



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE PRESIDENCY OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL COMMISSION OF THE MARITIME FRONT

and

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



The Presidency of the Joint Technical Commission of the Maritime Front (hereafter the **CTMFM**), represented herein by *Pro Tempore* President Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Luis Eugenio Bellando, and the Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (hereafter the ACAP Secretariat), represented herein by Dr Christine Bogle; 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 Article 80 of the Treaty of the Río de la Plata and its Maritime Front provides that the **CTMFM** shall seek to conduct studies and adopt and coordinate plans and measures for the conservation, preservation, and rational exploitation of living resources, and the protection of the marine environment in the area of mutual interest established in Article 73 of said Treaty;

ACKNOWLEDGING FURTHER that Article 82(b), assigns to the **CTMFM** the role of promoting joint studies and scientific research, particularly within the area of mutual interest, relevant to the prevention and elimination of potentially harmful effects from the use, exploration, and exploitation of the marine environment;

CONSCIOUS that both Member States of the **CTMFM** are Parties to ACAP;

NOTING that Chapter II (Article 2) of the **CTMFM** Statute provides that the Commission is an International Body with the required legal capacity to perform its specific functions;

RECOGNISING that the achievement of the goals of the **CTMFM** and ACAP will benefit from cooperation, with a view to harmonising the conservation measures adopted in respect of 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:

1. OBJECTIVE OF THIS MOU

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) is to facilitate cooperation between the CTMFM and the ACAP Secretariat (“the Participants”) with a view to supporting efforts to minimise the bycatch of albatrosses and petrels listed in Annex 1 of ACAP in the area managed by the CTMFM, the Argentine-Uruguayan Common Fishing Zone (ZCPAU).

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The **CTMFM** and the ACAP Secretariat may consult, cooperate and collaborate with each other in 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 the ZCPAU;
- 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 the ZCPAU;
- e) development of training programmes 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 the ZCPAU; and
- a) reciprocal participation with observer status at the relevant meetings of ACAP and the **CTMFM**.

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

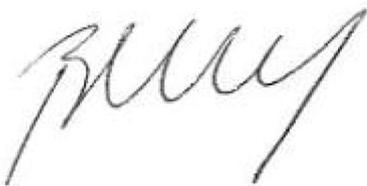
The Participants acknowledge that this MoU is not legally binding for them.

5. COMING INTO EFFECT AND TERMINATION

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

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

Signed by:

<p>For the Presidency of the Joint Technical Commission of the Maritime Front (CTMFM)</p> <p>Date: 4/ 6 /2025</p>  <p>(signature) Ambassador Luis Eugenio Bellando Pro Tempore President CTMFM</p>	<p>For the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP Secretariat)</p> <p>Date: 2 June 2025</p>  <p>(signature) Christine Bogle Executive Secretary ACAP Secretariat</p>
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