

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p>Fifteenth Meeting of the Advisory Committee <i>Swakopmund, Namibia, 1 – 5 June 2026</i></p> <p>Potential listing of Flesh-footed Shearwater on Annex 1</p> <p><i>New Zealand, Australia, France</i></p>
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SUMMARY

The Flesh-footed Shearwater has been recognised as a strong candidate for listing on Annex 1 based on criteria used by ACAP. The Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) adopted a proposal to list Flesh-footed Shearwater on Appendix II of CMS. A Concerted Action was also adopted. Listing on Annex 1 of ACAP would further facilitate the anticipated benefits identified in the CMS listing proposal, as ACAP is very active in the development and promotion of best-practice seabird bycatch mitigation advice for relevant fisheries.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Note the listing of Flesh-footed Shearwater on Appendix II of CMS and associated Concerted Action.
2. Consider the CMS listing proposal document and identify any additional information that should be included in a potential proposal for listing Flesh-footed Shearwater on Annex 1 that could be brought to SBWG14/PaCSWG10/AC16 for review.

1. INTRODUCTION

Flesh-footed shearwaters (*Ardenna carneipes*) nest during the Austral summer on islands around northern New Zealand, on Lord Howe Island and Phillip Island (Norfolk Island group) off eastern Australia, islands off South Australia and Western Australia and on Saint Paul and Amsterdam Islands in the Indian Ocean. Non-breeding and juvenile birds migrate through tropical waters to the Northern Hemisphere, in particular to waters off northern far-east Asia. Flesh-footed shearwaters are known to be highly susceptible to bycatch in fisheries, particularly longline fisheries, which occur across their migratory pathway. Other threats such as invasive predators, plastic ingestion and climate change have also been identified. Co-ordinated international actions are required to minimise threats from fisheries bycatch across a range of fleets, including engagement with Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs). Coordinated international actions will also assist to minimise other threats.

The Flesh-footed Shearwater has been identified as a strong candidate for listing on Annex 1, with a weighted suitability score higher than several species currently listed on Annex 1 ([AC14 Doc 11 Table 1](#)).

2. LISTING ON CMS APPENDIX II AND POTENTIAL LISTING ON ANNEX 1 OF ACAP

The Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) adopted a [proposal to list Flesh-footed Shearwater on Appendix II of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals \(CMS\)](#). The listing proposal included detailed information on the migrations, biology, conservation status, threats and conservation management of Flesh-footed Shearwaters, amongst other things. The proposal noted that listing on Appendix II of CMS will elevate the suitability score of Flesh-footed Shearwater for inclusion on Annex 1 of ACAP. The proposal further noted that listing on Annex 1 of ACAP would further facilitate the anticipated benefits identified in the proposal, as ACAP is very active in the development and promotion of best-practice seabird bycatch mitigation advice for relevant fisheries.

A [proposed Concerted Action for the Flesh-footed Shearwater](#) was also adopted. This plan identified a range of actions to address the threats faced by Flesh-footed Shearwaters, with a particular focus on bycatch in fisheries.

We invite the Joint SBWG/PACSWG and AC to consider the CMS listing proposal and Concerted Action and identify any additional information that should be included in a potential proposal to list Flesh-footed Shearwater on Annex 1, that could be brought to SBWG14/PaCSWG10/AC16 for review.