

Agreement on the Conservation  
of Albatrosses and Petrels

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

and

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

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (hereafter IATTC) and the Secretariat for the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (hereafter the ACAP Secretariat);

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the 2001 *Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels* (hereafter ACAP), developed under the auspices of the 1979 *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 IATTC is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fish stocks covered by this Convention, in accordance with the relevant rules of international law;



**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 successive periods of 6 years, and will be renewed automatically, unless the Participants decide otherwise.


(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 the date of its signature.

**SIGNATURE**

  
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May 15, 2023  
Date

 16 May 2023  
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