

M Thrane

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Dear M Thrane,

YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am writing in respect of your request for information (ATI) dated 6 January 2017 under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) (2004).

You requested NRW to provide you with:

Please provide me with full details and methodology - including preliminary, summary and final reports relating to the monitoring of Manx Shearwaters to breeding colonies including tenders, pricing and completion of any contracts 2014-2016

The monitoring is carried out by Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory (BBFO) under a Section 16 management agreement. The Agreed Management Policy (AMP) section of their agreed is attached.

As the AMP states, the funding for the two annual shearwater projects is agreed annually on the basis of the project proposals submitted by BBFO. I've attached sets of the shearwater project proposals from BBFO for 2014, 2015 and 2016.

In response to the proposals, NRW agreed to the following funding commitment:

2014 ringing/productivity monitoring: £1760

2014 population census: £3800

2015 ringing/productivity monitoring: £1844

2015 population census: £5180

2016 ringing/productivity monitoring: £1844

2016 population census: £3705

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I will also send you the annual reports for 2014 and 2015 which the BBFO submit to NRW as a requirement of the S16 agreement and which includes information on methodology and the monitoring results. The 2016 report is still in progress.

The methodology for the Manx shearwater monitoring on Bardsey (1. productivity monitoring and 2. population census) follows the standard methodology recommended by JNCC as set out in:

Walsh, P.M., Halley, D.J., Harris, M.P., del Nevo, A., Sim, I.M.W., & Tasker, M.L. 1995. *Seabird monitoring handbook for Britain and Ireland*. Published by JNCC / RSPB / ITE / Seabird Group, Peterborough.

http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/PDF/pub95_SeabirdHandbook.pdf

The productivity monitoring follows the JNCC methodology.

The population census monitoring uses method 2 (tape playback) referred to in the above guidance. The only deviation from the JNCC methodology is that the census is carried out on a whole island basis rather than sample quadrats with roughly a third of the island monitored annually in the three years of the survey (2014-16).

We now consider that we have complied with your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to pursue this matter through our appeals procedure, a copy of which is below

Yours sincerely

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Rights of appeal

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you can contact us to ask for our decision to be reviewed, please write to:

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