

Appendix One: Vision, goals and objectives of draft National Plan of Action – Seabirds (2020)

Our Vision

New Zealand strives for no fishing-related seabird captures

Goals

- Bycatch reduction**
Effective bycatch-mitigation practices are implemented in New Zealand Fisheries
- Healthy Seabird Populations**
Direct effects of New Zealand fishing don't threaten seabird populations
- Research and Information**
Information to effectively manage fisheries impacts on seabirds is continuously improved
- International Engagement**
New Zealand actively engages internationally to promote measures that reduce impacts on New Zealand seabirds

<p>Avoiding Bycatch</p> <p>Effective bycatch-mitigation practices are implemented in New Zealand Fisheries</p>	<p>1. All New Zealand commercial fishers are using practices that best avoid the risk of seabird bycatch enabled by appropriate regulations</p> <p>2. Practices that effectively avoid risk of seabird bycatch are supported and promoted to recreational and customary non-commercial fishers</p>
<p>Healthy Seabird Populations</p> <p>Direct effects of New Zealand fishing do not threaten seabird populations</p>	<p>3. Research, monitoring and management actions are prioritised for seabird populations of particular concern¹¹ and their risk¹² ratios reduce</p> <p>4. The estimated number of fishing-related deaths of all seabird populations is less than the average number between 2014/15 and 2016/17¹³</p>
<p>Research and Information</p> <p>Further information to effectively manage fisheries impacts on seabirds is continuously improved</p>	<p>5. Research is undertaken to improve bycatch mitigation across sectors, especially those without effective mitigation (Note: mitigation may include spatial and temporal closures)</p> <p>6. Monitoring programmes for New Zealand commercial fisheries are designed and implemented to provide statistically robust information to assess progress towards the NPOA-Seabirds 2020's objectives</p> <p>7. Observation and monitoring methods are researched, developed and implemented across all sectors</p> <p>8. A research programme provides information to reduce uncertainty in estimates of risk to seabirds from fishing</p>
<p>International Engagement</p> <p>New Zealand actively engages internationally to promote measures that reduce impacts on New Zealand seabirds</p>	<p>9. The risk to New Zealand seabirds from fisheries outside the New Zealand EEZ is assessed and communicated to international organisations, governments and other stakeholders</p> <p>10. New Zealand advocates for the development, adoption, improvement, and uptake of seabird conservation measures¹⁴</p> <p>11. New Zealand actively works bilaterally, multi-laterally, and with international organisations to build capacity to reduce the risk to New Zealand seabirds</p>