



SEABIRD BYCATCH WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee agreed to the establishment of a Working Group on Bycatch of albatrosses and petrels listed in Annex 1 of the Agreement.

Terms of Reference

1. Undertake actions that will assist in assessment, mitigation and reduction of negative interactions between fishing operations and albatrosses and petrels. Efforts to achieve this aim will include the provision of information and products to assist Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and other relevant international and national bodies.
2. In developing solutions to reduce bycatch of albatrosses and petrels consideration will be given to ensure approaches to mitigation do not adversely affect other marine species.
3. The work of the Seabird Bycatch Working Group should broaden and enhance the existing work of other international and national bodies in the assessment, reduction and mitigation of seabird bycatch and conservation of albatrosses and petrels.
4. Develop a work programme for the above Terms of Reference, to be updated at each meeting of the Advisory Committee.