

 <p data-bbox="215 515 454 555">Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p data-bbox="497 235 1401 280">Fifth Meeting of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group</p> <p data-bbox="853 295 1404 336"><i>La Rochelle, France, 1-3 May 2013</i></p> <p data-bbox="593 409 1295 454">SBWG Work Programme 2013 - 2015</p> <p data-bbox="890 542 1002 577">SBWG</p>
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Working Group review and update relevant sections of the Advisory Committee Work Programme 2013 – 2015 noting progress achieved, both intersessionally and at the meeting.

The Work Program will be updated continuously in the meeting as items arise on the Agenda, and discussion will only focus on Work Programme items that have not been addressed earlier.

SBWG WORK PROGRAMME 2013 – 2015 (from AC7 Doc 15)

3. Seabird Bycatch						
	Topic/Task	Responsible group	Timeframe	Resources		Action detail
				Time	Funds for AC	
3.1	Continue to implement the RFMO interaction plan for ACAP (AC5 Doc 29) and relevant Parties to engage and assist RFMOs and other relevant international bodies in assessing and minimising bycatch of albatrosses and petrels	Individual RFMO co-ordinators, Secretariat, SBWG and AC	2013-2015	a) 18 weeks p.a. b) 18 week p.a. c) 2 week p.a.	a+b) AUD \$30,000 each pa AUD \$0	a) Travel etc costs for attendance at selected RFMO meetings (less if Party can contribute directly) b) RFMO co-ordinator activities c) Review of process and recommend changes (SBWG)
3.3	Update analysis of overlaps of distributions and albatrosses and petrels with fisheries managed by RFMOs	BirdLife / ACAP	2013	4 weeks	AUD \$20,000	
3.4	Continue to develop materials (both generic and specific) to assist RFMOs and other relevant international and national bodies in reducing seabird bycatch and to maximise effective participation and consideration of issues relevant to ACAP	SBWG Convenor with other SBWG consultation to review needs (Secretariat)	2013-2015	1) 1 week p.a. 2) 8 weeks	<more detail needed>	1) <i>Observer programme designs including protocols for the collection of seabird bycatch data, with consideration of analytical methods for assessing seabird bycatch to be examined first.</i> ID guide for drowned birds, including protocol for photographing dead birds Guidance on handling of hooked live birds – may be available from non-ACAP sources

3.5	Continue to review and utilise available information on foraging distribution, fisheries and seabird bycatch to aid prioritisation of actions to reduce the risk of fishing operations to ACAP species in waters subject to national jurisdiction.	SBWG and Parties	2013-2015	1) 8 weeks 2) 2 weeks	AUD \$0	1) Commission initial report on knowledge of fisheries, status of any bycatch mitigation, knowledge of relevant seabird distribution for AC5. Note overlap with 4.4. NPOA seabirds also can be used. (AUD \$0) 2) Assess needs for waters subject to national jurisdiction and any capacity building requirements
3.6	Maintain bibliography of relevant bycatch information	BirdLife/SBWG Science Officer	2013-2015	1 week p.a.	AUD \$0	Includes both published and unpublished literature
3.7	Based on new information, update ACAP/BirdLife fact sheets on mitigation measures for fishing methods known to impact albatrosses and petrels (trawl, pelagic longline, demersal longline)	SBWG/BirdLife	2013-2015	1 week per fact sheet	AUD \$5,000	Costs are for translation. Leads - Trawl: New Zealand Pelagic longline: Australia Demersal longline: UK General: BirdLife
3.8	<i>Produce report on lessons from mitigation success stories in commercial fisheries</i>	<i>BirdLife/ Australia/ Convenor SBWG/WWF</i>	<i>2010-2012</i>	<i>3 weeks</i>	<i>AUD \$0</i>	<i>Should be completed within current triennium – target audience is fisheries managers</i>
3.9	<i>Prepare review of knowledge on deliberate take/killing of ACAP species at sea</i>	<i>Australia/ Brazil/ New Zealand/ Peru/ UK/ WWF/ SBWG</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>4 weeks</i>	<i>AUD \$0</i>	<i>Review to describe current knowledge (much from unpublished literature) and causes of any deliberate take and to consider possible take reduction strategies. Should be completed within current triennium using secondee to Secretariat</i>

3.10	Review results of any research on seabird bycatch issues, particularly that funded by ACAP	SBWG	2013-2015	2 weeks p.a.	AUD \$0	Draw conclusions and make recommendations to AC as appropriate
3.11	Maintain review of research needs and priorities for bycatch research and mitigation development	SBWG	2013-2015	2 weeks	AUD \$0	
3.12	Provide recommendations to the AC on measures to address at-sea threats identified as conservation priorities	SBWG	2013-2015	1 week	AUD \$0	
3.13	Review and update the prioritisation framework for at-sea threats	SBWG	2014	1 week	AUD \$10,000	One workshop and some analysis and update of data relating to threats and mitigation
3.14	Review and consider seabird bycatch issues as they relate to smaller vessels (including issues of defining “smaller vessels”)	SBWG	at SBWG-5	1 week	AUD \$0	
3.15	Consider which data would be appropriate as baselines for assessing trends in bycatch levels and rates and formulate suitable indicators	SBWG	2012-2013	1 week	AUD \$0	Data is described in the global review of seabird bycatch in longline fisheries (AC6 Doc 30)
3.16	Estimate mortality in previously unobserved fisheries in range of Waved albatross	Ecuador and Peru, BirdLife, AC, American Bird Conservancy	2013-2015	4 weeks	AUD \$30,000 over triennium	Part of implementation from Waved Albatross Action Plan

3.17	Improve access to relevant data (e.g. from observers) held by others	SBWG	2013-2015			Need compilation of meta-data e.g. observer data
3.18	Analyse bycatch data in collaboration with Japanese researchers	SBWG	2013-2015	6 months	AUD \$50,000	Might be best done by an appropriate experienced secondee. Costings difficult to estimate accurately
3.19	Analyse bycatch data from other fishing nations as information becomes available	SBWG	2013-2015	6 months	AUD \$50,000	This is a contingency cost; we are not yet sure how much and when data might become available
3.20	Identify hot spots for temporal/spatial management	RFMO coordinators/ Canada/ BirdLife/ SBWG	2013-2014	Post-doctorate for 2 years	AUD \$10,000 AUD \$50,000	AUD \$10,000 is a contribution to a potential Canadian/BirdLife/ACAP project in the North Pacific that could be done in the 2010-12 triennium. A total global cost might be in the order of AUD \$50,000
3.21	Provide draft advice on suitable analyses of bycatch data	SBWG	2013-2015	3 months	AUD \$20,000	Statistical advice may be required
3.22	Provide reports on activities to AC meetings	SBWG and AC	2013-2015	1 week	AUD \$0	