

World Seabird Governing Committee

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Abstract:

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether there is interest in creating a permanent world seabird committee that would: a) ensure the next World Seabird Conference happens; b) establish effective communication between existing seabird groups (and/or broader seabird community), via a global seabird web portal; and c) oversee the development of initiatives benefitting from global and/or regional coordination/interaction. If there is sufficient interest in a world seabird committee then it would need to establish, at this World Seabird Conference, the basis for an appropriate governance structure and some key sub-committees, e.g. : a) WSC Committee: responsible for selecting host/venue for next WSC and then becoming/handing over to an appropriate Steering Committee and Local Organising Committee; b) Communications Committee: responsible for establishing effective and efficient communication between existing seabird groups (and/or broader seabird community) via a global seabird web portal (It will likely require a permanent dedicated resource to achieve this) ; c) Database Committee: responsible for establishing mechanisms to develop and manage a system of global seabird database networks, including development of appropriate seabird indices. (This will also have significant resource requirements).