

 <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>Annotated Draft Meeting Agenda</p> <p><i>Advisory Committee Chair, Secretariat</i></p>
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DRAFT AC15 AGENDA	Papers
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>The meeting will begin with an introduction by the Chair of the Advisory Committee of the key outcomes expected from the meeting. The Secretariat will inform delegates of administrative, technical, and organisational matters.</i></p>	
<p>2. Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p><i>This is a procedural agenda item. The annotated agenda has been prepared to assist delegates in identifying which papers are to be discussed under individual agenda items. A meeting schedule is presented as a guide, but flexibility will be retained to enable the most efficient use of the time available.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Adoption of the agenda.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 01 Advisory Committee, Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Doc 02 AC Chair, Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Doc 03 AC Chair, Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Doc 04 AC Chair, Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Doc 05 Secretariat</p>
<p>3. Rules of Procedure</p> <p><i>No proposals have been received for amendments to the Rules of Procedure.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the Advisory Committee.</p>	
<p>4. Report of the Depositary</p> <p><i>Australia, as the Depositary for the Agreement, will provide an update on new signatures to the Agreement since the last meeting.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Note the report of the Depositary Government.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 06 Australia</p>

<p>5. ACAP Secretariat</p> <p>5.1 Activities undertaken in 2025/26 intersessional period</p> <p>5.2 Secretariat Work Programme 2026 – 2028</p> <p><i>The Executive Secretary will report on activities undertaken by the Secretariat since AC14 and present for discussion the Work Programme for 2026–2028 approved by MoP8.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Note the activities undertaken during the intersessional period and the Secretariat’s Work Programme for the current triennium.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 07 Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Inf 05 Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Doc 15 Secretariat</p>
<p>6. Agreement’s Financial Matters</p> <p>6.1 Financial Report</p> <p><i>The Executive Secretary will provide an interim report on the Agreement’s finances for the current financial year.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Note the 2026 interim financial report and take action under relevant agenda items.</p>	<p>AC13 Doc 08 Secretariat</p>
<p>7. Observer Reports</p> <p>7.1 Reports from Observers to AC15</p> <p><i>Reports by Observers to the meeting will be presented and discussed as required.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: note the information and reports presented.</p>	
<p>8. Report from the Meeting of the Parties relevant to AC</p> <p><i>The Chair of the Advisory Committee will report on the outcomes of MoP8 and on issues of relevance to the operation of the Advisory Committee and its work. The Secretariat will inform AC Members of matters of interest regarding the Agreement Budget adopted by MoP8.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Note relevant outcomes of MoP8 and, where necessary, discuss under relevant agenda items.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 13 AC Chair, Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Doc 16 AC Chair, Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Doc 17 Australia, New Zealand</p> <p>AC15 Inf 01 Secretariat</p>
<p>9. Taxonomy of Albatrosses and Petrels</p> <p>9.1 Report of the Taxonomy Working Group</p> <p><i>A summary of actions undertaken by the Taxonomy Working Group will be provided.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Review of action taken so far and consideration/ endorsement of a future work programme to be incorporated into the Advisory Committee Work Programme.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 09 TWG</p>

<p>10. Seabird Bycatch</p> <p>10.1 Report of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group</p> <p><i>The report of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group will be tabled and a summary of progress provided.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Review of action taken so far and consideration/ endorsement of a future work programme to be incorporated into the Advisory Committee Work Programme</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 10 SBWG Convenors</p>
<p>11. Joint meeting of the Seabird Bycatch and Population and Conservation Status Working Groups</p> <p>11.1 Report of the Joint meeting of the Seabird Bycatch and Population and Conservation Status Working Groups</p> <p><i>The report of the joint meeting will be tabled and discussed.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Review of action taken so far on joint issues and consideration/ endorsement of a future work programme to be incorporated into the Advisory Committee Work Programme</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 11 PaCSWG Convenors, SBWG Convenors</p>
<p>12. Population and Conservation Status of Albatrosses and Petrels</p> <p>12.1 Report of the Population and Conservation Status Working Group</p> <p><i>The report of the Population and Conservation Status Working Group will be tabled and a summary of progress provided.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Review of action taken so far and consideration/ endorsement of a future work programme to be incorporated into the Advisory Committee Work Programme.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 12 PaCSWG Convenors</p>
<p>13. ACAP Engagement Strategy with Regional Fisheries Management and Conservation Organisations</p> <p><i>A paper on a revised RFMCO Engagement Strategy will be presented for discussion and endorsement.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Endorsement of the revised RFMCO Engagement Strategy for the current triennium.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 11 PaCSWG Convenors, SBWG Convenors</p> <p>AC15 Inf 02 Secretariat</p>
<p>14. Communications Strategy</p> <p><i>A paper on communications options will be presented for discussion and endorsement.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Endorsement of communications options.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 20 Secretariat</p>

<p>15. Advisory Committee</p> <p>15.1 Operation of the Advisory Committee</p> <p><i>Comments invited on operation of the Advisory Committee.</i></p> <p>15.2 Advisory Committee Work Programme 2026–2028</p> <p><i>Review of the Advisory Committee Work Programme for 2026–2028 and the allocation of funds provided in support of it.</i></p> <p>15.3 Agreement Grant Scheme and Secondment Programme</p> <p><i>A summary of progress reports received from conservation projects and secondments funded from previous grant allocations will be provided and upcoming grants and secondments rounds discussed.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Advisory Committee Work Programme for the current triennium reviewed and endorsed.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 14 Advisory Committee, Secretariat</p> <p>AC15 Inf 04 Australia</p> <p>AC15 Inf 03 Secretariat</p>
<p>16. Listing of New Species</p> <p><i>No proposals have been received for amendments to Annex 1.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: New proposals for amendments to Annex 1 provided to Workings Groups for review and advice by AC16.</p>	<p>AC15 Doc 18 New Zealand, Australia, France</p> <p>AC15 Doc 19 New Zealand, Australia, Brazil, Chile</p> <p>AC15 Inf 06 Secretariat</p>
<p>17. Election and Appointment of AC Officers</p> <p><i>All Advisory Committee posts are subject to election at the end of the first AC meeting after each session of the MoP. Officers may be re-elected but shall not normally hold office for more than three consecutive terms. Nominations will be sought early in the meeting.</i></p> <p>Action/expected outcome: Appointment/re-appointment of officials to all positions.</p>	
<p>18. Sixteenth Meeting of the Advisory Committee</p> <p>18.1 Timing and Venue</p> <p>18.2 Draft Agenda</p> <p><i>Offers from Parties to host AC16 (August/September 2027) will be sought. A draft agenda for AC16 should be developed by AC Members during AC15.</i></p>	
<p>19. Any Other Business</p>	
<p>20. Adoption of Report</p>	
<p>21. Closing Remarks</p>	