

Fair Seas for Birds



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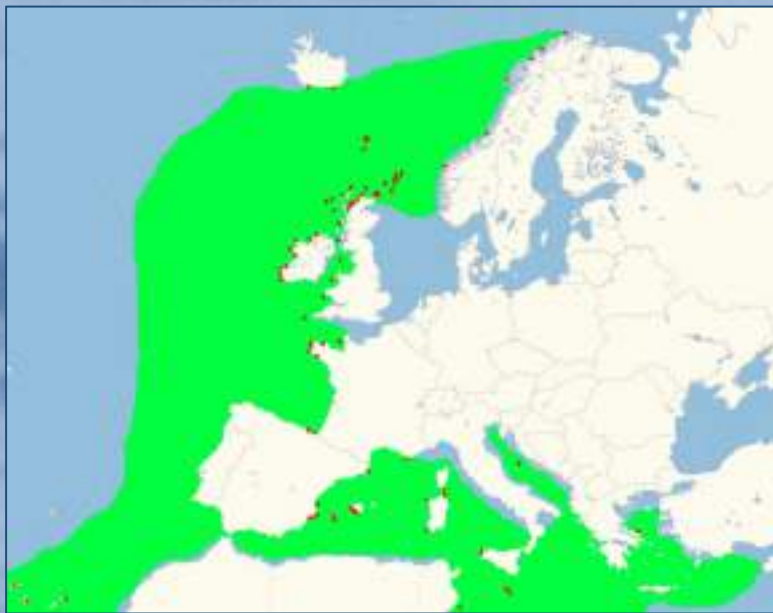
**FAIR
SEAS**

Partner of the Fair Seas campaign

Irish Whale
and Dolphin
Group







Global Population: est. 430,00- 520,000 pr.

Irish breeding pop. 108,000 pr.

(majority in Co Kerry e.g. 56,000 pr. On Blasket Islands).

About 280 pr breed on Inishmurray



Length: 14-18cm, Weight: 20-38g

First breed at 4yrs, average lifespan 11 yrs though can live to 38+ yrs

Lay a single egg in burrow or crevice

Only come to nest at night

Prey includes small fish, crustaceans, squid and jellyfish

 **Storm Petrel**

 ***Guairdeall***



Global population: 6.7-8.3 breeding million pr.

Uk & Ireland population: est. 10,765 pr.

UK pop. Declined significantly since 2000
largely due to declines at St Kilda

Only recorded breeding in Ireland in Co Mayo:
Stags of Broad Haven (817 pr.), Bill Rocks (39 pr.)
and Blackrock (6 pr.)



Leach's Storm Petrel

Guairdeall gabhlach



Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland 2020-2026

Red-list species (high conservation concern)

Breeding

Quail
Grey Partridge
Red Grouse
Black-necked Grebe
Stock Dove
Nightjar
Swift
Cormorant

Leach's Storm-petrel

Woodcock
Red-necked Phalarope

Kittiwake

Puffin

Razorbill

Barn Owl
Golden Eagle
White-tailed Eagle
Red Kite
Kestrel
Wood Warbler

Breeding continued

Ring Ouzel
Common Redstart
Whinchat
Meadow Pipit
Grey Wagtail
Twite
Yellowhammer

Passage

Turtle Dove
Balearic Shearwater
Curlew Sandpiper

Wintering

Bewick's Swan
Long-tailed Duck
Velvet Scoter
Goldeneye
Scaup
Slavonian Grebe

Wintering continued

Grey Plover
Bar-tailed Godwit
Black-tailed Godwit
Knot
Purple Sandpiper
Snowy Owl
Redwing

Breeding and Wintering

Eider
Common Scoter
Pochard
Shoveler
Oystercatcher
Golden Plover
Lapwing
Curlew
Dunlin
Snipe
Redshank



Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland 2020-2026

Amber-list species (medium conservation concern)

Breeding

Goosander
Garganey
Spotted Crake
European Storm-petrel
Fulmar
Manx Shearwater
Gannet
Shag

Little Ringed Plover
Common Sandpiper

Mediterranean Gull
Little Tern
Roseate Tern
Common Tern
Arctic Tern
Sandwich Tern
Great Skua
Black Guillemot
Common Guillemot

Short-eared Owl
Marsh Harrier
Hen Harrier
Goshawk
Kingfisher
Merlin
Chough
Skylark
Bearded Reading
House Martin

Breeding continued

Swallow
Sand Martin
Willow Warbler
Starling
Spotted Flycatcher
Northern Wheatear
Goldcrest
House Sparrow
Tree Sparrow
Greenfinch
Linnet
Pied Flycatcher
Western Yellow Wagtail

Passage

Cory's Shearwater
Ruff
Spotted Redshank
Wood Sandpiper
Little Gull
Black Tern
Wryneck
Tree Pipit

Wintering

Brent Goose
Parnacke Goose
Greylag Goose
Greater White-fronted Goose

Wintering continued

Smew
Pintail
Black-throated Diver
Great Northern Diver
Bittern
Turnstone
Brambling

Breeding and Wintering

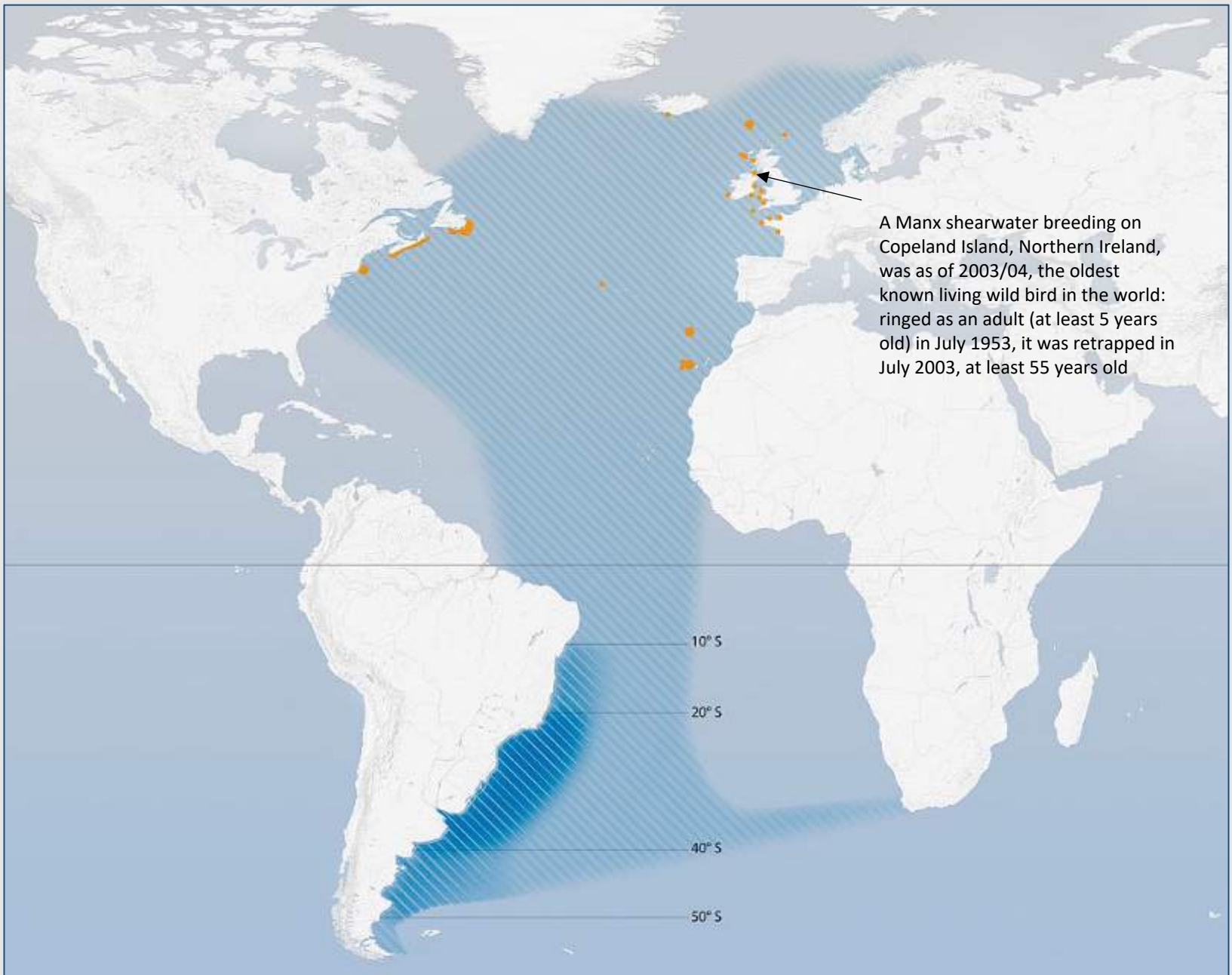
Mute Swan
Whooper Swan
Red-breasted Merganser
Shelduck
Tufted Duck
Gadwall
Wigeon
Mallard
Teal
Great Crested Grebe
Coot
Red-throated Diver
Cormorant
Ringed Plover
Black-headed Gull
Common Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull
European Herring Gull





Manx Shearwater
Cánóg dhubh





Manx Shearwater distribution – Orange – breeding colonies, Blue –winter range

The Balearic shearwater is considered critically endangered with extinction by the IUCN. Recent models estimate a mean decrease of 7.4% per year and a mean extinction time of 40.4 years.



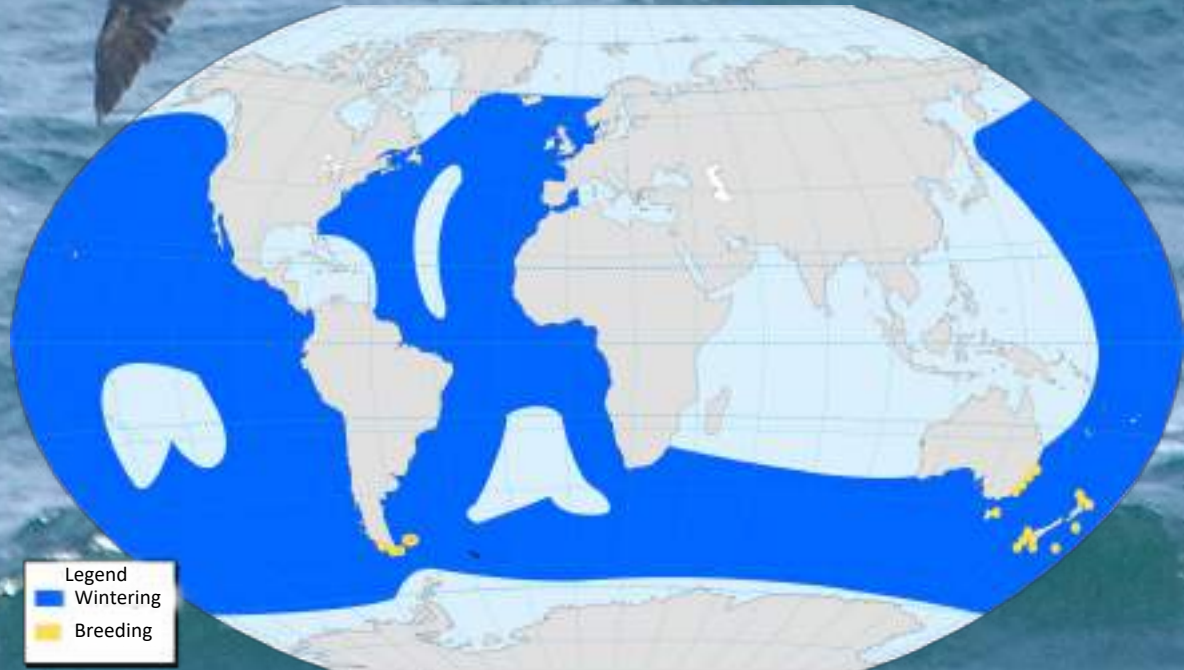
● **Balearic Shearwater**
Cánóg Bhailéarach

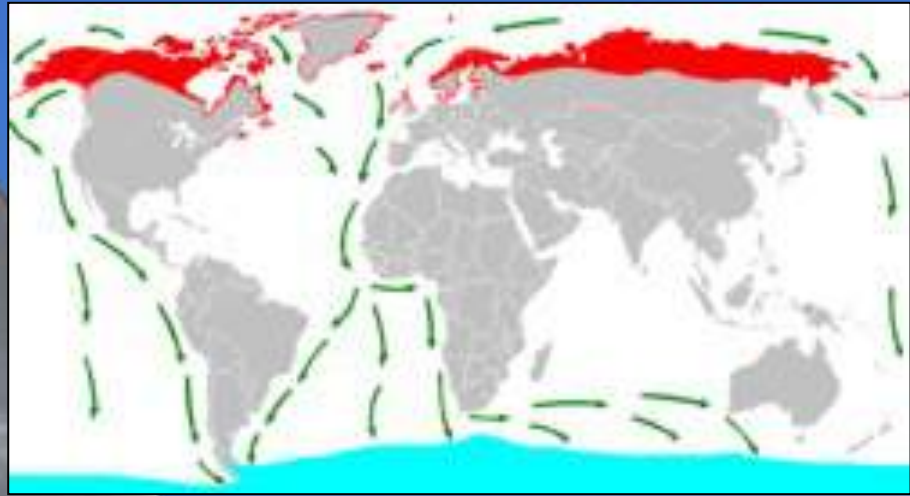
● **Cory's Shearwater**
Cánóg Cory



Sooty Shearwater

Cánóg dhorcha





● Arctic Tern
Geabhróg Artach





● Guillemot
Foracha





Razorbill
Crosán



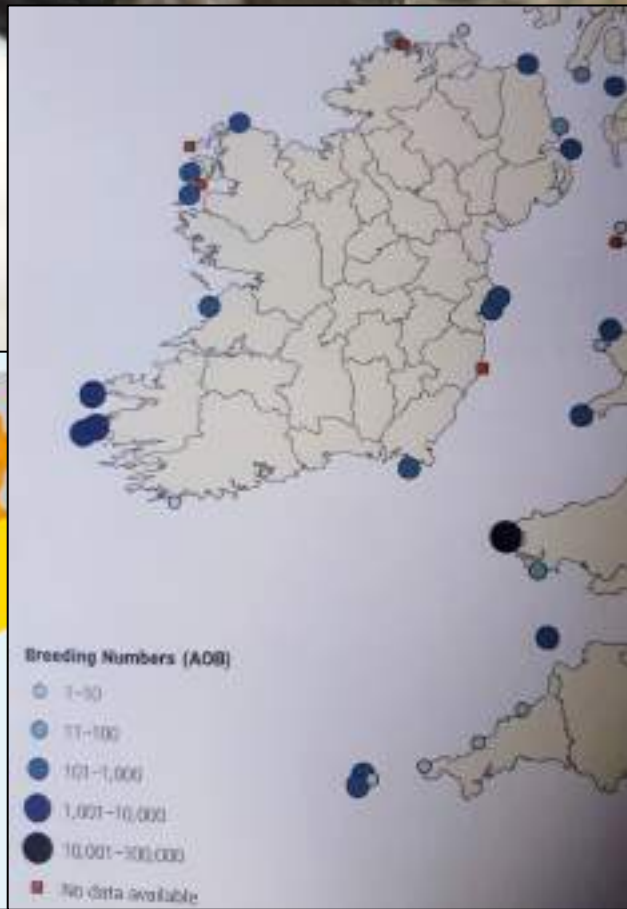
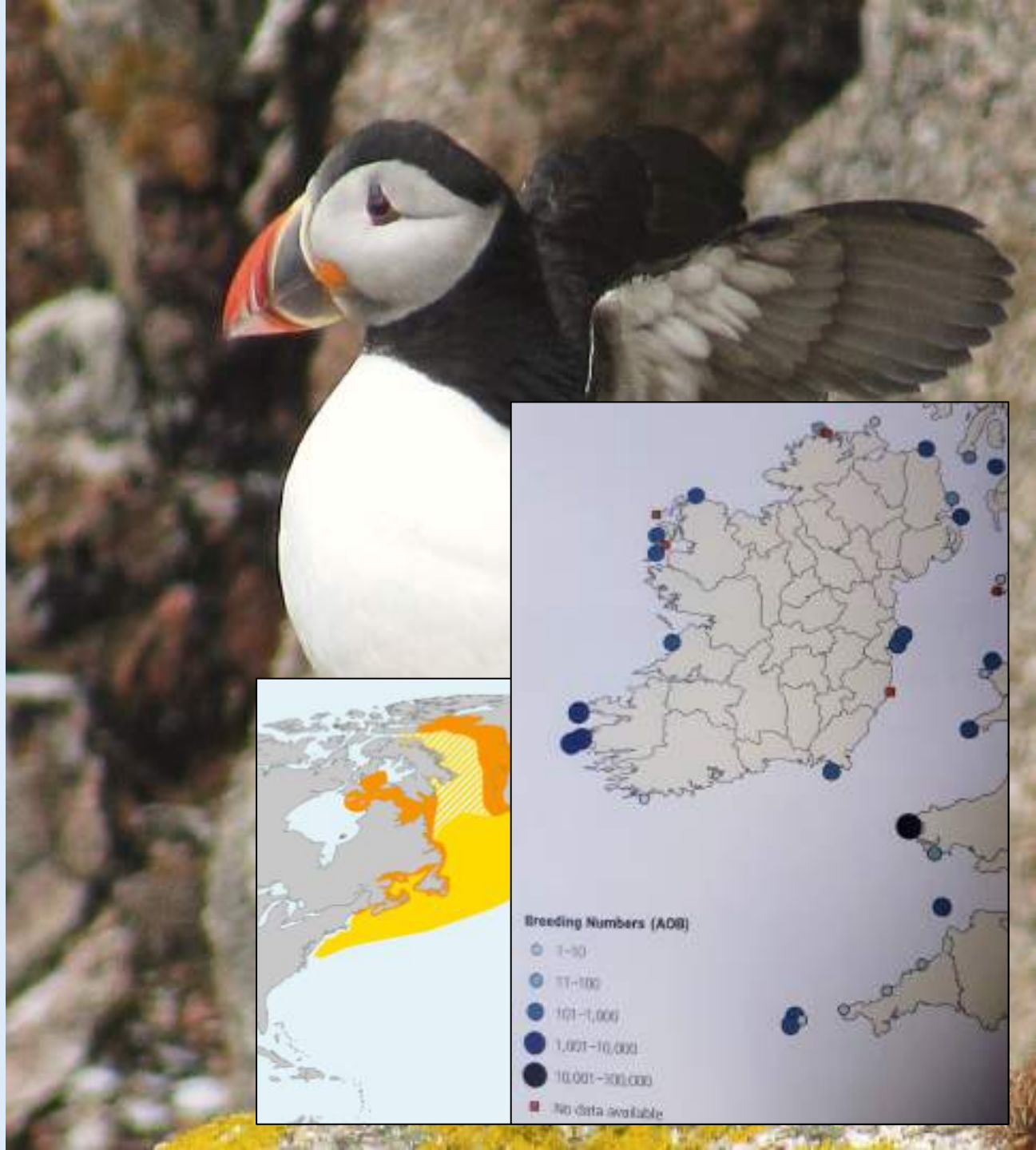
● Black Guillemot
Foracha dhubh

Global pop.: About 5 to 6 million pr. of which about 90% are found in Europe.
Declining in much of European range.

Irish pop. Declined by 26% between 2000 and 2015-21.

Low breeding success due to reduction in food availability for chicks has been implicated at some sites.

● Puffin *Puifín*





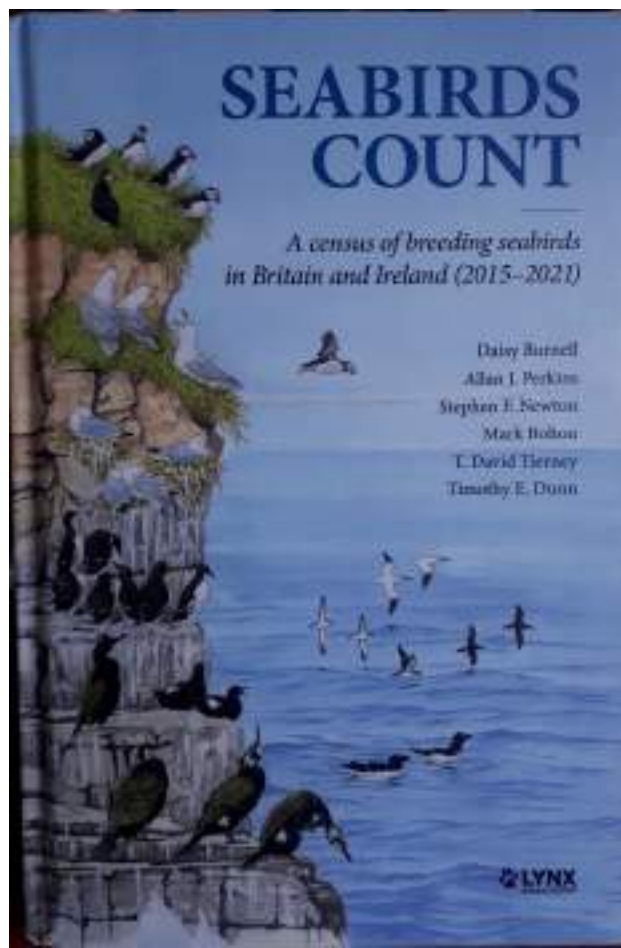
Kittiwake

Saidhbhéar



	Kittiwake Breeding Numbers				% Change since S. 2000
	1969-1970	1985-1988	1998-2002	2015-2021	
Rep. of Ireland	35,777	28,780	38,382	24,723	-36
All Ireland	44,383	44,220	51,318	41,875	-18
UK & Ireland	447,967	539,645	418,780	241,231	-42

Kittiwake breeding numbers (AON) in UK & Republic of Ireland





● Fulmar
Fulmaire

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OSPAR is the mechanism by which 15 Governments (including Ireland) & the EU cooperate to protect the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic.



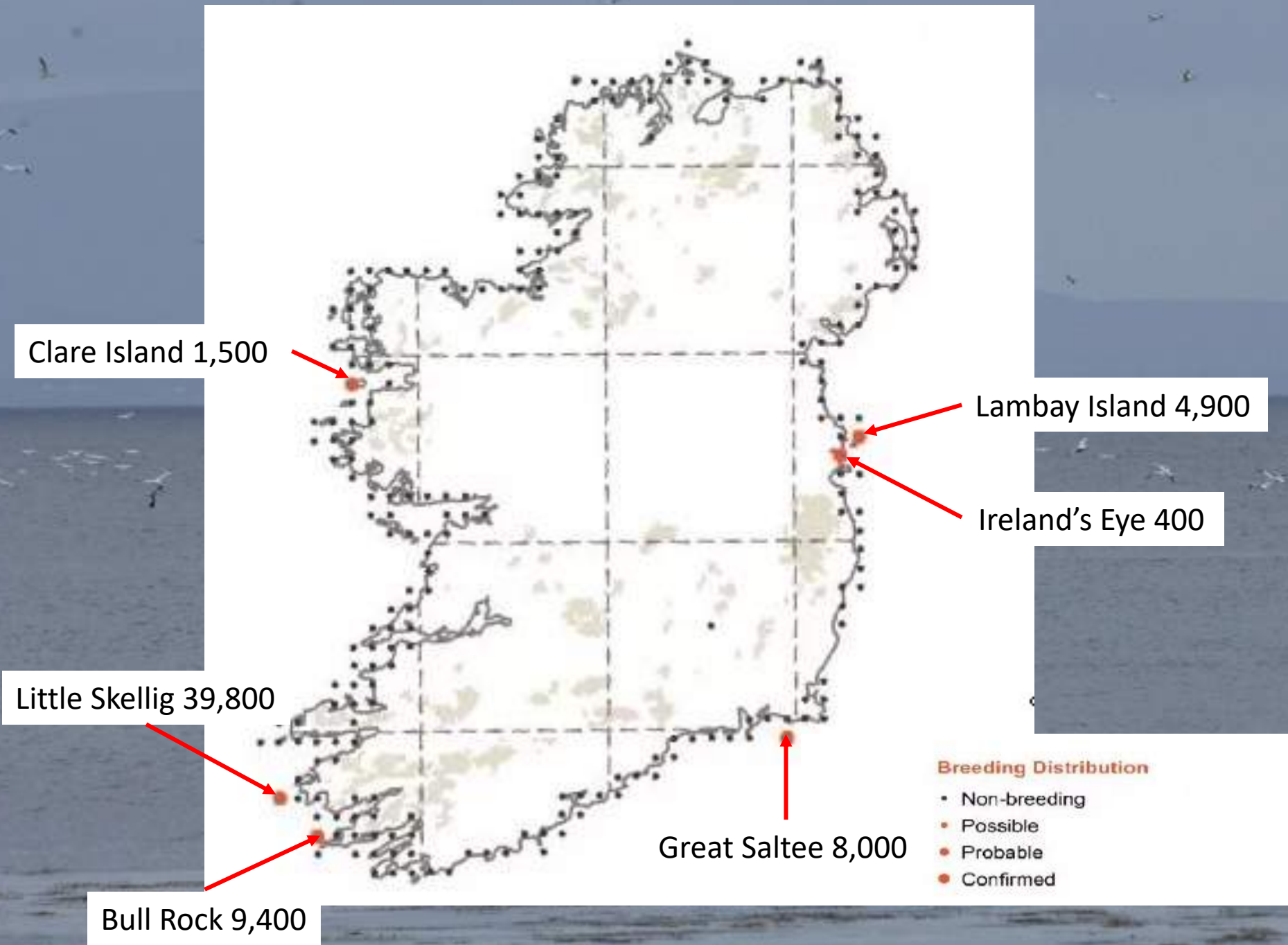
During the 2014 to 2018 period, **92%** of North Sea fulmars had some plastic in the stomach, with **51%** exceeding the 0.1g level. On average each fulmar contained 21 plastic particles weighing 0.26g. This reflects the abundance of floating litter and provides an indication of harm.

Plastics from a fulmar stomach with industrial granules (left) and a mix of threadlike (centre left), sheet-like (centre), and fragment (right) consumer plastics.

Size indicated by the spherical industrial granules which are of 4 to 5mm diameter. (Fulmar sample NEE-2018-017. © J.A. van Franeker).



Gannet
Gaineád





Eider
Éadar



Shag
Seaga



Great Skua ●
Meirleach mór

A scenic photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by dark, layered clouds. The sky is filled with soft, golden light that reflects on the water's surface. The foreground shows a dark, rocky shoreline with some driftwood. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Thank you!