Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

ACAP poster: Avian Flu alert for fisheries crews onboard vessels

Abstract

ACAP has developed an **Avian flu alert for fisheries crews onboard vessels** poster (see below), available from https://www.acap.aq/resources/disease-threats/avian-flu/4874-avian-flu-alert-for-fishers/file

A commercial print ready file can also be downloaded:
https://www.acap.aq/resources/disease-threats/avian-flu/4875-avian-flu-alert-poster-print/file

More information on Avian Flu and seabirds is available on the ACAP Website at https://www.acap.aq/resources/disease-threats/avian-flu

Background

The ERSWG15 Workplan noted that ACAP would provide safety guidance about HPAI H5N1 zoonotic affecting wild bird populations on how best to handle seabirds in a way that minimise the risk to both the seabird and the fishing crew.

Avian Flu alert for fisheries crews onboard vessels

Stay updated on local and national avian flu guidelines and reporting of suspected cases

Be aware and safe

Always take a precautionary approach to accidental birds onboard!



Dead birds

Carcasses should be put overboard by crew wearing a mask, gloves, and goggles.

Where local regulations require fishers to keep bycaught carcasses, **seek guidance** on their proper storage.



Live birds

Trained crew, wearing gloves & a mask, should immediately **release the bird overboard**.



Wash hands with soap & water after handling dead or live birds.



Wash bird guano off boat surfaces with lots of seawater.

Any equipment in contact with the birds and their guano also needs to be disinfected

Bycatch mitigation measures **save seabirds** & help to **protect you from Avian Flu** (HPAI H5N1).

Scan to visit the ACAP website for **more guides**:

Bycatch Mitigation Factsheets

Seabird Bycatch ID Guide

Hook Removal Guide