

MACARTHUR GREEN - MARINE PROJECTS

- SSE Dogger Bank A&B Ornithological Monitoring Programme Stable isotopes in feather samples from breeding colonies of kittiwake and gannet (2023 – ongoing)
- 2. SSE Dogger Bank A&B Ornithological Monitoring Programme Review of methods to assess origins of individual seabirds (2023)
- 3. Marine Scotland Marine Scotland, Population modelling of the drivers and future status of the Rum Manx Shearwater population (2022-2023)
- 4. NatureScot Conservation actions to improve status of seabirds in Scotland (2023)
- 5. RIDG High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza impacts on seabird populations (2023)
- 6. West Orkney Windfarm (2021 ongoing)
 - Scoping report, EIA, RIAA and compensation measures.
- 7. SSE Berwick Bank offshore wind farm Derogation Case Fisheries Compensatory Measures Evidence Report (2022 ongoing)
 - Review, analyses and reporting of the beneficial effects of sandeel fisheries closure on seabirds populations.
- 8. ORJIP Integration of Telemetry and Survey data for seabird species distribution modelling (2022 2023)
- Natural England Assessment of compensatory measures for impacts of offshore windfarms on seabirds (2021
 2022)
- 10. RWE Dogger Bank South (2021-ongoing) EIA, HRA and compensation measures
- 11. SSE Dogger Bank D (2023 ongoing) Compensation support
- 12. SSE Sandeels and seabirds: a concise briefing (2022)
- 13. SSE Scallop fisheries and sandeel habitat (2022)
- 14. SAMS Applied Marine Science Enterprise Limited. Statistical consultation on survey design for offshore marine renewable installation (2022)
- 15. CELTIC SEAS Spatial modelling of seabird distributions off the coast of Wales for proposed marine renewable developments (2022)
- 16. NatureScot An updated literature review of disturbance distances of selected bird species (2022)
- 17. OceanWinds Observed flight directions and inferred foraging by breeding great black-backed gulls at East Caithness Cliffs SPA (2022)
- 18. North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (2021 ongoing)
 - Ornithology surveys and assessment of sensitivities for landfall, onshore cable route and substation areas.

- 19. Vattenfall and Equinor Study of nest site attributes determining breeding success of kittiwakes at Lowestoft, Tyne and Dunbar (2021)
- 20. SSE Review of ecological benefits from Marine Protected Areas/fishery no-take zones (2021)
- 21. Royal Haskoning Compensation plans for Sandwich tern, kittiwake, common guillemot, razorbill and gannet in relation to Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (2020-2023)
- 22. Crown Estate Scotland/SOWEC HRA derogation in Scotland review of seabird conservation status and seabird strategic compensation options (2020-2021)
- 23. Vattenfall Deployment of Time-Depth Recorders (TDRs) on guillemots at four colonies in Scotland to assess their nonbreeding season time and energy budgets (2019-2022)
- 24. RWE Awel y Môr (2019 2020)
 - Provision of scoping report for wind farm and advice to developer on methods and ornithology assessment issues.
- 25. Natural England development of definition of favourable conservation status for kittiwake (2019 2020)
- 26. SPR Ornithology Advice delivery of workshop on offshore ornithology impacts
 - Development and delivery of workshop for SPR offshore team on offshore ornithology impact assessment methods, key concerns and monitoring options.
- 27. Marine Scotland Framework for combining marine survey data collected using different platforms (2019 ongoing)
 - Development of modelling framework to enable combined analysis of marine ornithology survey data collected using different platforms (e.g. boat, visual aerial and digital aerial)
 - Will provide guidance and analysis tools for the offshore industry
- 28. Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (2019 ongoing)
 - Provision of scoping report for wind farm and advice to developer on methods and ornithology assessment issues.
 - Ornithology surveys for onshore cable route and substation areas.
- 29. The Crown Estate/RUK Workshop on scenarios that inform compensation for impacts of offshore wind on seabirds (2019)
- 30. Ørsted Scoping compensation measures for seabirds at three focal SPAs in the southern North Sea (2019)
- 31. Marine Scotland SEANSE (2019)
 - In partnership with CEH and University of Bangor, presentation of strategic impact assessment as test case
 - Undertook collision risk modelling and displacement assessment
- 32. The Crown Estate review of ornithological constraints on offshore wind farm development in potential Round 4 areas
- 33. SSER and Equinor Dogger Bank Creyke Beck A & B and Teesside A Advice on seabird impacts and development of OMP (2018 ongoing)
 - Review of in-combination impacts for designated seabird populations and consideration of strategic monitoring options
 - Development of ornithological monitoring plan (OMP) and engagement with Natural England
- 34. Vattenfall and SPR Seabird nocturnal activity review (2017 2019)

- Review of evidence for gannet and kittiwake nocturnal activity to improve collision risk estimates.
- Production of peer reviewed scientific paper (published in 2018).
- Stakeholder engagement to ensure acceptance of revised nocturnal activity with aim of reducing precaution in collision risk estimates.

35. SSER - Arklow Bank Ornithological Advisor (2017 - ongoing)

- Review of survey data, design of survey methods and provision of advice for wind farm monitoring and extension.
- Engagement with stakeholders.

36. Innogy – Sofia Wind Farm Ornithological Advisor (2018)

- Review of existing data and provision of advice for wind farm monitoring.
- Engagement with stakeholders.

37. Vattenfall – European Offshore Wind Development Centre, Auk tracking (2017 - 2022)

• Five-year project to track guillemot and razorbill from North Sea colonies (Shetland to Northumberland) throughout annual cycle.

38. Vattenfall Norfolk Boreas - Ornithology Assessment (2017 - ongoing)

- Production of offshore ornithology assessments for ES and HRA.
- Regular engagement with Natural England through Evidence Plan process.
- Representation at Public Examinations.

39. The Crown Estate – Ornithological Headroom (2017)

- Development of method to update existing wind farm collision estimates to account for changes in turbine parameters from consented to built.
- Production of report and spreadsheet for common currency collision estimates (currently administered by SPR).

40. Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult – Project Tag (2017)

- Provision of expert input to project developing specifications for 'next-generation' tag suitable for collecting data on large gull movements and activity in relation to offshore wind farms.
- Input to literature review and development of materials for workshop.

41. Natural England – Incorporating uncertainty in Collision Risk models: a review of Masden (2017)

- Review of Masden (2015) stochastic implementation of the Band model in R to assess suitability for use by offshore wind developers.
- Detailed check of model code and operation and consideration of data parameterisation methods.
- Production of report including recommendations for model revisions and other aspects which should be considered for future stochastic CRM development.

42. Scottish Natural Heritage – Avoidance rates of herring gull, great black-backed gull and common gull for use in the assessment of terrestrial wind farms in Scotland (2017)

- Review of evidence for onshore wind turbine avoidance for gulls.
- Commissioned report including recommendation that avoidance rate be increased from 98% to 99.2% for small gull species and 99.5% for large gull species.

43. SPR East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO - Ornithology Assessment (2016 - ongoing)

- Production of onshore and offshore ornithology assessments for ES and HRA.
- Regular engagement with Natural England and RSPB through Evidence Plan process.
- Representation at Public Examinations.

44. Vattenfall Norfolk Vanguard - Ornithology Assessment (2016 - ongoing)

- Production of offshore ornithology assessments for ES and HRA.
- Regular engagement with Natural England through Evidence Plan process.

45. Marine Scotland - Predicting the Fate of Displaced seabirds (2016) collaboration with CEH

• Project to simulate displacement of breeding seabirds from offshore renewable sites and generate population predictions.

46. Marine Scotland – Developing Seabird Survey Data Protocols (2016)

 Project to develop standardised recording formats for offshore surveys of renewable developments to ensure robust data collection.

47. Fehmarnbelt Environmental Monitoring and Consultancy (2016)

• Review of reports prepared for submission to Planning Application for a Fixed Link (motorway and rail tunnel) under the Baltic between Germany and Denmark, and assessment of the suitability of aerial survey data sets as baseline data on marine bird and mammal numbers in the development area.

48. Vattenfall / Statkraft / SPR - Identifying knowledge gaps for seabird populations and impact assessments (2015)

• Project to review state of knowledge for seabird populations present in North Sea in relation to offshore wind farms leading to identification of research priorities and opportunities to address gaps.

49. Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm - Development of Ornithology Monitoring Proposals (2016 - ongoing)

- Review of ornithology sensitivities and development of offshore monitoring proposals.
- Regular engagement with Natural England.

50. SPR East Anglia THREE - Ornithology Assessment (2015 - 2016)

- Production of onshore and offshore ornithology assessments for ES and HRA.
- Regular engagement with Natural England through Evidence Plan process.
- Representation at Public Examinations.

51. SPR East Anglia ONE - Ornithology Monitoring support (2015 - ongoing)

- Review of ornithology sensitivities and development of onshore and offshore monitoring proposals.
- Regular engagement with Natural England.

52. Scottish Natural Heritage - Population modelling of Greenland white-fronted geese: potential impacts of additional mortality on the Scottish population and the Caithness and Kintyre sub-populations (2015)

53. Scottish Natural Heritage – Assessing red-throated diver and great skua avoidance rates (2015)

- Review of evidence for onshore wind turbine avoidance for red-throated diver and great skua.
- Commissioned report including recommendation that avoidance rate be increased from 98% to 99.5% for these species.

54. Smart Wind - Hornsea Project Two Offshore Wind Farm (2015)

Updated population modelling of key seabird species.

55. UK Government / Marine Management Organisation - Ornithological Data Inventory for Offshore Wind Farm Consenting (2015)

• Collation of a dataset of collision risk figures and raw data for offshore wind farms in the UK.

56. SSE - Beatrice offshore wind farm EIA, HRA and post-consent monitoring (2012 - ongoing)

- Production of ES Addendum and HRA.
- Provision of technical support during 18 months of engagement with SNH and MSS.
- Provision of multiple supporting reports, input to conditions, and resolution of key impact issues (gull collisions and puffin displacement).
- Ongoing support to develop ornithology monitoring proposals and analysis of monitoring data, including regular engagement with the Moray Firth Renewables Advisory Group – Ornithology subgroup.

57. JNCC - Ornithology Displacement Assessment Methods Workshop (2015)

- Contributed to two-day industry workshop on displacement assessment methods.
- Presented updated seabird sensitivity review.

58. Natural England - provision of training in Ornithology survey, monitoring and assessment methods (2015)

• Development and delivery of 4 days of training in coastal and marine bird ecology, survey, monitoring, analysis and assessment methods for Natural England case work and support staff.

59. RiCORE - Marine Renewables and Environmental Risks Current practices in pre and post consent monitoring (2015)

 Attended as facilitator at European wide industry workshop to share experiences for ornithology survey and monitoring methods.

60. Natural England Post - Consent Monitoring Workshop (2015)

- Presented session on role of power analysis in ornithological monitoring.
- Contributed to discussions on strategic approaches for monitoring ornithological impacts.

61. Strategic Ornithological Support for Southern North Sea Offshore Windfarm Development Group (2014)

• Apportioning of sea birds amongst SPAs and wind farm sites.

62. UK Government (DEFRA) Offshore Wind Coping Strategy Workshop (2014)

- Involved in delivery of key aspects of DEFRA led workshop.
- Bob Furness gave a talk on avoidance rates and sat on post-talk discussion panel.
- Mark contributed slides illustrating multiplication of precautionary steps.

63. Statoil Dudgeon offshore wind farm ornithological monitoring programme (2014)

- Developing survey programme for offshore site (off north Norfolk).
- Plan submitted to NE for discussion.

64. Forewind Dogger Bank offshore wind farm (Creyke Beck A & B, Teesside A & B) specialist advice (2013/2014)

- Provision of additional technical support.
- Production of supporting information (e.g. displacement, foraging ranges, avoidance rates, PBR, apportioning among SPAs).
- Technical support at stakeholder meetings and Examining Authority Hearings.

65. Natural England Identification of seabird movements and seasonal populations (BDMPS) to provide guidance on assessment of impacts in non-breeding season (2014)

- Comprehensive review of GB seabirds in relation to SPA populations and overseas migrants
- Determination of Biologically Defined Minimum Population Sizes for use in impact assessments across annual cycle.

66. RES Mull of Kintyre tidal stream (2012 - 2014)

- Provision of seabird, marine mammal and ecology assessments for marine licence application.
- Undertook land based surveys for seabirds, mammals and habitats (cable route).
- Production of chapters for assessment and providing post-submission support.

67. SPR Sound of Islay and Marwick Head (2009/2014)

- Technical support for ecology and ornithology assessments.
- Substation and grid-connection survey.

68. SMart Wind Hornsea Project 1 Offshore Wind Farm (with Niras and RPS) (2013/2014)

- Input to EIA and HRA in latter stages.
- Additional technical support on specific issues and witness at Examining Authority Hearings.
- Population modelling of key seabird species.

69. UK Government (DEFRA) Guidance on seabird compensation options for offshore Wind (2013) (Conducted via CEFAS)

- Review of GB SPA seabird population.
- Consideration of options to increase numbers to offset potential reductions due to offshore wind and marine renewables.
- Conducted as part of DEFRA strategic work.
- Report to be published on DEFRA web site (undergoing legal review).

70. The Crown Estate PFOW CIA Methods for Wave and Tidal Projects. Including the preparation of a Worked Example (2012/2013)

- Review of CIA and in-combination HRA methods.
- Development of proposals for conducting CIA for marine renewables in PFOW.
- Preparation of worked examples, and conducting a Workshop to develop ideas.
- Reports available on TCE website: http://www.thecrownestate.co.uk/media/152012/PFOW-ornithological-cumulative-impact-assessment-framework.pdf.

71. Marine Scotland Strategic collision assessment for migratory birds at offshore wind farms (with WWT) (2012/2013)

- Review of migratory routes used by terrestrial birds and seabirds through Scottish waters.
- Assessment of cumulative collision risk at planned Scottish offshore wind farms.
- Draft Report: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00443170.pdf

72. Natural England Seabird sensitivity mapping in English waters (with WWT) (2013)

- Analysis of existing seabird survey data; European Seabirds at Sea (ESAS), WWT strategic aerial data and wind farm survey data.
- Generation of seabird density maps for English waters (GIS tool). Inclusion of seabird vulnerability scoring to identify key areas of highest potential sensitivity to development.
- Report: http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.o106366

73. Lesser Black-Backed Gull PVA (ScottishPower Renewables) (2013)

Assessment of additional mortality on the Alde-Ore Estuary SPA population of lesser black-backed gulls.

74. Scottish Government (Marine Scotland) Seabird sensitivity to offshore wind farms (2012)

- Review of evidence on likely sensitivity of Scottish seabirds to offshore wind development.
- Published: Furness, R.W., Wade, H. & Masden, E.A. 2013. Assessing vulnerability of seabird populations to offshore wind farms. Journal of Environmental Management 119, 56-66.

75. SNH Seabird sensitivity to marine renewables (2012)

- Review of evidence on likely sensitivity of Scottish seabirds to marine wet renewable (wave and tidal) development.
- Report available on Marine Scotland website.
- Published paper available: Furness, R.W., Wade, H.M., Robbins, A.M.C. and Masden, E.A. 2012. Assessing the sensitivity of seabird populations to adverse effects from tidal stream turbines and wave energy devices. ICES Journal of Marine Science, 69, 1466-1479.

76. Strategic Offshore Support Services (The Crown Estate) Gannet PVA (with RPS & WWT) (2012)

- Analysis of gannet population data.
- Development of density dependent and density independent stochastic population model.
- Calculation of cumulative collision risk in existing and planned offshore wind farms.
- Prediction of potential impacts on GB population as a whole and main SPA populations separately.
- The report is available on the SOSS website: http://www.bto.org/science/wetland-and-marine/soss/projects and was presented at BOU annual conference (Nov. 2012). The report has been used widely by industry (SNCBs and developers), and been updated on request from Marine Scotland.

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Supervising PhD students Mark Trinder and Bob Furness are supervising PhD students researching interactions between seabirds and marine renewables including: Lila Buckingham (EOWDC funded PhD student based at CEH Edinburgh and University of Liverpool, working on the auk tracking project), Hannah Meinertzhagen (NERC CASE PhD student researching implications of climate change and wind on seabird movements, at University of Exeter (Cornwall Campus), Julie Miller (NERC CASE PhD student modelling impacts on seabird populations, at University of Glasgow 2015-2018); Daniel Johnston (SNH/MASTS PhD student at University of the Highlands and Islands studying black guillemot ecology and use of high tidal flow habitat 2015-2018); Chris Pollock (University of Leeds 2017 with Vattenfall as 2nd CASE partner studying demography of gannets on Bass Rock in relation to offshore wind farms 2017-2010).
- Sandeel stock assessment Bob Furness chaired 5-day Benchmark Working Group of ICES to evaluate assessments of European sandeel stocks Bergen, October 2016.
- Natural England Scientific Advisory Committee Bob Furness gave an invited presentation on uncertainty in offshore wind farm assessments to Natural England Scientific Advisory Committee workshop on Science and Law, London, September 2016.
- **JNCC** Bob Furness served on JNCC Marine sub-Group assessing science underpinning designation of Marine Protected Areas in UK waters (2014-present).
- **SNH** Bob Furness chaired SNH SAC Marine sub-Group assessing science underpinning designation of SPAs, SACs and MPAs for marine habitats and wildlife in Scottish waters (2014-present).
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) commissioned Bob Furness to write a review chapter on the impacts and effects of global warming on seabird populations (2016).
- Bob Furness has been a member of ORJIP Expert Panel (2014-2016) providing an overview of the ORJIP Collision Avoidance Study.
- **Bob Furness** gave an invited presentation in a workshop on assessing the vulnerability of Alaskan seabirds to human impacts, held in Washington, USA in April 2016, an invited presentation in a workshop on seabird-fishery interactions held in Cape Town in October 2015, an invited presentation at the 2nd Intergovernmental Conference on marine renewables in London 2015 and chaired a session on seabird and offshore wind transboundary issues at an ICES/OSPAR workshop in Copenhagen in 2015.
- **Bob Furness Review of SOTEAG Monitoring Programme (2015) –** Review of the monitoring of seabirds at Shetland funded by Sullom Oil Terminal Environmental Advisory Group since the 1970s, and recommendations on the evolution of the monitoring programme for future years.
- Mark Trinder BSI Steering Group (2014) Offshore EIA Guide.
- Mark Trinder Marine Scotland Steering Group (2013/14) Development of Analytical Methods Spatial Modelling of Bird and Marine Mammals.
- Mark Trinder Marine Scotland Steering Group (2016) Development of Analytical Methods for Detecting Change in Bird and Marine Mammal abundance at Offshore Renewable Developments.
- **Bob Furness Chaired Benchmark Working Group of ICES** to evaluate assessments of sprat stocks in European waters and ecological impacts of sprat fisheries 2013.
- **Bob Furness Peer reviewed for TCE** report on impacts of climate change on seabirds in waters off east coast of Scotland 2013.
- **Review for Vattenfall** of planned research and research outputs on cumulative impacts on red-throated divers and sea ducks 2011. We also carried out a review for Vattenfall of seabird post-construction studies at Horns Rev and Nysted OWFs and preparation of text for book reviewing those studies 2012.
- Review for Bureau of Offshore Management (USA) of methodology being developed to assess impacts on birds of OWFs in Atlantic US waters 2012.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE MACARTHUR GREEN TEAM

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