

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p>Eighth Meeting of the Advisory Committee <i>Punta del Este, Uruguay, 15 -19 September 2014</i></p> <p>Agreement Secondment Programme</p> <p><i>Grants Sub-committee, Secretariat</i></p>
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SUMMARY

A new strategy for the Agreement's secondment programme was adopted by MoP4, to be implemented in coordination between the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee, allowing secondments to occur either in the Agreement's Headquarters in Hobart or at other institutions, and following the schedule of two calls every three financial years in line with the grant scheme. In September 2013 the first call for secondments under this new scheme was opened. Four secondment proposals were submitted, requesting a total of AUD 47,300. Only one of these proposals was successful and was granted AUD 11,600. Details of secondment proposals received and granted are given, and the reasons for not allocating the total available funds as indicated by the Secretariat are discussed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Advisory Committee is requested to note the process for the selection of secondments in 2013-14 and advise on its suitability.

1. BACKGROUND

With the main objective of broadening possibilities for secondees and increasing the scope of capacity building, as well as allowing a more efficient use of resources, at MoP4, Parties decided to allow secondments to occur either in the Agreement's Headquarters in Hobart or at institutions in other countries ([MoP4 Doc 18, MoP4 Report](#)). In addition, the secondment programme would be coordinated between the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee (with funds for secondments transferred from Appropriation 1 to Appropriation 4, MoP4 Resolution 4.6 Appendix A), following the schedule of two calls every three financial years in line with the grant scheme ([AC7 Doc 10](#)).

The following criteria for the selection of secondments were advertised in the call for applications:

- The work to be undertaken addresses a task identified in the Advisory Committee's or Secretariat's Work Programme, and/or is deemed to be of high importance to achievement of the Agreement's objective.
- The task proposed is international in nature (e.g. the outcomes will be of relevance to more than one country).
- The funds allocated will not be used for the purpose of paying salaries. It is expected that the applicant's institution will continue to pay the applicant's salary.
- The task to be undertaken has a capacity building focus.
- The funds allocated will be primarily used for travel, accommodation and per diem costs.
- The applicant has received agreement from the Host Country/ Institution to host this work.

2. SELECTION OF SECONDMENTS

In accordance with the guidelines in AC7 Doc 10, the call for applications opened by late September, allowing eight weeks for the submission of proposals. The Secretariat, in consultation with the Grants Sub-committee, developed a secondment application form adapted from the template used in the grant scheme (see ANNEX 1). Another three weeks were allowed for translation and evaluation of proposals, conducted by the Grants Sub-committee members (AC Chair, AC Vice-chair, and Working Group Convenors) and the Secretariat. After receiving the final endorsement of the AC, the Secretariat contacted the successful applicant and organised the logistics for the implementation of the secondment. The total process took 12 weeks and was finalised by late December 2013.

The Secretariat advised that AUD 30,000 was available for the 2013-14 call. A total of AUD 47,300 was requested in four proposals. Only one proposal, submitted by Sebastian Jiménez (Dirección Nacional de Recursos Acuáticos, Uruguay) was successful and was granted AUD 11,600. More information about the successful proposal is provided in AC8 Inf 1. Details of all secondment proposals received and funded are presented in ANNEX 2. There are remaining funds not allocated during the present call, largely due to the fact that the other three proposals did not meet the criteria defined by the Advisory Committee.

3. FUTURE SECONDMENT PROCESS

Some specific areas and/or potential secondment projects were identified in the Advisory Committee Work Programme at AC7. However, the 2013-14 call did not seek for secondees to conduct any of the identified projects, as the Work Programme did not define all areas for which a secondment may advance the objectives of ACAP. The aim of the secondment process is to support work that responds to ACAP's objectives and priority actions, and facilitates capacity building; hence applications should demonstrate how they address these requirements. Following the process and experience gained in the first call for secondments, the Grants Sub-committee recommends to the Advisory Committee that the next call for applications in 2015 is conducted in line with the one reported here.

ANNEX 1. Secondment application form used in the call for application 2013-14

ACAP SECONDMENT APPLICATION 2013-14



Secondment Title:

Project Initiated by:

Secondee:

Host Institution:

1. SCOPE

1.1 Project description

1.2 Outcomes and benefits

What are the long-term outcomes of the secondment? What is the relevance to the objectives of the Agreement? Which Advisory Committee or Secretariat Work Programme Tasks are addressed (if applicable)?

1.3 Communication of results and outcomes

How will the results of the project be communicated to Parties and others? What documents are expected to be produced for the Secretariat and/or the Advisory Committee?

2. TIMEFRAME

2.1 Critical Milestones and Timelines

For guidance, please note that the next Advisory Committee Meeting (AC8) is scheduled to take place around September 2014 and next Meeting of the Parties (MoP5) is scheduled to take place around April 2015

3. RESOURCES

3.1 Financial – Estimated Budget

Total requested: AUD

Description e.g.	Amount
Travel	
Accommodation	
Per diem	
Total	

Is your country supporting the secondment (financially or in-kind)?

3.2 Human Resources

Who from the host institution and/or ACAP Party is contributing to the development of this secondment?

4. STAKEHOLDERS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Identify stakeholders associated with the project

Identify any people or groups that have an interest in the project and what that interest is. Would other people or institutions in your country benefit from lessons and skills learnt during your secondment?

5. OTHER COMMENTS

Signature of Applicant/s

Date:

Signature of Applicant/s Head of
Institution (where applicable)

Date:

ANNEX 2. Details of secondment proposals received, host institutions, funds requested and granted during the 2013-14 call for application (secondment granted highlighted in bold font and grey cells).

Proposal number	Seconded (Institution)	Project Title	Host Contact/ (Institution)	Time	Requested (AUD)	Funded (AUD)
S 2013-01	Sebastián Jiménez (Dirección Nacional de Recursos Acuáticos, Uruguay)	Overlap of breeding wandering albatrosses from South Georgia [Islas Gerogias del Sur]¹ and pelagic longline fisheries in the southwest Atlantic	Richard Phillips (British Antarctic Survey, UK)	April - July 2014 (3 months)	11,600	11,600
S 2013-02	Kathryn (Kate) P. Huyvaert (Dept. of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology, Colorado State University, USA)	Assessing and Planning for Land-Based Threats for ACAP Species	Gustavo Jimenez (Charles Darwin Foundation, Ecuador)	April – June 2014	4,700	
S 2013-03	Joanna Alfaro-Shigueto & Jeffrey C. Mangel (ProDelphinus, Peru)	Reviewing the definition of, and legislation pertinent to, artisanal and small-scale fisheries of ACAP Parties and countries with ACAP species present	Warren Papworth (ACAP Secretariat, Hobart, Australia)	January- March 2015 (10 weeks)	11,000	
S 2013-04	Robert Nugent (Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University & National Museum of Australia)	Documenting the social costs of Albatross and Petrel by-catch / a participatory film project	Not specified	One month to identify study sites and participants. Filming over several visits, Jul - Dec 2014. Post-production Jan - Mar 2015.	20,000	

¹ “A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (Islas Georgias del Sur e Islas Sandwich del Sur) and the surrounding maritime areas”.