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## AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS

### Resolution 1.5

#### Establishment of the Advisory Committee for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

Adopted by the first session of the Meeting of the Parties (Hobart, 10-12 November 2004)

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*Recalling* Article VIII(11)(d) of the Agreement requiring that the first session of the Meeting of Parties establish the Advisory Committee provided for in Article IX of the Agreement;

*Recalling* that Article IX(6)(d)(i) of the Agreement requires the format of reports from the Advisory Committee to the Meeting of the Parties to be determined by the first session of the Meeting of the Parties; and

*Noting* the report of the informal Science Meeting (ScM1/Doc. 7) prior to the first session of the Meeting of Parties;

*The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels*

*Agrees:*

1. to establish the Advisory Committee to provide expert advice and information to Parties, the Secretariat and others;
2. that the Work Programme for the Advisory Committee for 2005-2007 shall include that detailed in Annex 2;
3. that the Work Programme shall be subject to revision after each meeting of the Advisory Committee and any amendments adopted by the Parties (via the Secretariat) using the intersessional voting procedures of the Meeting of the Parties;
4. that each Party shall provide relevant information to each meeting of the Advisory Committee in a format to be advised by the Secretariat based on the Work Programme in Annex 2 [This refers to information from Parties for Advisory Committee reporting requirements under Article IX 6 (d) on implementation of the Agreement];
5. that the Advisory Committee provides its report to each session of the Meeting of Parties in the format detailed in Annex 1 to this Resolution [This applies to the requirement for the Advisory Committee to report on its own activities under Article IX 6 (e)];
6. that the Advisory Committee review the reporting format detailed in Annex 1 during the intersessional period and if required submits a revised report format for adoption by the Meeting of Parties using the intersessional voting procedures of the Meeting of the Parties.

## **ANNEX 1**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT FORMAT**

#### **1. Introduction**

Establishment of the Committee

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Members, Alternates and Observers

Experts

Establishment / review of rules of procedure

Meetings and other correspondence since MOP1

#### **2. Overview of activities and meetings of the Advisory Committee**

##### 2.1 Activities of the Chair

2.1.1 Recruitment

2.1.2 Budgets

2.1.3 Consultations with the Agreement Secretariat

2.1.4 Other activities

##### 2.2 Progress with Actions under Article IX of the Agreement

2.2.1 Provision of scientific, technical and other advice

2.2.2 Progress with standard reference text on taxonomy of species covered by the Agreement

2.2.3 Recommendations concerning the Action Plan and further research

2.2.4 Development of indicators to assess progress towards achieving and maintaining a favourable conservation status for albatrosses and petrels

2.2.5 Progress with collation of information under section 5 of the Action Plan and identification of gaps in knowledge

2.2.6 Other Activities

##### 2.3 Meetings of the Advisory Committee

Report from meeting/s of Advisory Committee including summaries of any intersessional work

#### **3. Conclusion**

Summary of recommendations to the Meeting of Parties

**ANNEX: 2: WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2005 TO 2007**

Task/Topic	Paragraphs of ACAP/MoP1/Doc. 15	Responsible group	Timeframe	Action
<b>1. Taxonomy Review</b>				
1.1 Establishment of a working group to review the taxonomy of albatrosses	4.5	Interim Secretariat and Advisory Com.	By Jan 2005	AC to establish Working Group.
1.2 Development of terms of reference		AC	By Nov 2004	Chair of WG to develop terms of reference in conjunction with Secretariat and circulate to Advisory Committee
1.3 Develop draft report			By July 2005	WG Chair send draft report to Secretariat for circulation to AC. AC prepare its final report for MOP2. Report includes a standard reference text listing the taxonomy.
<b>2. Review of Status and Trends</b>				
2.1 Establishment of a working group to review the status and trends of species in ACAP Annex 1	See Section 5	Interim Secretariat and AC	By March 2005	AC members to submit nominations and establish working group.
2.2 Development of terms of reference		AC	By Nov 2004	Chair of working group to develop terms of reference and circulate to AC for agreement.
2.3 Development of data proforma and database format	5.4	Australia	By August 2005	Proforma reviewed by WG.

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2.4	Identify national coordinators to compile and submit data		By August 2005	Parties and Signatories to notify Sec. of national coordinators	
2.5	Data collation and submission	5.8-5.10	National Coord. and Australia	By Sept. 2005	Compiled data from Parties, Signatories, SCAR, BirdLife etc. to be submitted to Sec.
2.6	Populate database		Australia	Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> AC meeting	Data entry.
2.7	Undertake initial gap analysis	5.2	WG	Prior first AC meeting	WG review data and identify gaps and priorities
2.8	Population data collection		Parties and Signatories	2006/07	Encourage and support parties to initiate collection of priority data as identified and recommended by the Adv. Comm.
<b>3. Protection of Breeding Sites and Status on Non-Native Species</b>					
3.1	Development of data proforma and database format	6.8-6.10	Secretariat	June 2005	Sec. finalise proforma and distribute to parties. Proforma includes data on protection status of sites, presence/absence of non-native species, and associated impacts on Annex 1 species. Also include plans for eradication or protection status change.
3.2	Identify national coordinators to compile and submit information			July 2005	Parties and Signatories to notify Sec. of national coordinators.
3.3	Data submission		National coordinators	Prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting	Submit completed proforma to Sec.

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3.4 Assess breeding sites.		AC	At 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting	Identify breeding sites that may require additional protection. Prioritise sites for eradication programs. Agree upon criteria for identification of sites that may require additional protection.
3.5 Identify additional breeding sites requiring protection.				Apply criteria to identify additional sites.
3.6 Undertake protection measures for breeding sites.		Parties & Signatories	2006/07	Encourage and support Parties & Signatories to enhance protection status of breeding sites where required. Plan and secure funding for eradication of non-natives at priority sites.
<b>4. Foraging Ranges and Overlap with Fisheries</b>				
4.1 Accessing existing remote tracking data.	5.11, 6.24	Secretariat		Request BirdLife International to identify holders of remote tracking data and analyse the distribution data for all Annex 1 species.
4.2 Additional data sources.				Consider potential for inclusion of at-sea and banding data.
4.3 Continued data collection.	5.11, 6.24	Parties		Support and encourage data collections for Annex 1 species as identified by existing gap analysis.
4.4 Access fishing effort data.	6.2	Parties	Year 1	Identify sources and strategies for accessing fishing effort data. In particular, mechanisms for RFMO provision of data that indicates areas of overlap with foraging areas.

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4.5 Convene workshop.			Year 2	Convene workshop with RFMOs to identify areas of key overlap with foraging areas. Workshop report produced by Year 3.
<b>5. Assessment of Impacts of Threats</b>				
5.1 Access bycatch data.	6.25	Secretariat	Prior to 2 <sup>nd</sup> AC meeting.	Requests Parties and relevant non-Parties to submit fishery-specific data on bycatch rates and estimates.
5.2 Plan a workshop.		AC	Year 3	Conduct a workshop to assess the nature and extent of threats (marine and terrestrial) to Annex 1 species at the population level; additionally identify gaps and prioritize action items. Analyse potential level of threat based on foraging range distribution, fishing effort, and associated bycatch rates.
<b>6. Mitigation of Threats</b>				
6.1 Review of programs that address identified priority threats.	6.3	AC & Secretariat	Year 1	Identify and access information from current and planned programs that address fishery and land-based threats.
6.2 Identify and promote adoption of current best practices.		AC	Start Year 2	Encourage and support adoption of existing and appropriate mitigation measures and/or eradication programs.
6.3 Develop fishery-specific mitigation measures.	6.5	AC	Start Year 3	Encourage and support mitigation research programs for those fisheries where they are not currently in place.

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<b>Criteria Development</b>					
7.1	Identification of Internationally Important Breeding Sites	6.10	IASOS	For 1 <sup>st</sup> AC meeting.	Preparation of discussion paper based on review of existing criteria that may assist in development of new criteria to identify Internationally Important Breeding Sites critical for Annex 1 species
7.2	Addition of species to Annex 1	7.3	South Africa & Spain	By AC3	Prepare discussion paper.
<b>8. Cross-Cutting Themes</b>					
8.1	Capacity Building			Ongoing	Seek advice from Parties & Signatories on obstacles preventing implementation of priority Work program items. Identify opportunities for assisting Parties & Signatories through exchange of skills, knowledge, training, and other resources.
8.2	Education and Information Programs			By Year 2	Develop strategies to assist in the implementation of the Work Program. Identify existing strategies by Parties and mechanisms to synergise with non-Parties.
<b>9. Reporting for MOP</b>					
9.1	System of indicators		AC	For MOP2	Develop a system of indicators to measure the collective success of the Parties to the Agreement [ACAP IX(6)(f)]
9.2	Additional reporting items.		AC	For MOP2	Additional reporting items from Action Plan paragraph 5.1.