



**Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels**

**Third Meeting of Advisory Committee**

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**Observer Report – First Meeting of Regional Fishery  
Body Secretariats Network**

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**Observer Report – First Meeting of Regional Fishery Body Secretariats Network (RSN-1)**

**Meeting Title:** First Meeting of Regional Fishery Body Secretariats Network

**Meeting Organisation:** Food and Agricultural Organisation of United Nations

**Date and Location:** 12 – 13 March 2007, Rome, Italy

**Website Address:** <http://www.fao.un/>

**Your Name/Affiliation:** Warren Papworth, ACAP Interim Secretariat

**Capacity of Attendance:** Observer, Intergovernmental Organisations

**Relevant Papers Tabled:**

<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
RSN1/2007/3	Progress in the Implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and Related International Plans of Action	FAO
RSN1/2007/8	Implementing the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries, including Deep-sea Fisheries, Biodiversity Conservation, Marine Debris and Lost or Abandoned Fishing Gear	FAO
RSN1/2007/9	Strengthening RFMOs and their Performances Including the Outcome of the 2007 Tuna RFMOs Meeting	FAO

**Author(s) and/or Presenter if Different:**

The Executive Secretary, ACAP Interim Secretariat spoke to RSN1/2007/8

**Summary of Content:**

**RSN1/2007/8** – Drawing on the performance of Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) in reducing seabird bycatch through its ecosystem approach to fisheries management the ACAP Executive Secretary encouraged the adoption of this approach by other RFMOs and offered ACAP's assistance and expertise in addressing issues related to seabird bycatch.

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

In the margins of this meeting the ACAP Executive Secretary met with the WCPFC Executive Secretary to finalise a draft MoU between the two organizations.

Discussions were held with other Executive Secretaries with a view to encouraging closer cooperation with ACAP through the development of both formal and informal mechanisms e.g. MoUs.

**Outlook for Future ACAP Involvement:**

Further involvement in the work of this group is encouraged as it provides an opportunity to develop relationships with all regional fishery bodies of relevance to ACAP.

**Recommended Actions for ACAP:**

1. Continue engagement with the Secretariats of relevant regional fishery bodies with a view to influencing the adoption of measures that will support ACAP objectives. .

Have relevant papers been forwarded to Secretariat: Yes