



Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

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Annotated Agenda

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Annotated Agenda – SBWG 3

Agenda Item	Papers
<p>1. Mitigation research update. Lead: All SBWG members SBWG members to provide information to the WG on recent mitigation research and developments.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Graham Robertson. Update on underwater setting capsule — Ed Melvin. Update on Japanese collaboration on tori lines for pelagic longline gear. Presentation Nicole Le Boeuf — Ben Sullivan. Bait pod for pelagic fishing. — Oli Yates. Overview of ATF mitigation research program 2009 — Andres Domingo. Observations on seabird bycatch on Japanese tuna longliners operating in the Uruguayan EEZ. — Marco Favero. Progress in seabird bycatch assessment and mitigation in Argentinean fisheries. 	<p>SBWG-3 Doc 06</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 13</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 17</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 12</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 32</p>
<p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SBWG is provided with an update on recent advances in mitigation research. 	
<p>2. Pelagic Longline Bycatch Mitigation Lead: Graham Robertson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Ed Melvin. Detailed discussion on best practice tori lines for pelagic longline gear. Presentation Nicole Le Boeuf — Oli Yates/Ben Sullivan/Andres Domingo/Tatiana Neves. Detailed discussion of ATF mitigation research in pelagic longline fisheries, with an emphasis on tori lines and line-weighting — Ben Sullivan. Safe leads for pelagic fishing. — Graham Robertson. Propeller turbulence and its effect on the sink rate of baited hooks in pelagic longline fisheries — Graham Robertson. Experimental determinations of factors affecting the sink rates of baited hooks to minimise seabird mortality in pelagic longline fisheries — Graham Robertson. Effect of line shooter and mainline tension on the sink rates of pelagic longlines and implications for seabird interactions. — Graham Robertson. Concern about the potential for bait casting machines to increase seabird mortality — Graham Robertson. Best practice branchline configuration and deployment method to maximize hook sink rates to reduce contact with seabirds in pelagic longline fisheries. 	<p>SBWG-3 Doc 13 - Rev 1</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 12 AC5 Inf 13</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 16</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 09</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 05</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 08</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 04</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 07</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Graham Robertson. Static water sink rate trials to improve understanding of sink rates estimated at sea. — Oli Yates/Ben Sullivan. ATF mitigation research program for 2010 — Review recent developments in mitigation research and update Annex 5 of the SBWG 2 Report (AC4 Doc 14) — <i>Review of seabird bycatch mitigation measures for Pelagic Longline Fishing</i>. Updated by Anton Wolfaardt. <p>This document is available for Parties and Tuna RFMOs to guide the development of policy and practice within the fisheries under their jurisdiction</p> <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACAP’s advice on best practice mitigation for pelagic longline operations is updated. ▪ This document is available for Parties and tuna RFMOs to guide the development of policy and practice within the fisheries under their jurisdiction. ▪ Update priorities for mitigation research 	<p>SBWG-3_Doc 31</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 11</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 19</p>
<p>3. Trawl Bycatch Mitigation Lead: Ben Sullivan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — ATF trawl mitigation research results 2009 Oli Yates & Ben Sullivan — Ed Melvin. Alaskan trawl mitigation findings. Presentation Nicole Le Boeuf — Oli Yates/Ben Sullivan. ATF mitigation research program for 2010 SBWG-3 Doc 11 — Consider intersessional refinement of trawl bycatch mitigation and finalise summary table for Parties and RFMOs to guide the development of policy and practice within the fisheries under their jurisdiction. Ben Sullivan/Barry Baker <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop advice on best practice mitigation for trawl operations; and ▪ Review priorities for mitigation research. 	<p>SBWG-3 Doc 12</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 14</p> <p>Working paper to be developed</p>
<p>4. Demersal Longline Bycatch Mitigation Lead: Mark Tasker & Ben Sullivan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — A review paper on demersal longline bycatch mitigation was to have been carried out intersessionally but has not been completed. This action will be carried forward to SBWG 4 meeting. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Annex 3 of the SBWG 2 Report (AC4 Doc 14) will be updated to summarise mitigation measures suitable for demersal longline gear to guide the development of policy and practice by Parties and RFMOs for fisheries under their jurisdiction. 	<p>SBWG-3 Doc 18</p>

<p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review recent developments in mitigation research and update Annex 3 of the SBWG 2 Report (AC4 Doc 14) — <i>Summary of seabird bycatch mitigation measures for Demersal Longline Fishing and identification of knowledge gaps.</i> <p>This document is available for Parties and RFMOs to guide the development of policy and practice within the fisheries under their jurisdiction.</p>	
<p>5. Bycatch data provision by Parties, with respect to ACAP Reporting and ACAP Indicators Lead: Nicole Le Boeuf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review submissions received from metadata survey of Parties to learn how fisheries are monitored and what bycatch data may be available within jurisdictions from observer programs, fishing logbooks etc. — Review submissions received from survey of select Parties on bycatch data of ACAP-listed species. — Review proposal to amended format for National Reports on implementation of the Agreement Ian Hay <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress is made toward development of a data collection protocol that can be incorporated into National reporting to MOP on implementation of the Agreement 	<p>AC5 Inf 10</p> <p>AC5 Doc 16</p>
<p>6. Coordination of activities relating to RFMOs Lead: Warren Papworth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review intersessional work and finalise draft RFMO Interaction Plan for engagement with RFMOs and other relevant international bodies, and coordination of ACAP activities (Work Programme Item 4.2) — Reports from ACAP observers at recent meetings (Observer reports) Tabled reports will be taken as read unless SBWG members identify matters that require resolution. — ‘Kobe 2’ Bycatch Workshop. Discuss the approach ACAP should adopt at an international workshop on RFMO management issues relating to bycatch , to be hosted by the USA and held in Brisbane, Australia, 23-26 June 2009. <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategy for engagement with RFMOs and other relevant international bodies is developed for endorsement by the AC; 	<p>AC5 Doc 29</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 21</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress toward development of products such as BirdLife’s Global Tracking Database and mitigation fact sheets, which may be suitable for RFMO meetings, noted; ▪ Advice prepared for AC identifying key issues and recommendations from observer reports of recent meetings; and ▪ An ACAP approach for the Kobe 2 Bycatch Workshop is developed for endorsement by the AC. 	
<p>7. IPOA/NPOA-Seabirds Lead: Ben Sullivan</p> <p>— Progress on development of NPOA Best Practice Guidelines.</p> <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SBWG to note the completion of NPOA BPGs and endorse their adoption by RFMOs and coastal states. 	
<p>8. Mitigation Fact Sheets Lead: Ben Sullivan</p> <p>— Review series of mitigation fact sheets developed by BirdLife and discuss ACAPs endorsement by Advisory Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ben Sullivan</p> <p>— Discuss FAO/BirdLife/ACAP MOU Warren Papworth</p> <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SBWG to endorse Mitigation Fact Sheets as a product for dissemination to RFMOs and in coastal states. ▪ Note that funding of AUD 18,216 from the AC 2009 Work Programme has been allocated towards the cost of translating the mitigation fact sheets, subject to review by SBWG and AC. ▪ Endorsement of development of an MOU with FAO & BirdLife in relation to mitigation fact sheets. 	
<p>9. Global Procellariiform Tracking Database Lead: Ben Sullivan</p> <p>— Update on BirdLife Global Tracking Database (Work Programme Item 4.4). Consider paper describing additional data received since AC4 and gap analysis</p> <p>— Review availability of albatross and petrel tracking/distribution data to ensure representativeness of species/age classes.</p> <p>— Complete reports on analysis of overlaps of distributions and albatrosses and petrels with fisheries managed by RFMOs - ICCAT</p> <p>— Complete reports on analysis of overlaps of distributions and albatrosses and petrels with fisheries managed by RFMOs – other RFMOS. Reports for CCSBT, IOTC, WCPFC and</p> <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Endorsement of BirdLife reviews of ICCAT for use by ACAP 	<p>SBWG-3 Doc 20</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 28</p> <p>SBWG-3 Doc 29,</p>

<p>representatives at RFMO and other meetings.</p>	
<p>10. Ingestion of Fishing Gear and Entanglements of Seabirds Richard Phillips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Consider paper on ingestion of discarded fishing gear and recommended monitoring and management responses. <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommendations on management and monitoring of gear ingestion are developed for consideration by Advisory Committee. 	<p>SBWG-3 Doc 10</p>
<p>11. Risk Assessment Richard Phillips & BirdLife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review the different approaches to ERAs for seabirds adopted at the various Working Groups of the tuna commissions. <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ‘Best advice’ approach on ERA is developed for consideration and endorsement by Advisory Committee for use in relevant fisheries. 	<p>AC5 Inf 9</p>
<p>12. SBWG Work Programme Anton Wolfardt / Mark Tasker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review and update SBWG Programme, noting progress achieved, both intersessionally and at the meeting. The Work Program will be updated continuously in the meeting as items arise on the Agenda, and discussion will only focus on Work Programme items that have not been addressed earlier. <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SBWG Programme will be updated 	<p>AC5 Doc 17</p>
<p>13. Development of Performance Indicators Mark Tasker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review and provide advice on the development of indicators for the Agreement — Other considerations relevant to determinations of ACAP performance indicators BirdLife International <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of advice to the Advisory Committee 	<p>AC5 Doc 28 AC5 Inf 8</p>
<p>14. Advisory Committee Work Programme - Projects granted in 2009 Marco Favero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — A list of the projects supported by the Agreement is provided for the 	

<p>information of SBWG members, together with reports on the outcomes of the projects, and proposed amendments to the grant allocation process. The tabled papers will be taken as read unless SBWG members identify matters that require resolution.</p> <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For information only 	<p>AC5 Doc 23, 30, AC5 Inf 1</p>
<p>15. Waved albatross Action Plan Marco Favero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Review progress achieved with implementation of the waved albatross action plan, in relation to actions relevant to the work of the SBWG only <p>Action/expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In light of the outcomes achieved so far consider whether any amendments are required to the action plan and/or to the Advisory Committee's work programme. Provide advice to the Advisory Committee on ways in which implementation of the Action Plan can be improved and resources be allocated. 	<p>AC5 Doc 20 AC5 Inf 3</p>