

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p>Ninth Meeting of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group <i>Florianópolis, Brazil, 6 - 8 May 2019</i></p> <p>Falkland Islands National Plan of Action for Reducing Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Trawl Fisheries 2019 (FI-NPOA-S-T-2019) <i>Amanda Kuepfer, Sarah Crofts, Megan Tierney, Denise Blake, Ludovic Goyot</i></p>
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SUMMARY

The Falkland Islands National Plan of Action for reducing incidental catch of seabirds in trawlers (FI NPOA-S-T)-2019 outlines a four-year strategy with the overall objective to reduce or, if practicably possible, eliminate the mortality of seabirds resulting incidentally from trawling activities, and to help achieve and maintain a favourable conservation status of Falkland Islands breeding seabirds.

In order to deliver the overall aim of the FI NPOA-S-T-2019, a suit of objectives have been developed. Following FAO guidelines and previous versions of the FI NPOA-S-T, the objectives will encompass the following interconnected components: (i) observer programmes / coverage; (ii) research, development and implementation of mitigation measures; (iii) bycatch reduction objectives, and (iv) education, training and outreach.

In adopting the FI NPOA-S-T-2019, the Falkland Islands will ensure compliance with domestic and international polices and conventions and will continue to build on its reputation for responsible and sustainable management of its fishery.

This report consists of two parts:

Part I – Rationale for the FI NPOA-S-T-2019

Part II – Falkland Islands National Plan of Action-Trawling-2019

This paper has an attachment:

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