

Research and analysis: Seasonal bird density and key foraging areas

Requirement R007

Requirement detail

Evidence on how birds use the marine and coastal environment is important to understand the potential for impacts from marine activity at different times of year and in different places. Less evidence is available on the seasonal useage by birds outside of protected areas relative to those inside, and for species of lower conservation priority listed e.g. those only listed as UK BAP priority bird species.

To support decision making the MMO seeks information on bird distribution in space and time (at least seasonality, and ideally monthly) and the associated habitat usage including migration through, resting, feeding, rafting, moulting or nesting areas as appropriate to the species. This should include both designated and UK BAP priority bird species.