



South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation



Agreement on the Conservation  
of Albatrosses and Petrels

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE SOUTH EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANISATION

and

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

The South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (hereafter SEAFO) and the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (hereafter ACAP);

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the *Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels*, 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 the objective of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fisheries Resources in the South East Atlantic Ocean is to ensure the long term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Convention Area;

**ACKNOWLEDGING FURTHER** that Article 3(c) of the SEAFO Convention requires the contracting parties to apply the provisions of this Convention relating to fishery resources,

taking due account of the impact of fishing operations on ecologically related species such as seabirds, cetaceans, seals and marine turtles; Conservation Measure 25/12: On Reducing Incidental By-catch of Seabirds in the SEAFO Convention Area was adopted in December 2012.

**CONSCIOUS** that some members of SEAFO are Parties to ACAP;

**NOTING** that Article 18 of the SEAFO Convention requires SEAFO to cooperate, as appropriate, with other relevant organisations on matters of mutual interest and shall seek to make suitable arrangements for consultation, cooperation and collaboration with such other organisations;

**RECOGNISING** that the achievement of the objectives of SEAFO 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 DECIDE** as follows:

## **1. OBJECTIVE OF THIS MEMORANDUM**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding ('MoU') is to facilitate cooperation between SEAFO and ACAP ("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 SEAFO Convention Area.

## **2. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

SEAFO 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 albatrosses and petrels, including:

- a) development of systems for collecting and analysing data, and exchanging information concerning the bycatch of albatrosses and petrels in SEAFO Convention Area;
- b) exchange of information 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 fishing operations in SEAFO Convention Area;
- 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 SEAFO Convention Area and
- g) reciprocal participation with observer status at the relevant meetings of ACAP and SEAFO.

### 3. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

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

### 4. LEGAL STATUS

The Participants acknowledge that this MoU is not legally binding between them.

### 5. COMING INTO EFFECT AND TERMINATION

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

### SIGNATURE

Signed at Swakopmund on this 27th day of November 2024

And at Hobart on 6 December 2024

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Chair  
SEAFO

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