
AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS

Resolution 6.11

Authority for Secretariat to enter into arrangements with relevant international and national organisations and institutions

Adopted intersessionally by the Sixth Meeting of the Parties,
15 May 2021

Recalling that Article X(d) of the Agreement calls upon the Secretariat to, *inter alia*, liaise with international and national organisations and institutions whose activities are directly or indirectly relevant to the conservation, including the protection and management, of albatrosses and petrels;

Aware that Article XI(1) of the Agreement calls upon Parties to, *inter alia*, promote the objectives of this Agreement and develop and maintain coordinated and complementary working relationships with all relevant international, regional and sub-regional bodies, including those concerned with the conservation and management of seabirds and their habitats and other marine living resources;

Further recalling that Article XI(3) authorises the Secretariat to enter into arrangements, with the approval of the Meeting of Parties, with other organisations and institutions as may be appropriate;

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

Decides that:

New arrangements

1. The Meeting of the Parties may direct the Secretariat to establish arrangements concerning matters of common interest between this Agreement and international and national organisations and institutions whose activities are directly or indirectly relevant to the conservation, including the protection and management, of albatrosses and petrels.
2. The Secretariat will use the template set out in **Annex A** to this resolution as the basis for negotiation of an arrangement with the organisation or institution.
3. The Secretariat will seek the approval of the Meeting of the Parties concerning any substantive derogation from the template that is more than merely editorial.

Existing arrangements

4. The Secretariat may renew or amend existing arrangements concerning matters of common interest between this Agreement and those international and national organisations and institutions listed in **Annex B**.
5. The Secretariat will seek the approval of the Meeting of the Parties concerning any proposed amendment of a substantive nature to an existing arrangement.
6. The Secretariat will seek the approval of Meeting of the Parties concerning the termination of an existing arrangement.

ANNEX A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
THE [SECRETARIAT OF ORGANISATION/INSTITUTION]
and
THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION
OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS

The [Secretariat of Organisation] ([Organisation]) and the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP Secretariat), hereafter ‘the Participants’;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the *Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels* (hereafter ACAP), developed under the auspices of the *Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*, is a multilateral agreement that seeks to achieve and maintain a favourable conservation status for albatrosses and petrels by coordinating international activity to mitigate known threats to albatross and petrel populations;

NOTING that Article X(d) of ACAP authorises the ACAP Secretariat to liaise with non-Party Range States and regional economic integration organisations and to facilitate coordination between Parties and non-Party Range States, and international and national organisations and institutions whose activities are directly or indirectly relevant to the conservation, including the protection and management, of albatrosses and petrels;

NOTING FURTHER that Article XI of ACAP authorises the ACAP Secretariat to consult and cooperate, where appropriate, with the secretariats of other relevant conventions and international instruments concerning matters of common interest, and to enter into arrangements, with the approval of the Meeting of Parties, with other organisations and institutions, as may be appropriate, and to consult and cooperate with such organisations and institutions in exchanging information and data;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the objective of [Organisation] is [...];

ACKNOWLEDGING FURTHER that [Organisation] [...];

CONSCIOUS that some members of [Organisation] are Parties to ACAP;

NOTING that Article [...] of the [Convention] calls upon the [Secretariat of Organisation] to make suitable arrangements for consultation, cooperation and collaboration with other relevant organisations;

RECOGNISING that the achievement of the objectives of [Organisation] and ACAP will benefit from cooperation, with a view to strengthening the conservation measures adopted concerning albatrosses and petrels;

DESIRING to put into place arrangements and procedures to promote cooperation to enhance the conservation of albatrosses and petrels;

Have reached the following understandings:

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to facilitate cooperation between the Participants with a view to supporting efforts to minimise the incidental bycatch of albatrosses and petrels listed in Annex 1 of ACAP within [Organisation's] Convention Area.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Participants may consult, cooperate and collaborate with each other on areas of common interest that are directly or indirectly relevant to the conservation, including the protection and management, of albatrosses and petrels, including:

- a) development of systems for collecting and analysing data, and exchanging information concerning the bycatch of albatrosses and petrels in [Organisation's] Convention Area;
- b) exchange of information regarding management approaches relevant to the conservation of albatrosses and petrels;
- c) implementation of education and awareness programs for fishers who operate in areas where albatrosses and petrels may be encountered;
- d) design, testing and implementation of albatross and petrel bycatch mitigation measures relevant to fishing operations in [Organisation's] Convention Area;
- e) development of training programs on conservation techniques and measures to mitigate threats affecting albatrosses and petrels;
- f) exchange of expertise, techniques and knowledge relevant to the conservation of albatrosses and petrels in [Organisation's] Convention Area; and
- g) reciprocal participation with observer status at the relevant meetings of ACAP and [Organisation].

TERMS AND DURATION

This MoU is not legally binding.

This MoU will come into effect on the date of the last signature.

The Participants may mutually agree to review or amend this MoU at any time.

A Participant may unilaterally terminate this MoU by providing six (6) months written notice to the other Participant.

<p>For the [Secretariat of Organisation] ([Organisation])</p> <p>Date: / /20...</p> <p>(signature)</p> <p>[Name] Chair/Executive Secretary [Organisation]</p>	<p>For the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP Secretariat)</p> <p>Date: / /20...</p> <p>(signature)</p> <p>[Name] Executive Secretary ACAP Secretariat</p>
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ANNEX B

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

International organisations	<p>Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)</p> <p>Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)</p> <p>Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)</p> <p>Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC)</p> <p>Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)</p> <p>International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)</p> <p>South-East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)</p> <p>Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)</p> <p>South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)</p> <p>Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)</p>
National organisations	<p>Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Arts (DEDTA), now Department of State Growth (DSG), Tasmania, Australia</p>
Institutions	<p>Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Centre, School of Veterinary Medicine (UC Davies), USA</p>