

# **Sternula albifrons – The Little Tern**



Where it started – UAB NV68297 first bird of the Project.  
Colour ringed 15 May 2014 on the Inner Farnes but was first BTO  
ringed as a pulli 21 years 10 months earlier at Long Nanny

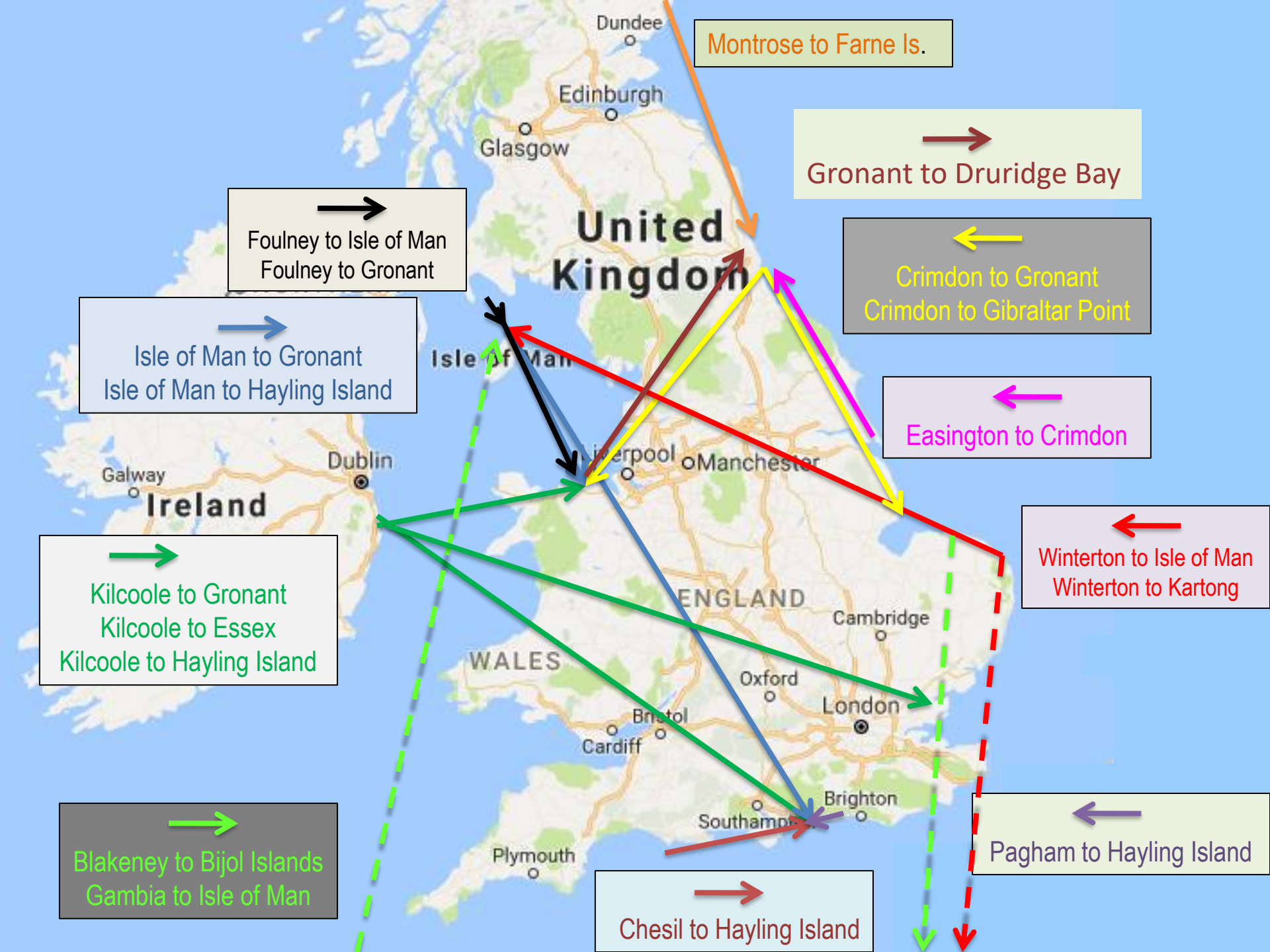


Dead birds found at Crimdon on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017. Autopsy was inconclusive



XCJ NV84774 was ringed as a chick in the Gronant Colony on 25 June 2016, it was photographed in June 2017 at Druridge Bay in Northumberland and seen back at Gronant in July 2017





Montrose to Farne Is.

→ Gronant to Druridge Bay

← Crimdon to Gronant  
Crimdon to Gibraltar Point

← Easington to Crimdon

← Winterton to Isle of Man  
Winterton to Kartong

← Pagham to Hayling Island

→ Chesil to Hayling Island

→ Foulney to Isle of Man  
Foulney to Gronant

→ Isle of Man to Gronant  
Isle of Man to Hayling Island

→ Kilcoole to Gronant  
Kilcoole to Essex  
Kilcoole to Hayling Island

→ Blakeney to Bijol Islands  
Gambia to Isle of Man

## Two birds with Crimdon Colour Rings seen at South Gare, Teeside



# **LIFE Little Tern Project Sites**

## **Breeding Success**

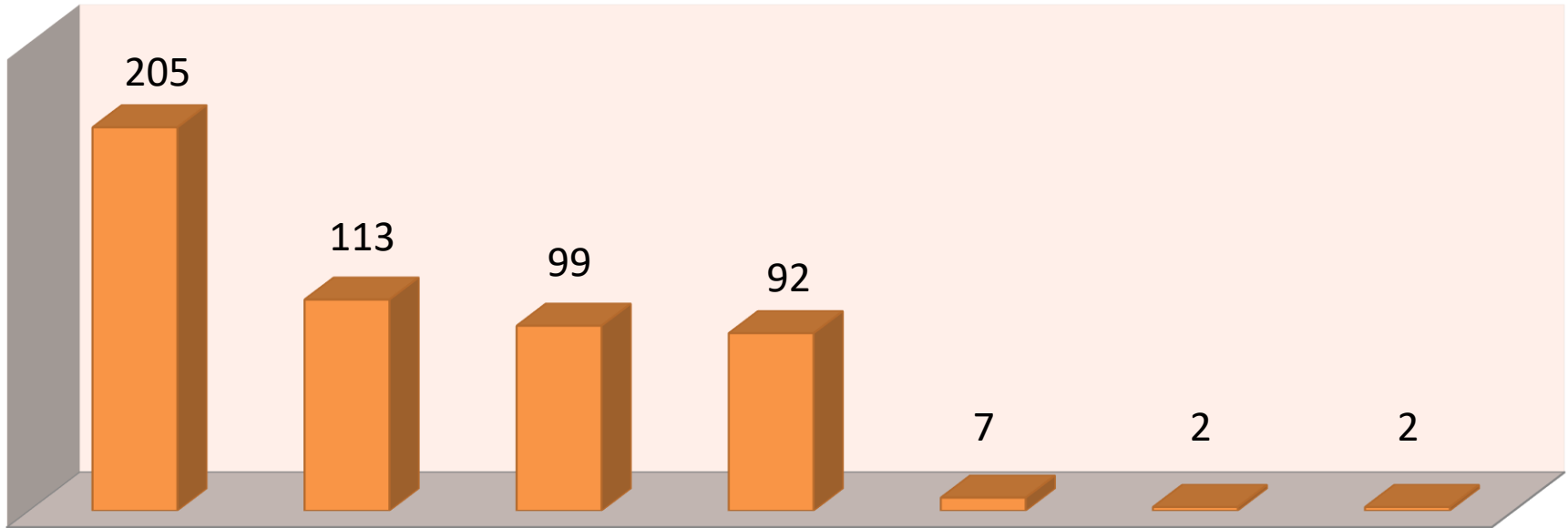
<b>2014</b>	<b>1,103 Pairs bred</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>961 Pairs bred</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>971 Pairs bred</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>1,020 Pairs bred</b>

## **Young Fledged**

<b>2014</b>	<b>524 Young fledged (0.47)</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>532 Young fledged (0.55)</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>709 Young fledged (0.73)</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>603 Young fledged (0.58)</b>

# 2017 Colour Ring Chick Statistics

(Provisional data)



205 Chicks reported = 99 individuals

113/205 were re-sightings of colour ringed birds

99/205 were seen as fledged Juveniles or sub-adults

92/205 were new chicks fitted with colour rings

7/205 were chicks re-captured & fitted with colour rings

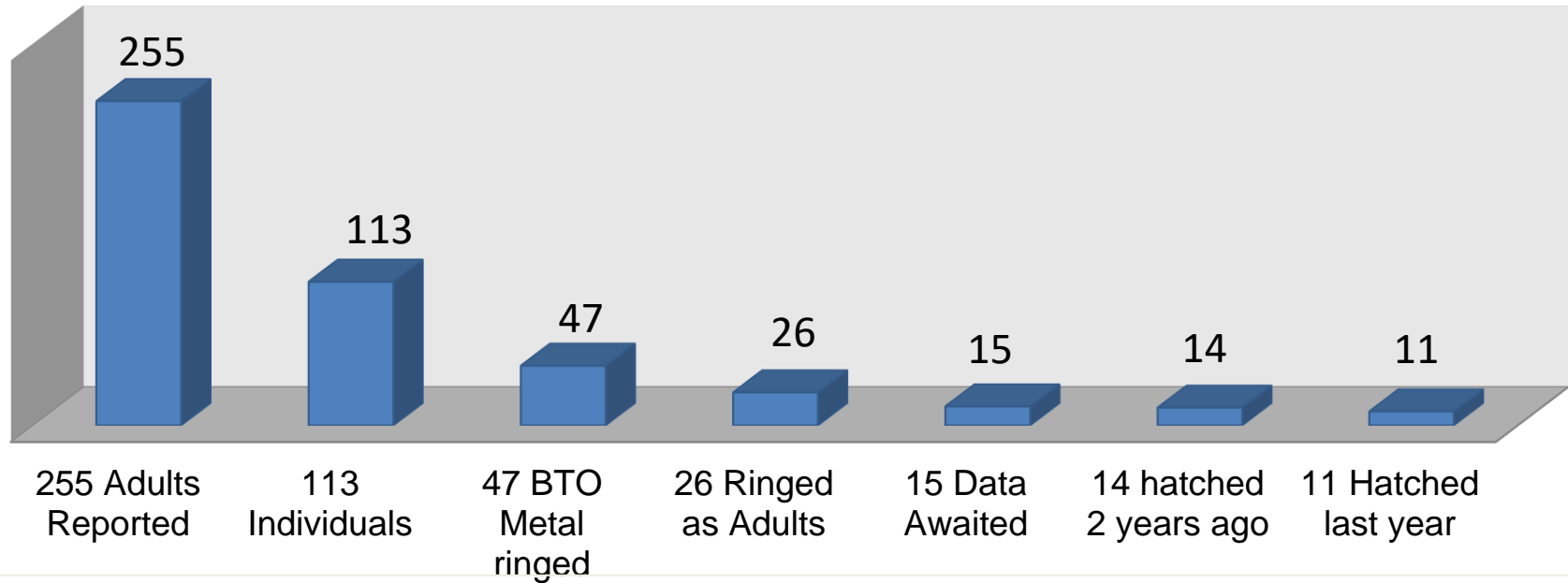
2/205 could not be identified but had colour rings

2/205 with colour rings were recovered dead



# 2017 Adult Colour Ring Statistics

(Provisional data)



47 birds BTO ringed as chicks were re-captured and fitted with colour rings

3 Adults were recovered dead with BTO metal rings but no colour rings

One colour ringed adult was recovered dead, partner of one of the BTO ringed birds

The oldest bird in 2017 was 9 year old NV64168 ringed 14/07/2008 in Montrose

A BTO ringed bird recovered recently dead at Kessingland in 2017 was 16 years old

**Male with fish has BTO ring; Female has colour ring & BTO ring.  
This photo illustrates how difficult it can be to identify a bird**



# Chicks in open areas do use shelters



# Large chick hiding in Sea Rocket plant



*Sue Rendell-Reid 2017*

## Fitting the ring



Colour ringed at 15 days and almost ready to fledge





## **Colour ringed fledglings**

XA3 & mate at rest on a buoy





**Results to follow.....**



*Angela Thomas 2016*