Advisory Committee, and allocation of funds to the AC Work Programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Progress reports on Conservation Projects and Secondments supported by the Advisory Committee</li> <li>— Allocation of funds to the AC Work Programme</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice is provided to AC9 on progress and implementation of funded projects that relate to seabird bycatch, as well as future priorities for funding</li> </ul>	<p>AC9 Inf 02</p> <p>AC9 Doc 14</p>

<p><b>19. Tools and Guidelines</b></p> <p>The meeting will be provided with a brief report on feedback received on the seabird bycatch photo ID guide, and consider proposals regarding the development of additional tools and guidelines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Developing a guide on removing entangled seabirds from nets</li> <li>— Protocols for sample collection from bycaught birds for health and other studies</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note progress on development of outreach materials, tools and guidelines, and provide advice to A98 and Secretariat, as appropriate.</li> <li>• SBWG to ensure that the process of updating mitigation reviews and best practice advice is harmonised with updating the mitigation factsheets</li> </ul>	<p>SBWG7 Doc 21</p> <p>SBWG7 Doc 24</p>
<p><b>20. Reviews and information</b></p> <p>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 6<sup>th</sup> International Albatross and Petrel Conference.</p> <p><b>Action/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG to take note of ACAP plans for IAPC6, and make recommendations, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>21. SBWG Work Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Review and update relevant sections of the 2016-2018 Advisory Committee Work Programme approved by MoP5</li> </ul> <p><b>Action/expected outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SBWG Work Programme for 2016-2018 reviewed and updated, if necessary.</li> </ul>	<p>AC9 Doc 12</p>
<p><b>22. Any other business</b></p>	
<p><b>23. Adoption of Report</b></p>	
<p><b>24. Close of Meeting</b></p>	