



Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

You are cordially invited to a 2-day workshop

Addressing key challenges and capacity gaps in moving towards seabird-safe longline fishing

15–16 April 2026

3–7 pm New Zealand Standard Time (UTC+12)

This online workshop will be presented in English,
with simultaneous interpretation into Chinese and Japanese.

Register [here](#) by 13 April 2026.

A Teams link will be emailed to participants.

Objective

This workshop is part of an Ocean Fisheries Working Group project to support Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) economies in mitigating seabird bycatch in their tuna longline fisheries.

The workshop will present the findings from interviews with fishing captains and key organisations who were asked about the main challenges and opportunities of moving to seabird-safe fishing. Expert-led sessions will further explore three key challenges that are common for APEC longline fishing economies. Workshop participants will then work with the project team to identify current support pathways and additional actions that are needed to address capacity gaps.



Toroa/southern royal albatross adult and chick. *Photo: Debbie Freeman*

Agenda

Day 1

Research results

Learn about challenges and opportunities in moving towards seabird-safe fishing identified by longline fishing captains and key organisations.

Equipment challenges

Hear from a mitigation practice expert and work together to identify solutions to key challenges.

Day 2

Operational challenges

Hear from a vessel operation expert and work together to identify solutions to key challenges.

Motivational barriers and engagement gaps

Explore how to build motivation for seabird-safe fishing with an engagement and outreach expert.



Albacore tuna. Photo: Department of Conservation