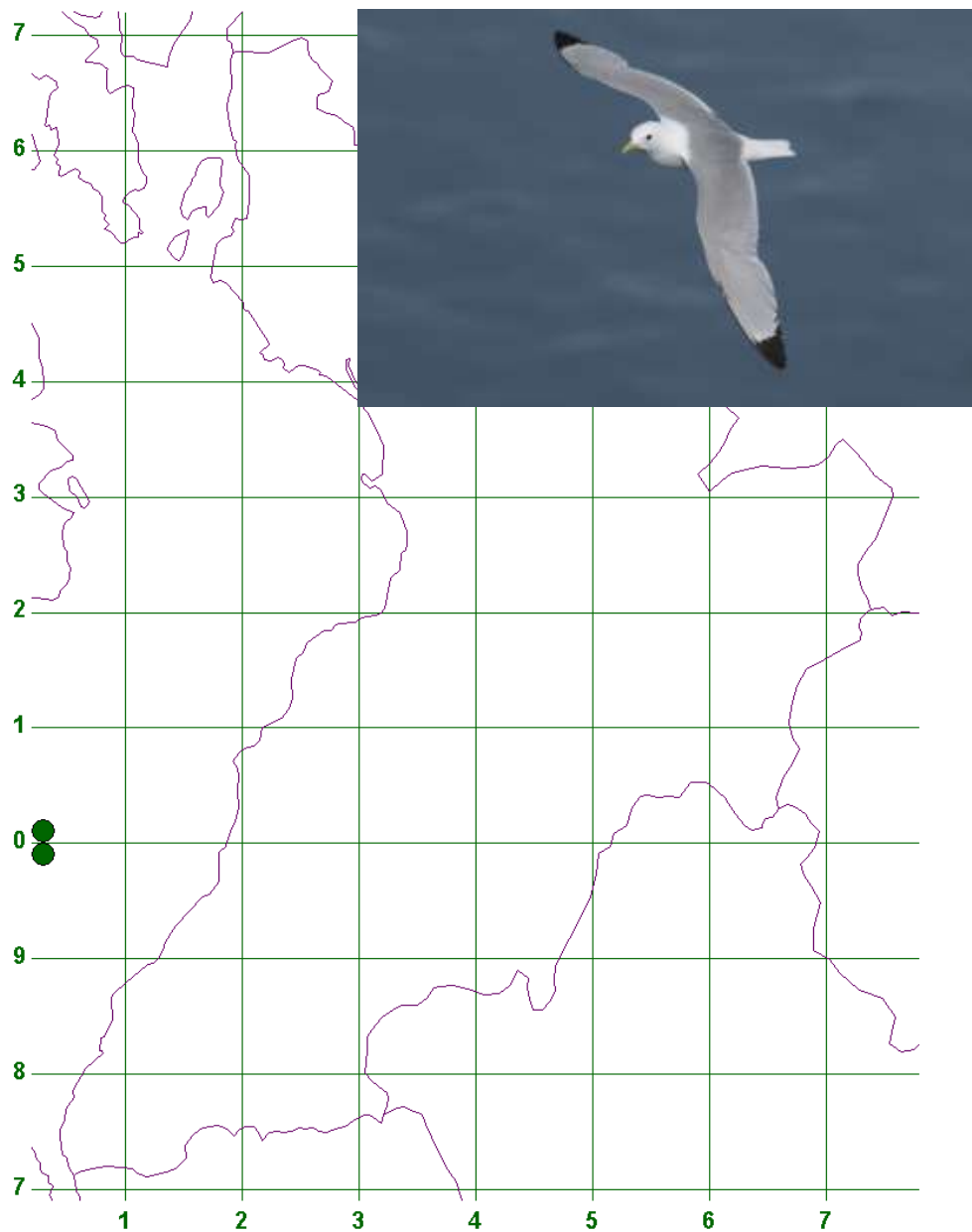


Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current trend: The numbers of breeding Kittiwakes on Ailsa Craig have fallen steadily during the past 15 years, with a major reason for the decline being food shortage. In 2006 all but one nest from 1000 pairs at the North end of Ailsa Craig failed, indicating the level of seriousness of this population crash.

Follow up: Continued monitoring of nesting birds on Ailsa Craig.