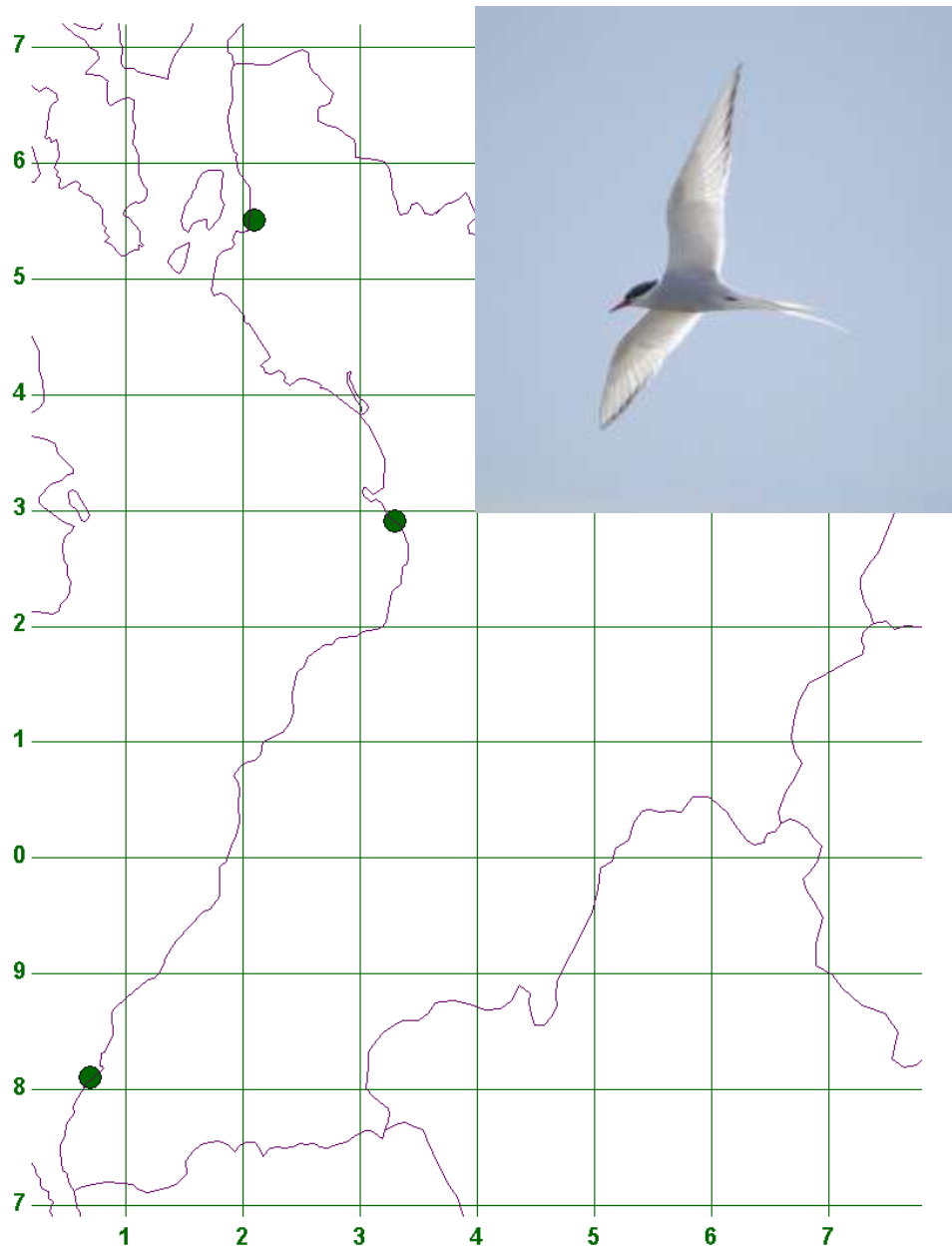


Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*)



Status: Rare (and occasional) breeder.

Current trend: Our Arctic Tern's somewhat erratic breeding population has often been focussed on only one site, with Ballantrae shingle bank being the only regularly occupied site after 2000. Here, the small breeding population rose to 25 pairs in 2007 but, following some very poor seasons, it had disappeared by 2010. Increasing pressures from human activities and land-use changes have seen the status of this seabird reduced to one of occasional breeder.

Follow up: Continued monitoring of potential breeding sites.