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Table 1 Numbers of breeding Northern Gannets (AOS/AON) in Britain and Ireland 1968–2000. 14 colonies only in 1998–2000 and extrapolated estimates (in italics) for the seven other colonies are also shown. ID corresponds to colony symbols in Fig. 2, were surveyed.

ID	Colony	Admin area	1968–70	1984–85	1994–95	Percentage change 1968–95	Percentage change 1984–1995	1998– 2000
1	Hermaness	Shetland	5,894	9,904	11,993	103%	21%	16,386
2	Noss	Shetland	4,300	6,900	7,310	70%	6%	8,017
3	Foula	Shetland	0	124	600		384%	723
4	Fair Isle	Shetland	0	258	975		278%	1,123
5	Sule Stack	Orkney	4,018	5,900	4,888	22%	–17%	5,137 ¹
6	Sula Sgeir	Western Isles– Comhairle nan eilean	8,964	9,143	10,440	16%	14%	10,703 ¹
7	St Kilda	Western Isles– Comhairle nan eilean	52,099	50,050	60,428	16%	21%	61,340 ¹
8	Flannan Isles	Western Isles– Comhairle nan eilean	0	414	1,438		247%	1,244
9	Troup Head	Banff and Buchan	0	2	530 ³		26400%	1,085
10	Bass Rock	East Lothian	8,077	21,591	34,397	326%	59%	44,110 ¹
11	Ailsa Craig	Kyle & Carrick	13,058	22,811	32,456	149%	42%	35,825 ¹
12	Scar Rocks	Wigtown	450	770	1,952	334%	154%	1,670
	Scotland Total²		96,860	127,867	167,407	73%	31%	187,363
13	Bempton	Humberside	18	780	1,631		109%	2,552
14	Ortac	Channel Islands	1,000	1,985	2,098	110%	6%	2,500
15	Les Etacs	Channel Islands	2,000	2,536	3,380	69%	33%	3,450
	England, Isle of Man and Channel Islands Total		3,018	5,301	7,109	136%	34%	8,502
16	Grassholm	Dyfed	16,128	28,600	27,500 ⁴	71%	–4%	30,688
	Wales Total		16,128	28,600	27,500⁴	71%	–4%	30,688
	Great Britain, Isle of Man and Channel Islands Total		116,006	161,768	202,016	74%	25%	226,553
17	Clare Island	Co. Mayo	0	2	3		50%	3
18	Little Skellig	Co. Kerry	20,000	22,500	26,436	32%	17%	28,799 ¹
19	Bull Rock	Co. Cork	1,500	1,511	1,815	21%	20%	1,879 ¹
20	Great Saltee	Co. Wexford	155	710	1,250	706%	76%	1,930
21	Ireland's Eye	Co. Dublin	0	17	45		165%	147
	All-Ireland Total		21,655	24,740	29,549	36%	19%	32,758
	Great Britain and Ireland Total		137,661	186,508	231,565	68%	24%	259,311
	Number of colonies		15	21	21	40%	0%	21

Notes

¹ Not surveyed in 1998–2000. Extrapolated estimate for 1999 based on previous colony-specific trends.

² Birds, sometimes with nests, have also been reported on two of the Shiant Islands (see text)

³ Minimum count

⁴ Estimate

Table 2 *International context.*

<i>Country or country</i>	<i>No. pairs</i>	<i>No. colonies</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Source</i>
Great Britain, Isle of Man and Channel Isles	230,000	16	1998– 2000	Seabird 2000
All Ireland	33,000	5	1999	Seabird 2000
Faeroe Islands	2,340	1	1996	Skov <i>et al.</i> (2002)
France	14,900	1	1999	Siorat (in press).
Germany	69	1	1999	Schneider (2002)
Iceland	25,400	5	1994	Gardarsson (1995)
Norway	3,850	5	1999	R. T. Barrett (pers. comm.)
Russia	35	1	1998	Yu. V Krasnov (pers. comm.)
Canada	77,700	6	1999	Chardine (2000)
<i>Biogeographic region</i>	<i>Number of pairs</i>	<i>% GB</i>		<i>% Ireland</i>
World	390,000	59.0%		8.5%

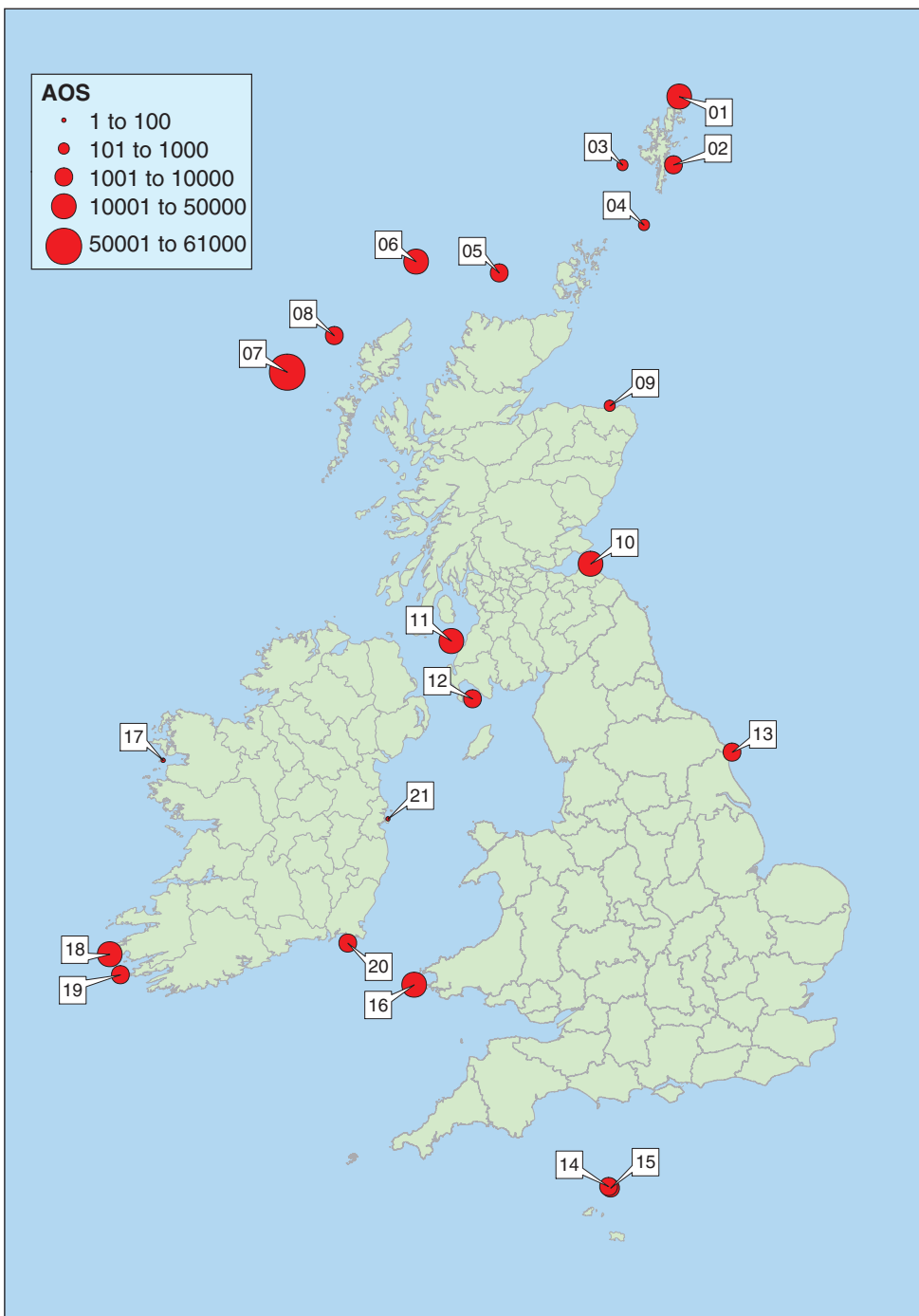


Figure 1 Abundance and distribution of breeding Northern Gannets in Britain and Ireland 1994–1995. Numbers correspond to colonies listed in Table 1.

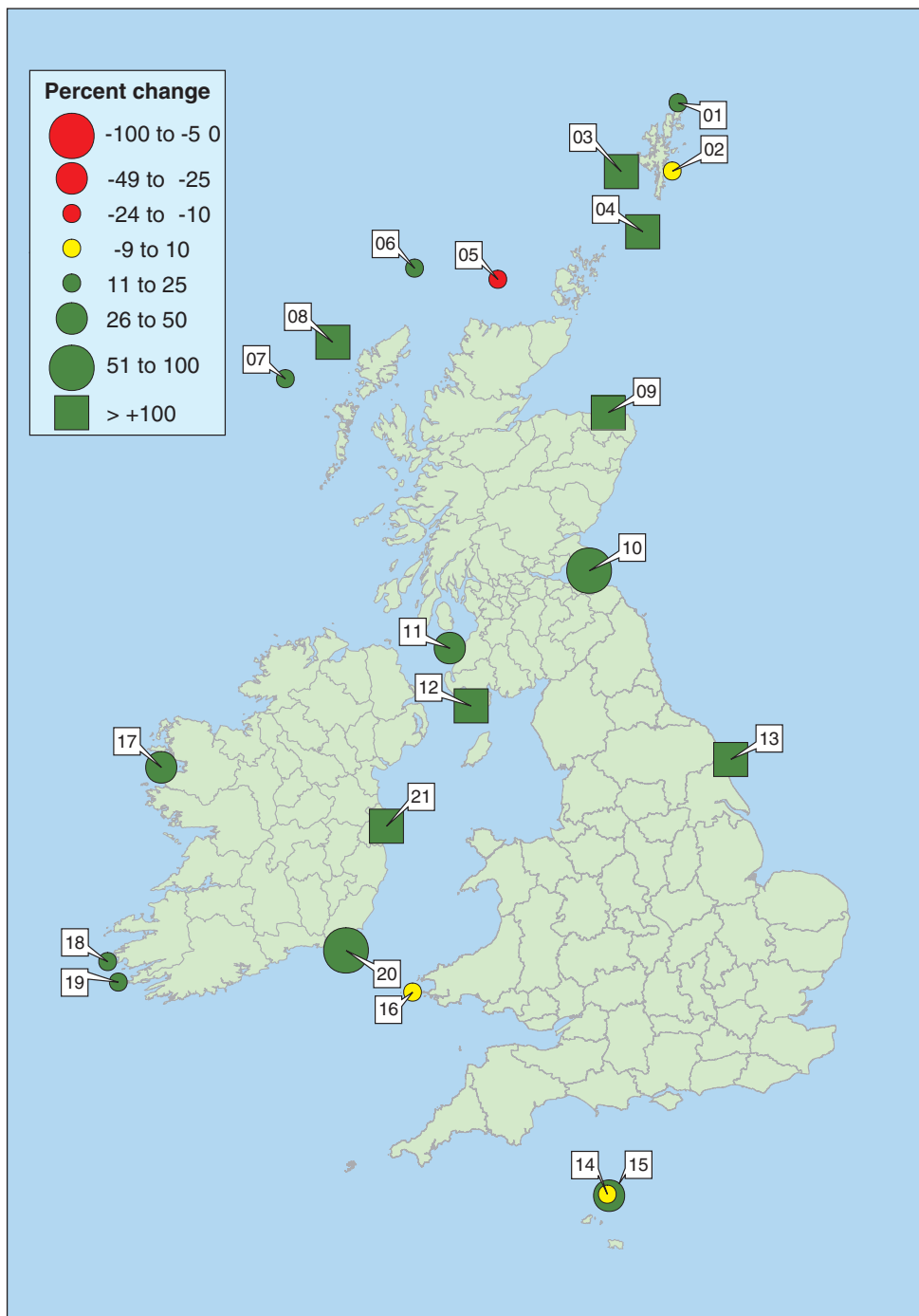


Figure 2 Changes in the number of breeding Northern Gannets (AOS/AON) at all colonies in Britain and Ireland 1984–85 to 1994–95. Numbers correspond to colonies listed in Table 1.