

WSU Conference Call
Pacific Call 2400 GMT Thursday, 05 April, 2012
Atlantic Call 1700 GMT Thursday, 12 April, 2012

WSUTT Member Organizations & Representatives					
Member Organization	Representative	Initials	Role*	Apr 05	Apr 17
Circumpolar Seabird Group (CBird)	Dave Irons, Chair	DI	P		A
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	John Croxall, Vice-Chair	JC	P		A
African Seabird Group	Ross Wanless	RW	P		
American Bird Conservancy	Jessica Hardesty-Norris	JHN			
American Bird Conservancy	George Wallace	GW			
Argentine Seabird Group	Pablo Yorio	PY	P		
Australasian Seabird Group	Peter Dann	PD			
Australasian Seabird Group	Nicholas Carlile	NC			A
BirdLife International, Global Seabird Programme	Ben Lascelles	BL	A		
Dutch Seabird Group	Kees Camphuysen	KC	P		A
European Seabirds at Sea Group	Stephan Garthe	SG	P		
Indian Ocean Seabird Group	Matthieu Le Corre	MLC	P		
Japan Seabird Group	Yutaka Watanuki	YW	P		
Medmaravis	Carles Carboneras	CC	P		
NW Atlantic Marine Bird Cooperative	Melanie Steinkamp	MS	P		
Pacific Seabird Group	Pat Jodice	PJ	P		
Peruvian Assn for the Conservation of Nature	Liliana Ayala	LA	P		
Royal Naval Birdwatching Society	Steve Copsey	SC	P		
Soc for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds	Will Mackin	WM	P		
The Seabird Group	Linda Wilson	LW	A		A
The Seabird Group	Russell Wynn	WR	P		A
The Waterbird Society	Betty Anne Schrieber	BAS	P		A
Waterbird Conservation of the Americas	Jennifer Wheeler	JW	P		
* Role: P=Primary Representative, A=Alternate Representative					
Associates (non-voting)					
Department of Conservation, New Zealand	Graeme Taylor	GT			
WSU Support					
Function	Contact	Initials			
Seabirds.net	Annette Henry	AH			
Seabirds.net	Grant Humphries	GH			
WSU Secretariat	Marischal De Armond	MD			A
Helping with Global Seabird Colony Register	Robb Kaler	RK			A
Attendance: A = Attended					

Minutes

05 April – Due to insufficient availability DI cancelled this meeting

17 April - DI called the meeting to order at 17:05 GMT

Review of Action Items – Action items are covered in the respective agenda items. Action items noted in black indicate that the action item has been completed. Current action items remain in red.

1. Establishment of World Seabird Union

ACTION: 19 Jan – JC asks all WSU members to review the articles, with particular attention on the following:

- Article 2 Section 4 – Membership
- Article 3 Sections 4 and 6 – Board of Directors
- Article 4 Section 2 – Officers

17 April – JC confirmed that some input had been received as a result of people reviewing these documents and that this input will be incorporated into the articles

17 April - DI confirmed that the current interim Board Members are: JC (Europe), NC, DI (North America), and JH (North Am)
DI asked for input on potential future board composition

17 April - JC – confirmed that the call is still open to all to participate, Board might engage more directly and actively by email. His personal vision is that the Board be a broadly representative geographically and by actual representatives of specific bird groups. His position is that of someone representing a general interest and should not be considered a board member going forward

17 April - BAS – suggested broad representation with 7-8 members

17 April - KC – need to have Euro groups work together to identify a board rep that is satisfactory to their region

17 April - DI asked for clarifications from Australasian Seabird Group on representation

ACTION: 17 April - KC to coordinate with the 5 main Euro groups to establish a Euro process to identify and nominate a board member

ACTION: 17 April - DI to determine legal aspects of moving forward with Board composition and election and to ensure he is up to speed on legal aspects

ACTION: 17 April - NC to confirm with PD regarding Australasian Seabird Group representation

ACTION: 17 April - MD to recirculate the notice for organizations to provide their profile info for the website

2. World Seabird Conference

ACTION: 24 Oct – PJ and MD to develop a one page overview outlining general terms and commitments of a local host working in conjunction with the WSC standing committees (i.e. Scientific, Student Awards et al) and the conference secretariat.

17 April – MD confirmed that the major portion of this document has been completed

ACTION: 17 April – PJ and MD to finish draft conference hosting document and circulate for feedback from the group

ACTION: 19 Jan – DI to contact his Norwegian contacts about pursuing a bid to host

17 April - DI contacted Norwegian contacts who feel the project may be larger than they can handle and suggested a Denmark option. (Copenhagen, Morten Fredrickson). Alternate option is for the African Seabird Group to host. JC suggested the African Seabird Group be contacted with a firm date for a response

ACTION: 17 April – DI to approach Morten Fredrickson and the African Seabird Group to explore their interest in hosting WSC2.

17 April - DI has collected some docs from WSC1 to help with developing the Conference Planning handbook

3. WSC Legacy developments

3.1 Seabirds.net

17 April - DI confirmed that Seabirds.net payments for \$10K are being paid

17 April - DI confirmed that work is underway on getting content for symposium publications ready and once complete will be posted to Seabirds.net

17 April – Following group consensus, it was agreed that WSU groups should be provided with Seabirds.net web space if desired

ACTION: 17 April - DI to contact GH to make provision for WSU groups to have web space on Seabirds.net

ACTION: 17 April – All WSU groups to coordinate and deliver to GH, relevant information about their organization for inclusion on the Seabirds.net website

3.2 Seabird colony databases (Monitoring and Register)

ACTION: 19 Jan - DI asked that all members confirm with himself or JC about data they have that can be added to the GSR

17 April – DI confirmed that Global Seabird Colony Register (GSCR) – developing consensus on this budget item before confirming the direction for this project

17 April - RK will be modeled on the circumpolar seabird register

ACTION: 17 April - DI to consolidate feedback received on GSCR plan and send out to the group for final input

3.3 Seabird tracking databases

17 April - No updates at this time. JC indicated his team are occupied with other initiatives before being able to focus on this, likely late this fall

3.4 Seabird-at-sea databases

ACTION: 19 Jan - DI to contact Kathy Kuletz for updates on the Seabird-at-sea database plan

17 April - DI contacted Kathy Kuletz to have her upload the NP Seabird database

ACTION: 17 April – DI to ask KK to participate in next conference call after contacting individuals regarding their databases

3.5 Indicators of performance, productivity and population status

17 April – DI indicated that data has now been entered from Pablo Yorio regarding Argentinian/South American studies and published papers and that Caribbean data sets are being pursued with WM. Each country/region will be responsible for entering their own data, Axiom will be managing the hosting of the data. The overall concept is to have a network of inter-operable databases where the data belongs to everyone. Some resources may be available for assistance in entering data if needed

17 April - KC noted he has support from a Dutch Group which manages some 200 colonies

17 April - IC working group on Seabird Ecology needs to be contacted for support for the databases

17 April – RK described Indices definitions as agreed by Circumpolar Seabird Group. WSU group agreed to try these definitions and will provide input on whether changes are needed

ACTION: 17 April – RK to get definitions of indices circulated to the WSU

ACTION: 17 April - RK & Birdlife IT to discuss inter-operability issues

3.6 Mortality events

KC reported that there was very good input and engagement at WSC1 however it has not done much since

ACTION: KC to re-engage the group that met at WSC1 to establish a plan for moving this initiative forward

3.7 Other topics (e.g. habitat restoration, marine spatial planning)

17 April – there were no additional topics discussed

4. Other matters

ACTION: 19 Jan - MD to circulate the WSUTT Annual report to the WSC database, with any necessary updates and an appropriate cover note from JC & DI, following the upcoming PSG annual meeting

17 April – MD confirmed this had been circulated

ACTION: 26 Jan - DI to poll WSU members about their attendance at the 5th International Conference on the Biology & Conservation of Albatrosses & Petrels (www.iapc5.co.nz) Aug 13 -17 in Wellington NZ. If an appropriate mass of WSU members are in attendance, then a WSU planning meeting could be coordinated.

17 April – DI confirmed that there seems to be sufficient attendance at this meeting to warrant a get together with WSU reps in attendance. An invitation will be sent regarding time and place for the meeting

ACTION: 17 April - DI to circulate a letterhead draft for input

5. Next Conference Call

Atlantic Call 1700 GMT 12 July and Pacific Call 2400 GMT 19 July, 2012

6. Adjournment

17 April – DI adjourned the meeting at 18:02 GMT