

# ACAP Timeline



*“Its provisions advance the US goals of protecting albatrosses and petrels...I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Agreement”.*  
-- George W. Bush

First international agreement signed to require seabird bycatch mitigation, for vessels near Antarctica

UN adopts International Plan of Action for seabird bycatch

US adopts National Plan of Action for seabird bycatch

ACAP enters into force, and first meeting is held -- US attends as an observer

President Bush directs agencies to increase involvement with ACAP

*Bush transmits ACAP to the U.S. Senate*

Commerce and Interior forward draft implementing legislation to Congress

Agencies and Congressional staff discuss updated implementing legislation

4th ACAP meeting

Audubon, BirdLife, Oceana, and more urge ratification of ACAP

First Lady Laura Bush visits Midway Atoll and calls for the conservation of albatross

*Obama adds ACAP to the list of priority treaties*

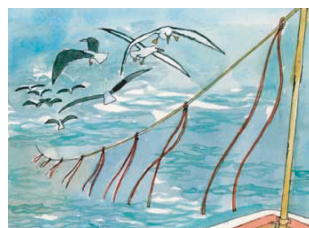
Prince Charles writes global heads of state to urge ACAP's ratification

*ACAP signed*

13 nations now party

England	Brazil
Spain	Argentina
France	Peru
Norway	Ecuador
New Zealand	Chile
Australia	Uruguay
South Africa	

NMFS Alaska adopts seabird bycatch rules, requiring streamers for longline vessels



Seabird streamers  
Source: BirdLife/ACAP



First Lady Laura Bush tags an albatross chick on Midway  
Source: White House, Sheelah Craighead

