

# The RSPB's work in and around Larne Lough



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## **Roseate Factfile:**

Eggs: 1-2

Incubation: 21-26 days

Fledging: 22-30 days

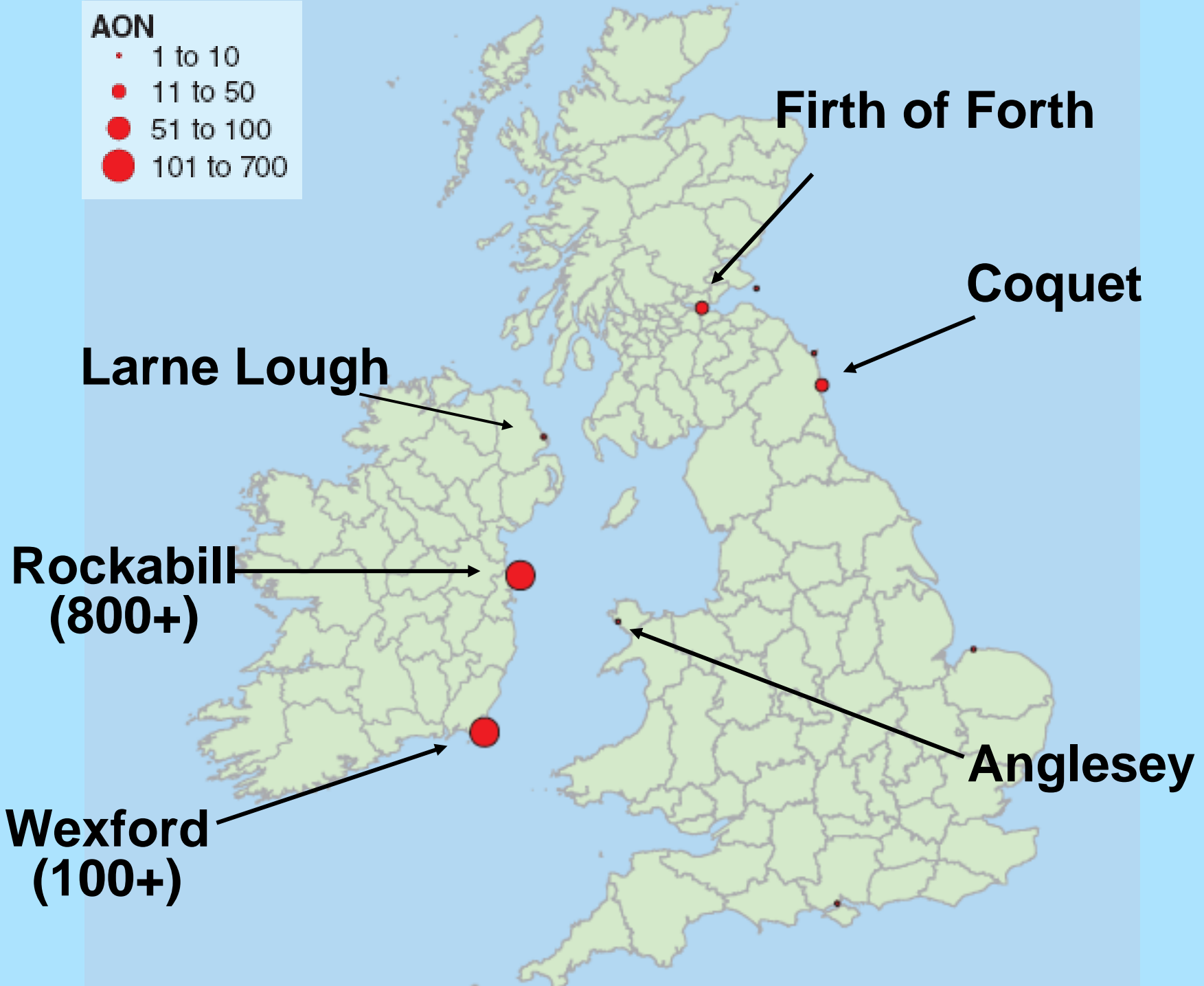
Maximum lifespan: 21 years

Length: 33-38cm

Wingspan: 72-80cm

Weight: 92-133g

- AON**
- 1 to 10
  - 11 to 50
  - 51 to 100
  - 101 to 700



## Roseate Tern decline in the UK and Ireland

|                   | <b>1969</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>England</b>    | <b>355</b>  | <b>91</b>   | <b>-74.4</b>    |
| <b>Scotland</b>   | <b>134</b>  | <b>1</b>    | <b>-99.3</b>    |
| <b>Wales</b>      | <b>202</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>-100</b>     |
| <b>Ireland</b>    | <b>1429</b> | <b>1178</b> | <b>-17.6</b>    |
| <b>N. Ireland</b> | <b>264</b>  | <b>1</b>    | <b>-99.6</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>2384</b> | <b>1271</b> | <b>-46.7</b>    |

## Larne Lough

Swan Island (190prs – 1970)

Blue Circle (19prs – 2003)

## Copeland Islands

Mew Island – (209prs – 1984)

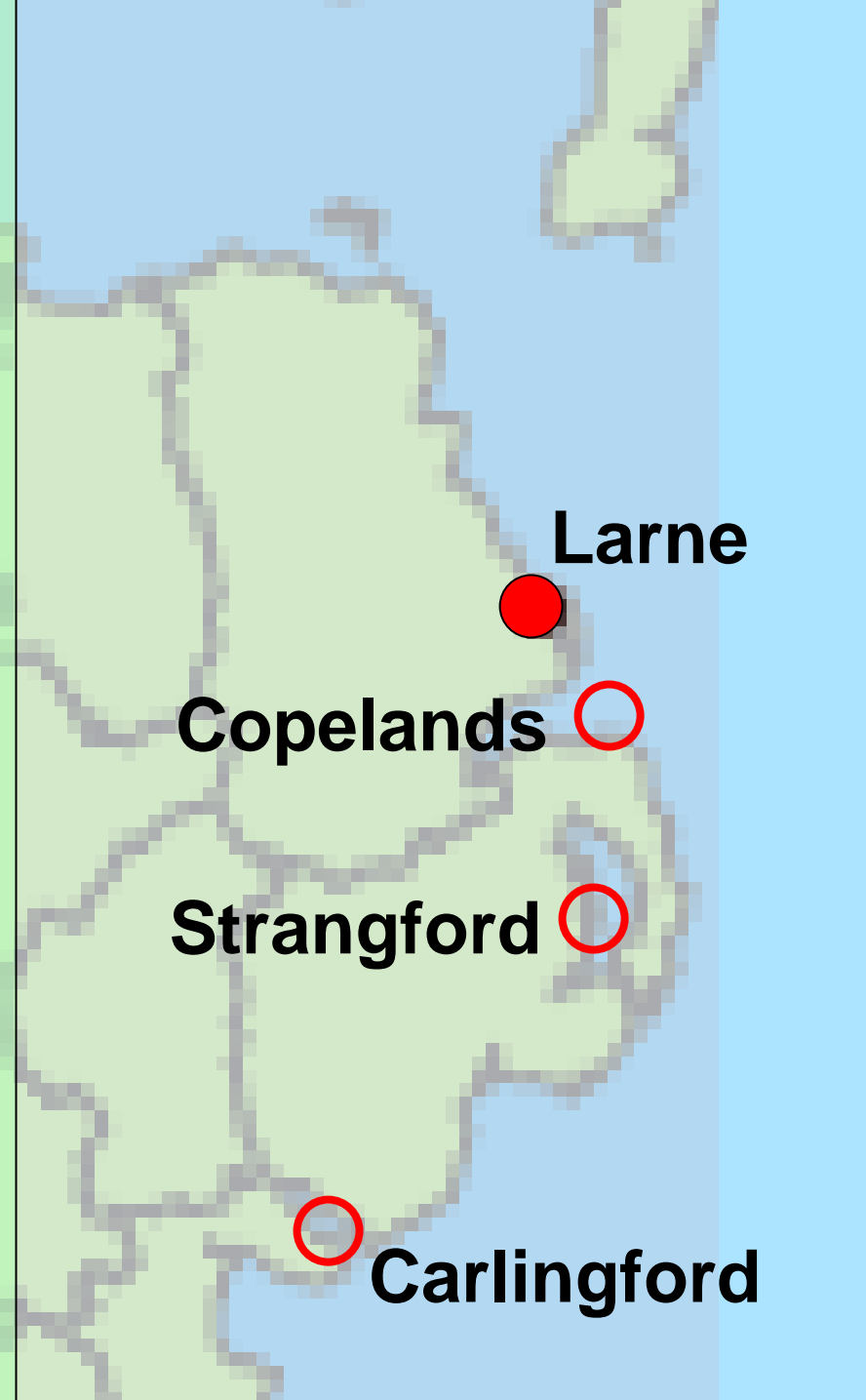
## Strangford Lough

Dunnyneill Island (40prs – 1982)

Jackdaw Island (40prs – 1985)

## Carlingford Lough

Green Island (297prs - 1971)





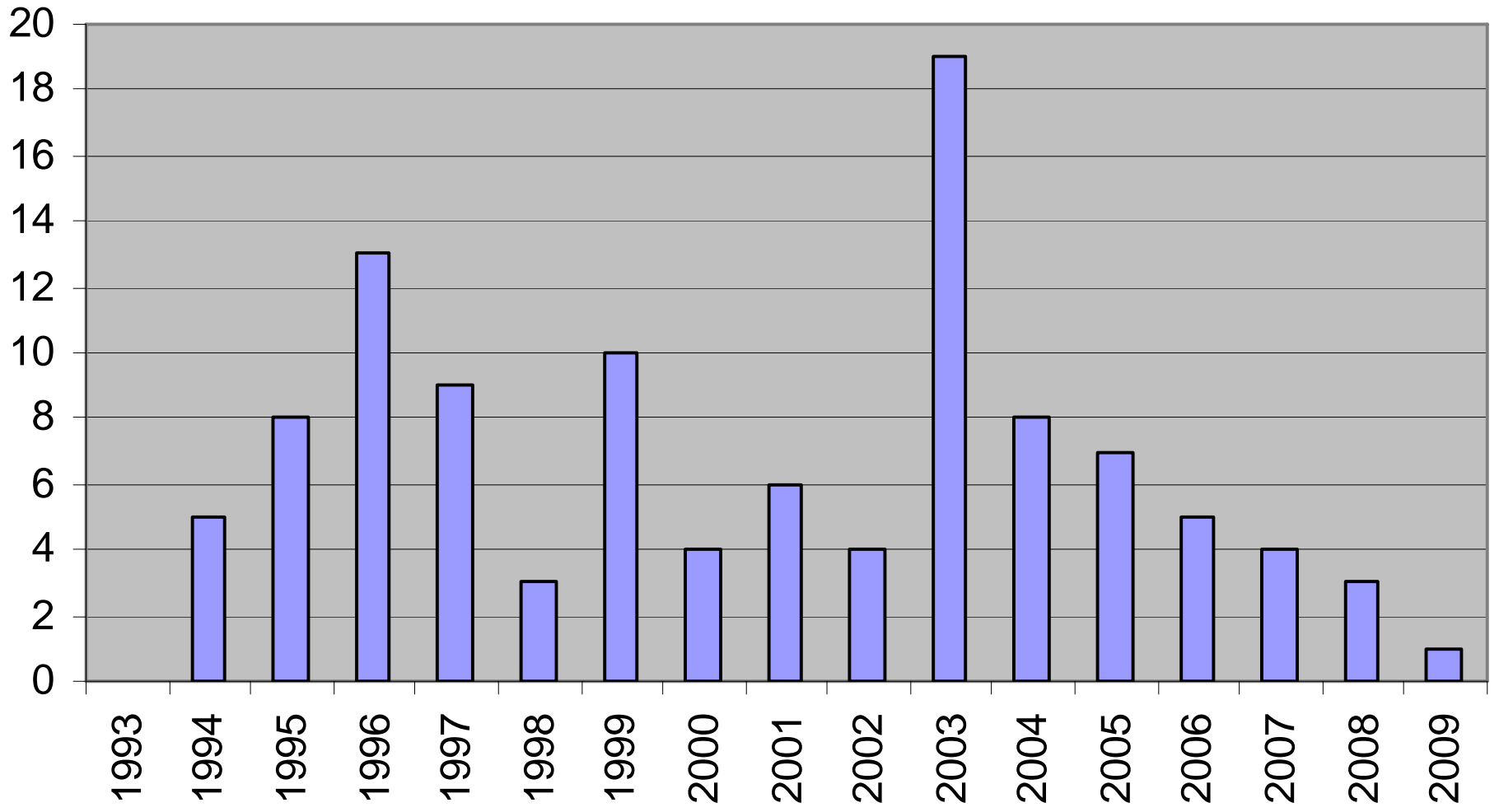




**Arrive:** Early May  
**Leave:** Mid-August



# Roseate terns in Larne Lough











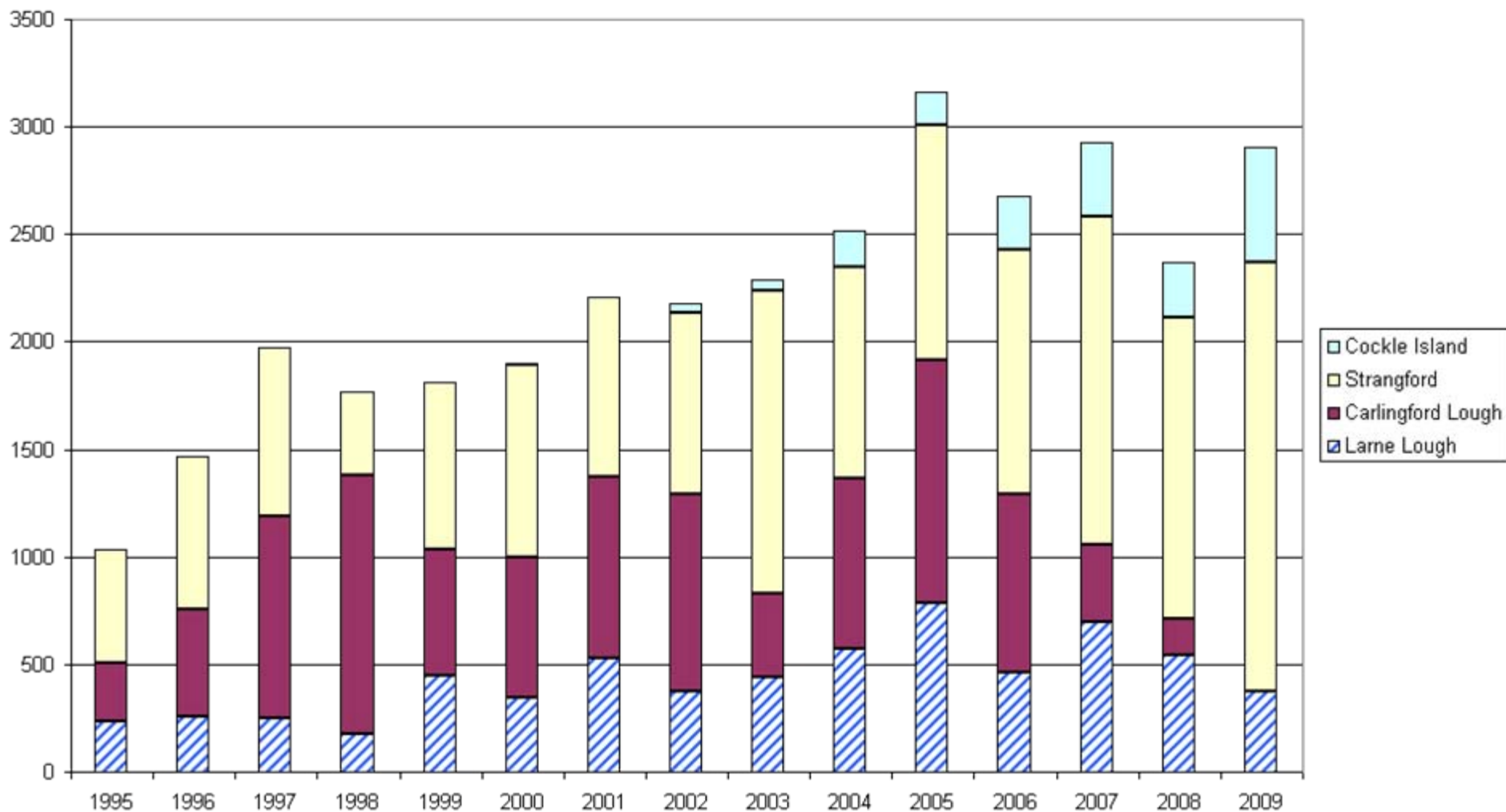




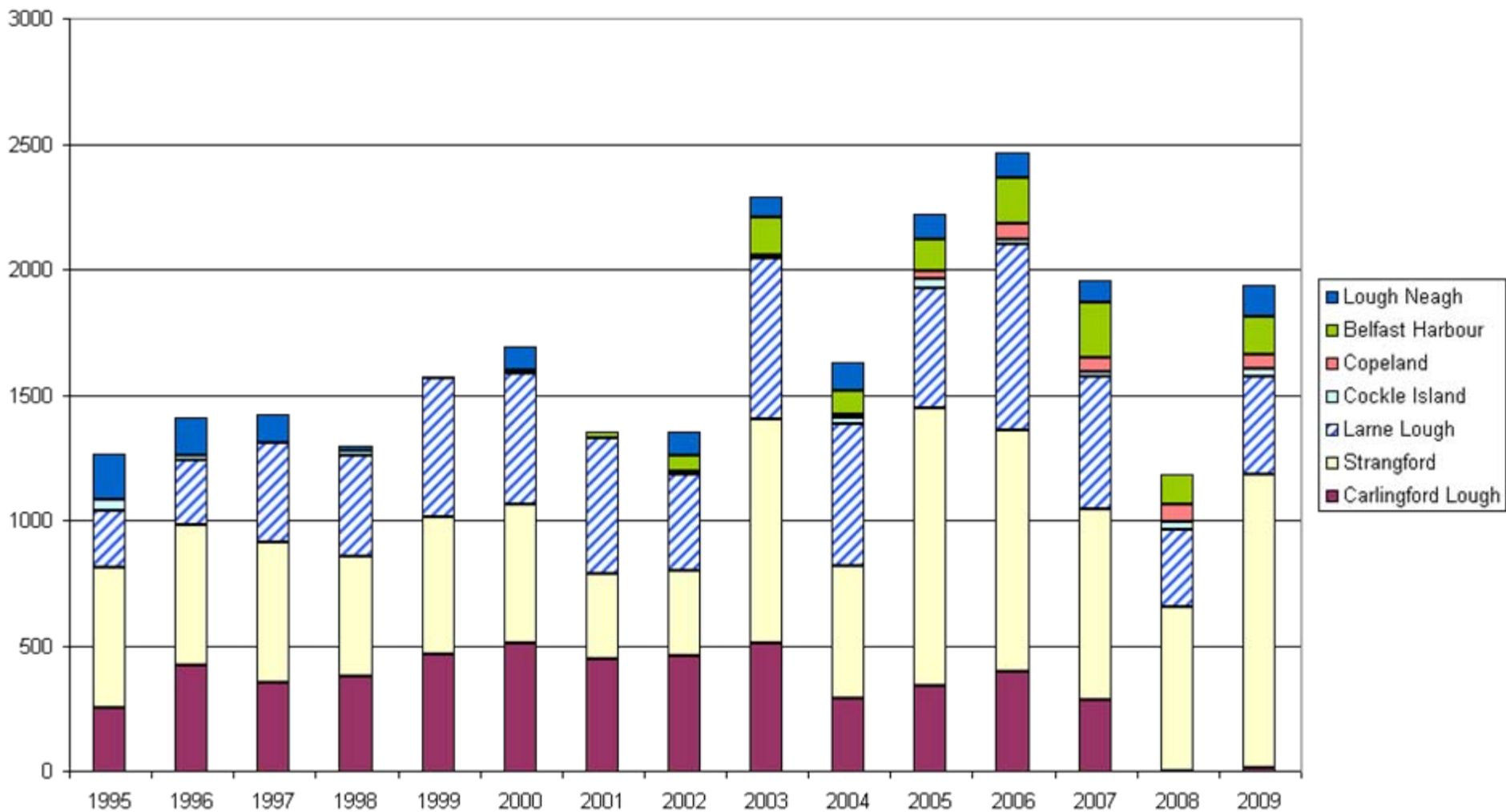




**Sandwich Tern 1995 to 2009**



Common Tern 1995 to 2009



# Management



# Monitoring



# Other species on the islands

| Species                | 2008 | 2009 | Count unit                       |
|------------------------|------|------|----------------------------------|
| Black guillemot        | 5    | 5    | individuals                      |
| Black-headed gull      | 2392 | 1939 | AON<br>Apparently occupied nests |
| Common gull            | 10   | 13   | AON                              |
| Eider                  | 0    | 1    | pair                             |
| Greylag goose          | 2    | 2    | pairs                            |
| Mediterranean gull     | 2    | 2    | AON                              |
| Oystercatcher          | 12   | 19   | pairs                            |
| Red-breasted merganser | 3    | 1    | pairs                            |
| Shelduck               | 1    | 0    | pair                             |



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Larne Harbour

Portland Gas

Magheramorne

Gobbins  
Cliff  
Path

NIW treatment

# Summary

- Reserves - management of tern islands
- Policy - ensuring protection for all qualifying species
- Casework – planning applications – protect site and enhance wherever possible
- People – Larne local group, schools

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