



Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

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Advisory Committee's Report to MoP3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO THE THIRD SESSION OF THE MEETING OF PARTIES (MoP3) TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS

This report to MoP3 on the implementation of the Advisory Committee Work Programme will be prepared by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee after the conclusion of the Fourth Meeting of the ACAP Advisory Committee (AC4).

Hence, the report will reflect the actions and decisions taken during AC4. The progress with implementing the work programme as reported to the 2nd Meeting of Parties in 2006 is shown in Table 1.

The document will be circulated intersessionally among the members of the Advisory Committee for review and approval prior to MoP3.

Table 1. Progress with implementing the work programme as reported to the 2nd Meeting of Parties in 2006. The information contained in the table will be updated after the Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Committee.

| Activity | Timetable | Completed? | Comment |
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| 1. Taxonomy Review | | | |
| 1.1 Establishment of a working group to review the taxonomy of albatrosses (and petrels) | By Jan 2005 | Yes | |
| 1.2 Development of terms of reference | By Nov 2004 | Yes | |
| 1.3 Develop draft report | By July 2005 | Partially | First report and further work programme agreed in June 2006 |
| 2. Review of Status and Trends | | | |
| 2.1 Establishment of a working group to review the status and trends of species in ACAP Annex 1 | By March 2005 | Yes | |
| 2.2 Development of terms of reference | By Nov 2004 | Yes | |
| 2.3 Development of data proforma and database format | By August 2005 | Yes | |
| 2.4 Identify national coordinators to compile and submit data | By August 2005 | Partially | Some Parties still to identify national coordinators |

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| 2.5 Data collation and submission | By Sept. 2005 | Partially | As above, and not complete from other Parties/Range States |
| 2.6 Populate database | Prior to 1st AC meeting | Partially | |
| 2.7 Undertake initial gap analysis | Prior to 1st AC meeting | No | Insufficient data available at present |
| 2.8 Population data collection | 2006/07 | Work continues | |
| 3. Protection of Breeding Sites and Status on Non-Native Species | | | |
| 3.1 Development of data proforma and database format | June 2005 | Yes | |
| 3.1 (a) Establishment of Breeding Sites Working Group | June 2005 | Yes | AC1 considered that this Working Group was required |
| 3.2 Identify national coordinators to compile and submit information | July 2005 | Partially | Some Parties still to identify national coordinators |
| 3.3 Data submission | Prior to 1st AC meeting | Partially | As above, and not complete from other Parties/Range States |
| 3.4 Assess breeding sites | At 1st AC meeting | No | Insufficient data available at present |
| 3.4.1 Identify breeding sites that may require additional protection | At 1st AC meeting | | |
| 3.4.2 Prioritise sites for eradication programmes | At 1st AC meeting | | |
| 3.4.3 Agree upon criteria for identification of sites that may require additional protection | At 1st AC meeting | | |
| 3.5 Identify additional breeding sites requiring protection | | No | |
| 3.6 Undertake protection measures for breeding sites | 2006/07 | Work continues | |
| 4. Foraging Ranges and Overlap with Fisheries | | | |
| 4.1 Accessing existing remote tracking data | Yes | | Work undertaken by BirdLife International; some datasets not released by researchers |
| 4.2 Additional data sources | No | | Additional data sources known, but no progress on including this information |

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| 4.3 Continued data collection | Yes | | BirdLife International continues to add data to the Global Procellariiform Database |
| 4.4 Access fishing effort data | Year 1 | Partially | Most effort data available on web |
| 4.5 Convene workshop | Year 2 | No | Decision taken to approach each RFMO individually rather than inviting them to a collective workshop. Individual reports on overlap of fisheries and ACAP species being drafted for each RFMO. |
| 4.5.1 Produce Workshop Report | By Year 3 | No | Given need to co-ordinate efforts by Parties at RFMOs, AC2 decided to establish a new Working Group. |
| 4.5 (a) Establishment of a Seabird Bycatch Working Group | | | |
| 5. Assessment of Impacts of Threats | | | |
| 5.1 Access bycatch data | Prior to 2nd AC meeting | No | Remit given to Seabird Bycatch Working Group |
| 5.2 Plan a workshop | Year 3 | | |
| 5.2.1 Conduct a workshop | | | |
| 6. Mitigation of Threats | | | |
| 6.1 Review of programmes that address identified priority threats. | Year 1 | No | |
| 6.2 Identify and promote adoption of current best practices | Start Year 2 | No | |
| 6.3 Develop fishery-specific mitigation measures | Start Year 3 | | Remit given to Seabird Bycatch Working Group |
| 7. Criteria Development | | | |
| 7.1 Identification of Internationally Important Breeding Sites | For 1st AC meeting. | Yes | Paper produced by IASOS; follow up paper delayed due to external factors |
| 7.2 Addition of species to Annex 1 | By AC3 | Partially | First paper produced by South Africa and Australia, discussed at AC2, revised version to be prepared for AC3 |

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| 8. Cross-Cutting Themes | | | |
| 8.1 Capacity Building | Ongoing | Work continues | |
| 8.2 Education and Information Programmes | By Year 2 | No | News section created on ACAP web site |
| 9. Reporting for MOP | | | |
| 9.1 System of indicators | For MOP2 | Partially | Consideration occurred at AC2, but insufficient data exists to evaluate indicators |
| 9.2 Additional reporting items | For MOP2 | Yes | |