



Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

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Relevant Papers Tabled:

Document Number	Title	Author
COFI/2007/3	Progress in the Implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and Related International Plans of Action	FAO
COFI /2007/8	Implementing the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries, including Deep-sea Fisheries, Biodiversity Conservation, Marine Debris and Lost or Abandoned Fishing Gear	FAO
COFI/2007/9	Strengthening RFMOs and their Performances Including the Outcome of the 2007 Tuna RFMOs Meeting	FAO

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Summary of Content:

COFI/2007/8 – Provides an overview of FAO activities to promote implementation of the ecosystem approach to Fisheries and summarises the key issues involved including marine debris, MPAs, bycatch, biodiversity mapping, economic and social considerations, and safety at sea.

Outcome (e.g. summary of relevant discussion, resolution, etc):

In relation to the ecosystem approach to fisheries the meeting noted Members efforts to implement their NPOAs for seabirds and agreed, subject to financial considerations, to strengthen their implementation by developing best practice technical guidelines to support the elaboration of NPOAs. The guidelines would be developed through collaborative work between FAO, ACAP, BirdLife International, CCAMLR and other relevant organizations.

Outlook for Future ACAP Involvement:

ACAP involvement in the development of best practice technical guidelines for NPOA Seabirds is strongly supported. As FAO COFI has a major role in the establishment of fishery policy world-wide it is important that ACAP continues to engage with FAO to ensure that seabird bycatch issues remain a priority.

Recommended Actions for ACAP:

1. Support the establishment of best practice technical guidelines for NPOA Seabirds through active involvement in the work being coordinated by FAO.
2. Continue to engage with FAO on issues relevant to seabird bycatch..

Have relevant papers been forwarded to Secretariat: Yes