

BTO/JNCC Seabird Monitoring Programme

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The Seabird Monitoring Programme (SMP) is an ongoing annual monitoring programme, established in 1986, of the 25 species of seabird that regularly breed in Britain and Ireland. It aims to ensure that sample data on breeding numbers and breeding success of seabirds are collected, both regionally and nationally, to enable their conservation status to be assessed. SMP is funded jointly by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), in association with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), with fieldwork conducted by both non-professional and professional surveyors.

WHAT ARE WE COLLECTING AND USING YOUR INFORMATION FOR?

You are a registered user of the SMP database. We hold your personal data (username, password, full name, postal address, email address and access level) in order to provide you with access to the database, data entry reminders and to send you the link to the latest trends in population numbers and breeding success, survival and diet of breeding seabirds. BTO and JNCC will process these data on the lawful basis of our public task for the purposes of assessing the conservation status of seabirds.

The SMP database allows registered users to input seabird colony data using an online form. During input, there is the option to include the name of the original person(s) or organisation(s) responsible for the collection of the data. These allow acknowledgement of the person(s) or organisation(s) responsible for their collection and aid in the verification of the data for quality assurance purposes. The name of the original person(s) or organisation(s) responsible for the collection of the data will be stored within the database and will be publicly available.

WHERE ARE WE STORING YOUR INFORMATION AND WILL WE SHARE IT?

Your username, password, full name, postal address, email address and access level data will be stored on the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) UK-based servers and shared with JNCC. We will only ever share these data with other individuals or organisations where necessary and where guarantees as to their privacy and security have been provided, or where you have agreed for this to happen.

Names of the original person(s) or organisation(s) responsible for the collection of data will be stored on the online database and, as such, will be publicly available. These data will be kept indefinitely as part of our quality assurance of maintaining these biological records for scientific posterity. As a public authority JNCC may be legally required to release information it holds, including your personal data, on request under the Environmental Information Regulations or the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OUR CONTACT DETAILS

You are entitled to access any of your personal data which we hold. If you wish for us to send you a copy, please contact dataprotection@bto.org with as much detail as possible on the information you would like us to provide and we will respond within one month. You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data. You also have the right to request that we restrict or stop processing, rectify or delete your personal data.

If you have any concerns about how your personal data is being used, or want to progress any of your rights, please contact dataprotection@jncc.gov.uk or dataprotection@bto.org. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office. You also have the right to an effective judicial remedy against decisions of the Information Commissioner's Office, or against JNCC or BTO.

The Data Protection Officer responsible for monitoring that JNCC is meeting the requirements of Data Protection legislation is: [Defra Group Data Protection Officer, DEFRA, SW Quarter, 2nd floor, Seacole Block, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF](mailto:DefraGroupDataProtectionOfficer@defra.gsi.gov.uk) Email: DefraGroupDataProtectionOfficer@defra.gsi.gov.uk

You may also contact BTO regarding data protection at: [Data Protection, BTO, The Nunnery, Thetford, IP24 2PU, Email: dataprotection@bto.org](mailto:dataprotection@bto.org)