



**Herring Gull and Lesser Black-backed Gull Natural and Urban Breeding
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Summary

This document presents a visual summary of the natural and urban breeding occupancy of Herring Gull and Lesser Black-backed Gull in the UK. Distribution maps were derived from the Seabirds Count census of Britain and Ireland undertaken between 2015–2021 (Burnell *et al.* 2023). Distribution is mapped at a 10 km² resolution.

Distribution is colour-coded as follows.

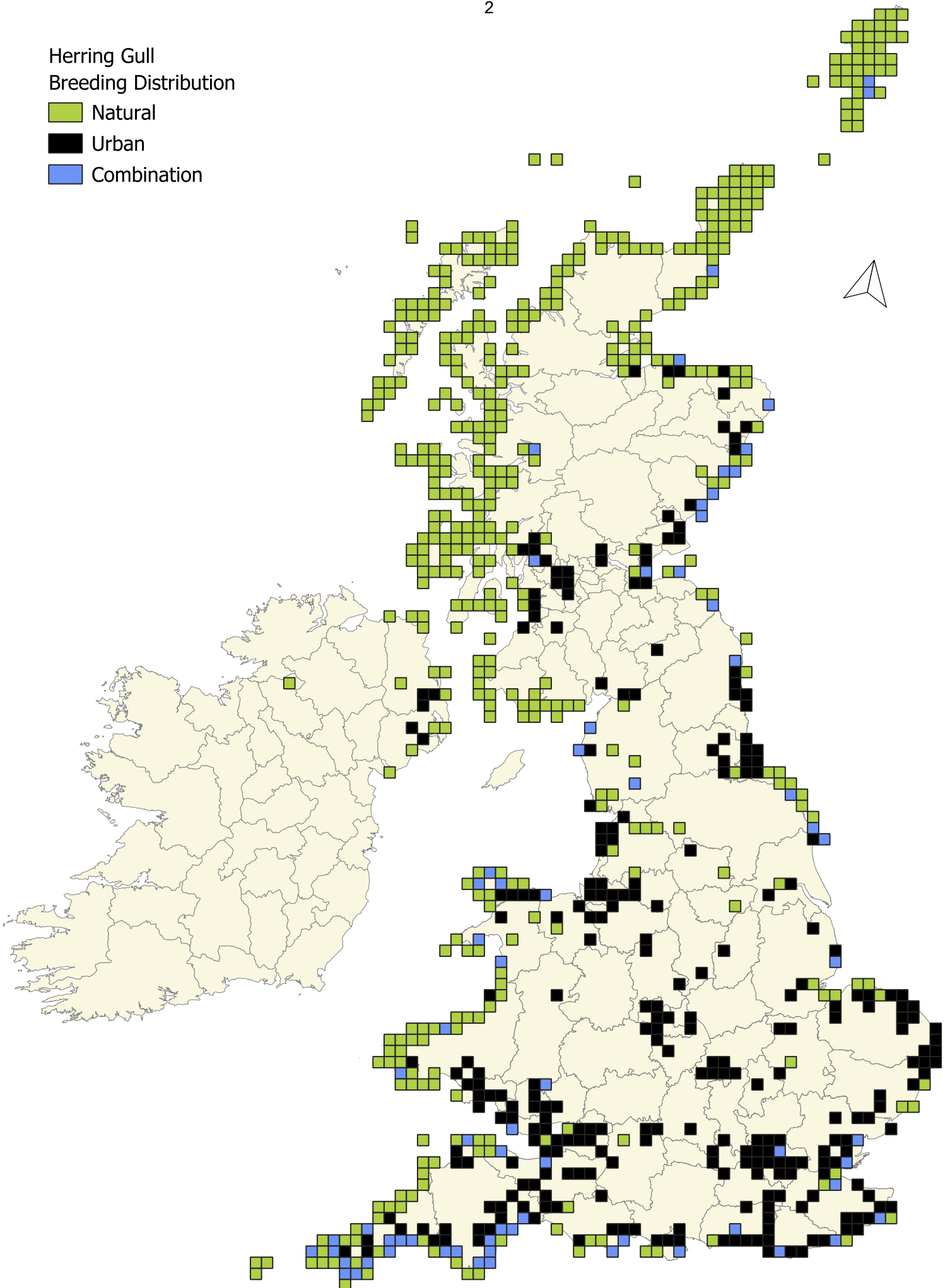
- Green squares: Natural breeding areas (coastal and inland)
- Black squares: Urban breeding areas (nests on human-made structures)
- Blue squares: Areas with a combination of natural and urban nesting sites

Herring Gull
Breeding Distribution

Natural

Urban

Combination



N.B. Urban distribution data was produced from raw count data from a sample based survey and therefore, may not fully represent the whole urban breeding distribution.

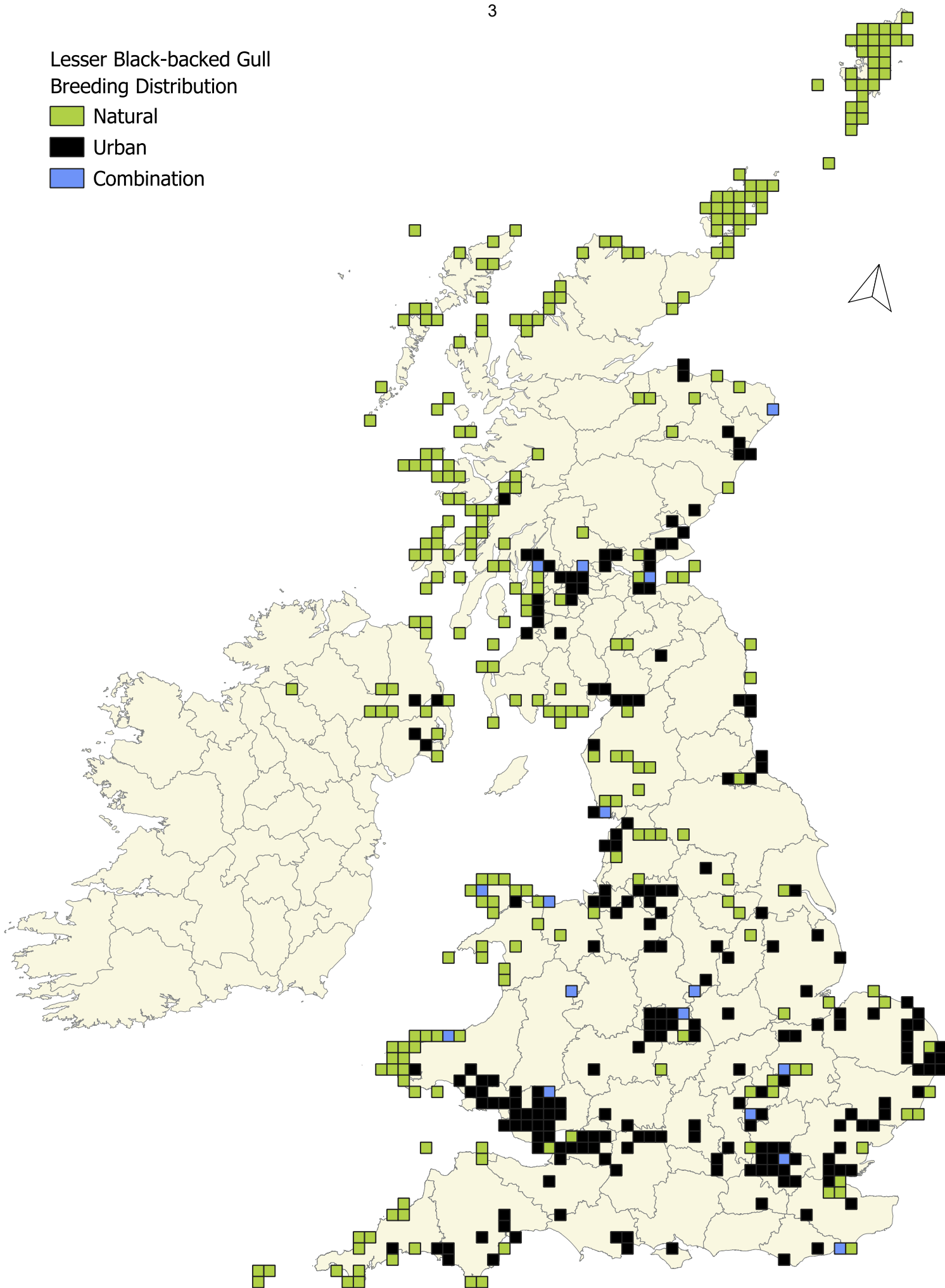
Lesser Black-backed Gull

Breeding Distribution

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