



GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATION

Between

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR
THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS**

And

**THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE AGREEMENT ON
THE CONSERVATION OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS**

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (hereafter ICCAT) and the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (hereafter the ACAP Secretariat);

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 which 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 in respect of 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 an objective of ICCAT is to maintain the populations of tunas and tuna-like fishes found in the Atlantic Ocean and adjacent seas at levels that will permit the maximum sustainable catch for food and other purposes;

ACKNOWLEDGING FURTHER that ICCAT is committed to mitigating and reducing seabird bycatch in its fisheries and has taken steps to improve data collection and reporting on bycatch, including albatrosses and petrels;

CONSCIOUS that some ICCAT Parties are Parties to ACAP;

NOTING that under Article XI of the ICCAT Convention, ICCAT Contracting Parties agree that there should be co-operation between the Commission and other international fisheries commissions and scientific organizations which might contribute to the work of the Commission. The Commission may enter into agreements with such commissions and organizations;

RECOGNISING that the achievement of the objectives of ICCAT and ACAP will benefit from cooperation, with a view to strengthening the conservation measures adopted in respect of albatrosses and petrels;

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

JOINTLY PROVIDE as follows:

1. Objective of these guidelines

The objective of these guidelines is to facilitate cooperation between ICCAT and the ACAP Secretariat ("the Participants") with a view to supporting efforts to minimise the incidental by-catch of albatrosses and petrels listed in Annex 1 of ACAP within ICCAT's Convention area.

2. Areas of cooperation

ICCAT and the ACAP Secretariat 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 populations 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 ICCAT fisheries;
- b) exchange of information, subject to the confidentiality requirements of the respective organisations, regarding management approaches relevant to the conservation of albatrosses and petrels;
- c) implementation of education and awareness programmes 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 ICCAT fisheries;
- e) development of training programmes on conservation techniques and measures to mitigate threats affecting albatrosses and petrels; and
- f) exchange of expertise, techniques and knowledge relevant to the conservation of albatrosses and petrels in ICCAT fisheries and
- g) reciprocal participation with observer status at the relevant meetings of ACAP and ICCAT.

3. Review and amendment

These guidelines may be reviewed or amended at any time by the mutual written consent of both Participants.

4. Legal status

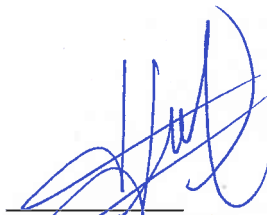
The Participants acknowledge that these guidelines are not legally binding between them.

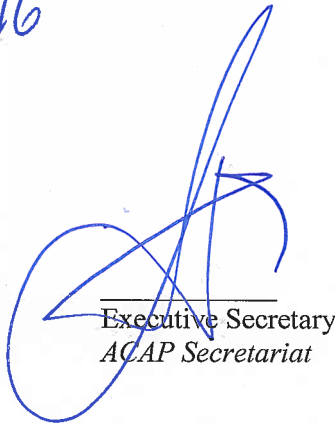
5. Coming into effect and termination

- (a) These guidelines will remain in effect for 6 years. At that stage the Participants will review the operation of the guidelines and decide whether they will be renewed or amended.
- (b) Either Participant may terminate these guidelines by giving six months written notice to the other Participant.
- (c) These guidelines will come into effect on signature.

Signature

Signed atthis 28.....day of March 2016


Executive Secretary
ICCAT


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ACAP Secretariat