



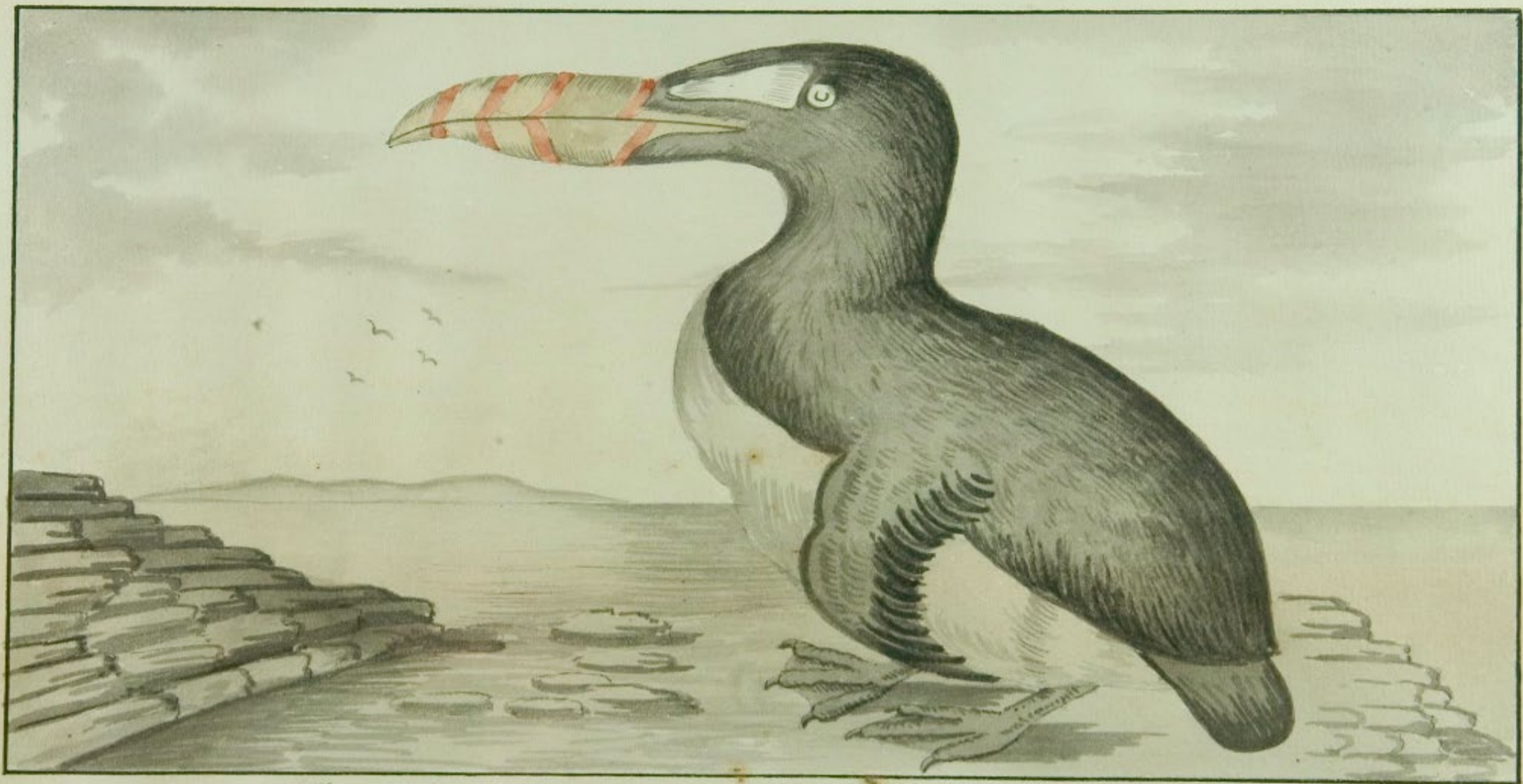
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# Nature Conservation in the Isle of Man: Past, Present & Future

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*These kind of Birds are about the Isle of Man. —*



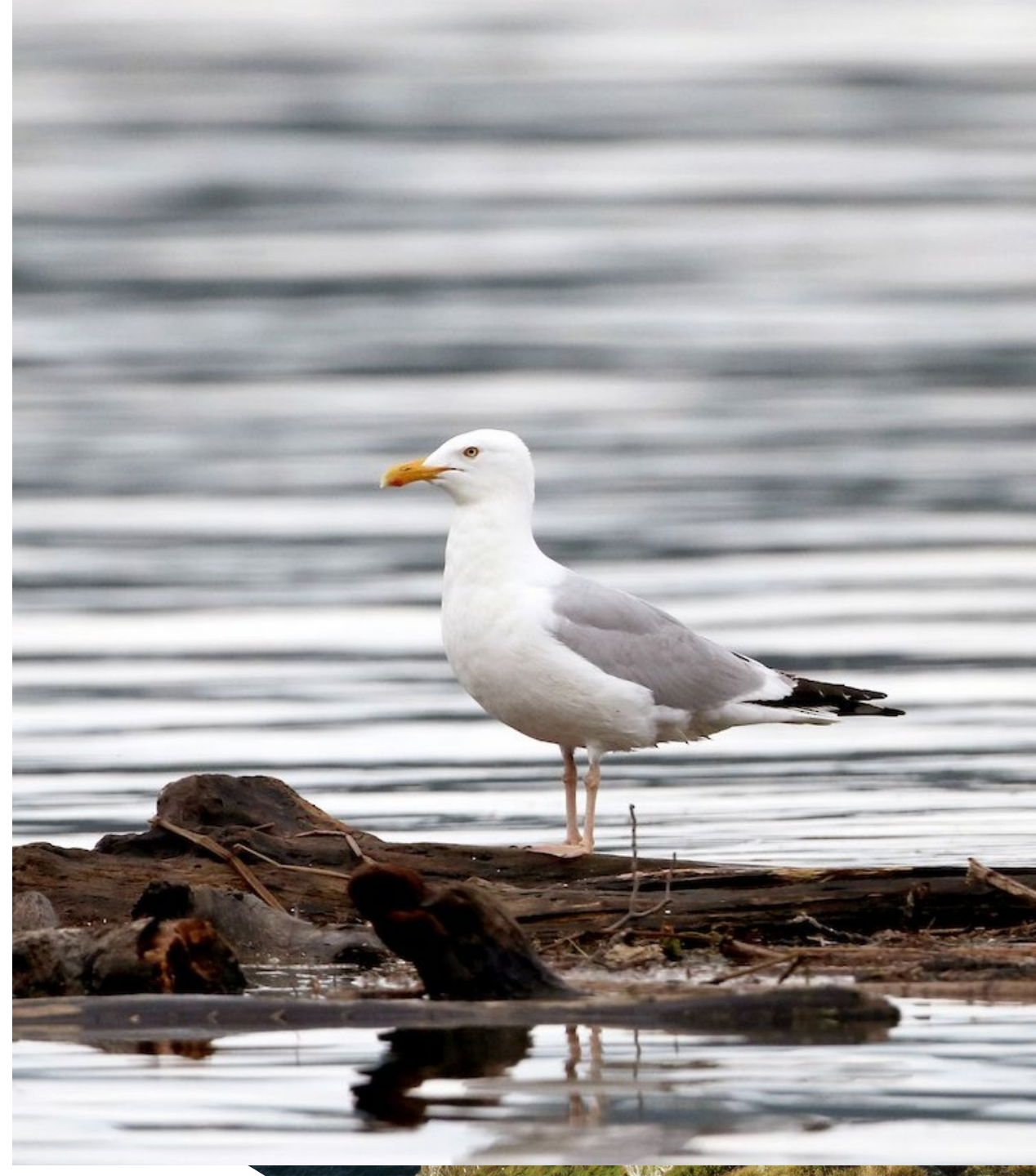
# ‘Big Uig’

- 1652 presumably common
- ~1790 locally extinct
- 1852 globally extinct





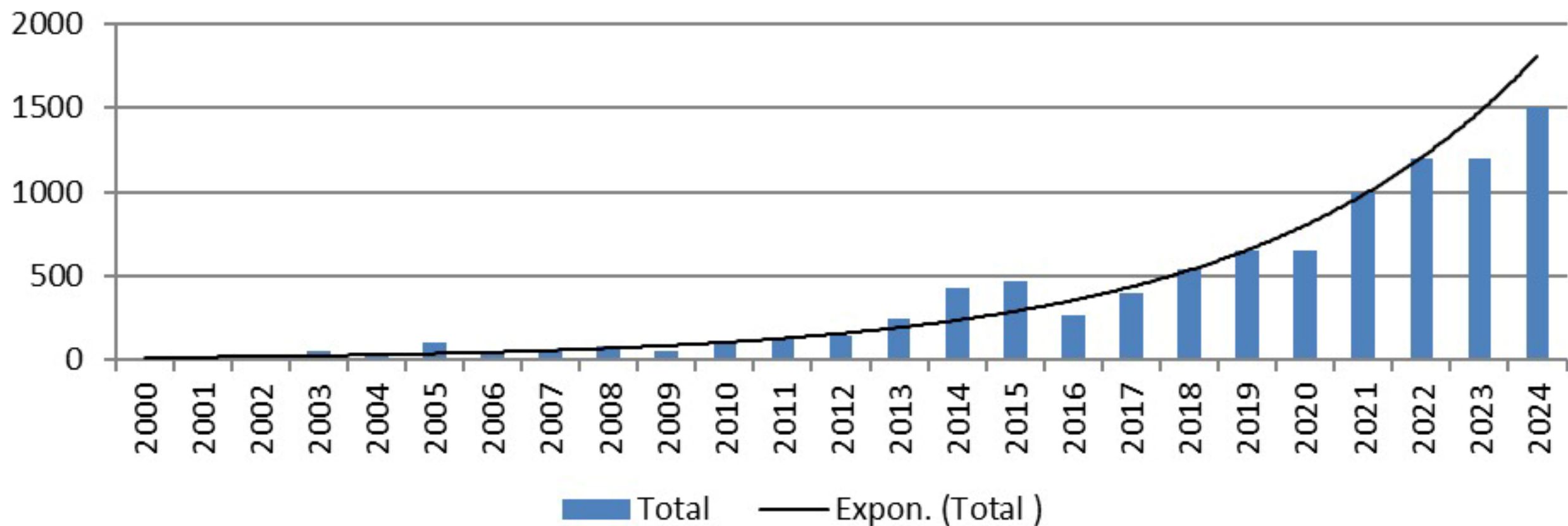
- From 1781 loss of the Calf of Man's Manx Shearwater colony
- ~1790 loss of the Great Auk
- 1867 Sea-gull Preservation Act
- 1892 Port Erin Marine Laboratory
- 1932 Wild Birds Protection Act
  - 1936 Derbyhaven, Langness & Fort Island Bird Sanctuary
- 1941 first edition of *Peregrine*
- 1951 Manx Museum & National Trust Act
  - 1959 Calf of Man Bird Observatory
- 1973 Manx Wildlife Trust
  - 1974 first nature reserve (Barnell Reservoir)
- 1975 proposed 'Nature Conservation Areas'
- 1984 *Flora of the Isle of Man*
- 1986 *Birds of the Isle of Man*
- 1989 Port Erin Fisheries Closed Area
- **1990 Wildlife Act**



- 1992 'Important Bird Areas'
- 1995 Manx Hill-land Seminar
- 1996 First ASSI: Central Ayres
- 2000 First NNR: The Ayres
- 2000 Return of the Manx Shearwater to the Calf
- 2002 Pilot Agri-Environment Scheme

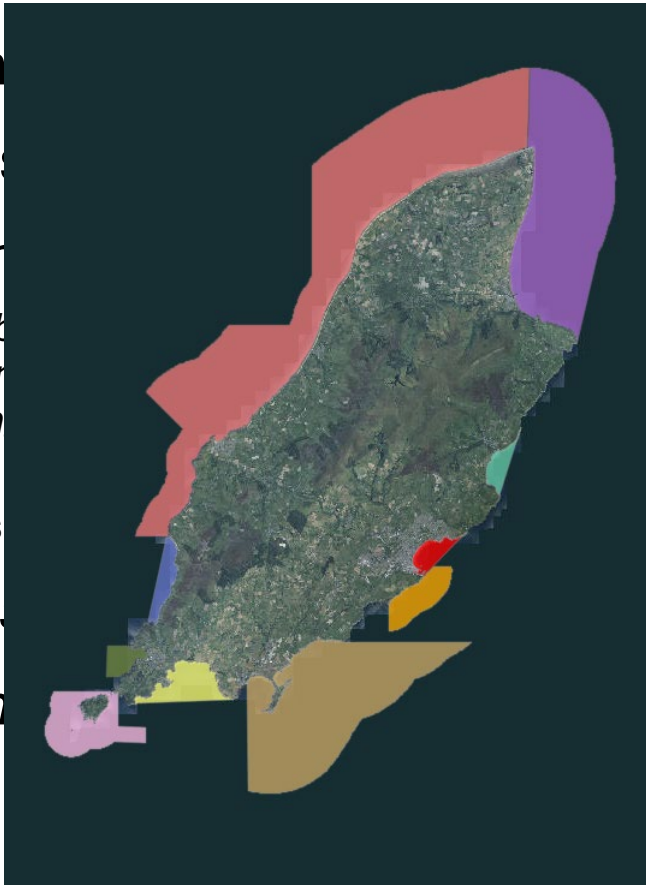


# No's of breeding Manx Shearwater on Calf of Man since 2000





- 2014 Pilot Agri-Environment Scheme axed
- 2015 First Biodiversity Strategy
- 2016 UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man
- 2016 Local extinction of the Yellowhammer
- 2018 Nine further Marine Nature Reserves
- 2019 Point to Point Agri-Environment Scheme
- 2021 All-Isle Agri-Environment Scheme
- 2021 Climate Change Act
  - A public body to be established that it contribute to enhancing ecosystem services
  - Biodiversity
- 2021 Bird Conservation Scheme
- 2022 Planning and Building Act





Skylark **RED**  
*Ushag happagh*



Linnet **RED**  
*Fillip-ny-kempey*



Yellowhammer **RED**  
*Ushag wee*



# *Birds of Conservation Concern in the Isle of Man 2021*

**48**  
species  
Red-listed

**68**  
species  
Amber-listed

**50**  
species  
Green-listed

**14**  
species no  
longer breed

**29% Red**  
**41% Amber**  
**30% Green**

**48**  
ground-nesting  
species at risk





**Locally extinct:**

Great Auk

Quail

Nightjar

Corncrake

Common Tern

Red Kite

White-tailed Eagle

Ring Ouzel

Dipper

Corn Bunting

Yellowhammer

**No longer breed:**

Redshank

Twite

Kingfisher

Merlin

Lapwing

# Lost Manx Birds





# Agri-Environment Scheme

Habitat Creation

Existing Habitat Management

Habitat Restoration & Enhancement

Nature-positive Farming Practices

**35 initiatives**







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# The Present





- 2022 ‘Tynwald acknowledges the global biodiversity and ecological crisis and recommits its support of the Island’s 2015 Biodiversity Strategy
- 2022 Setting of the ‘30 by 30’ target
- 2022 Single Use Plastics Regulations
- 2023 Creg y Cowin Nature Reserve
- 2023 First Motus receiver
- 2024 Central Irish Sea recognised as a global ‘Important Marine Mammal Area’
- 2024 Western Irish Sea Mud Belt protection
- 2024 Glion Darragh Nature Reserve – No 29
- 2024 Manx Pea *conservation*
- 2024 *Freshwater* *Concern*
- 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - *species*







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# Future





- 2025: Biodiversity Net Gain
- 2026: Renewable energy
- 2026: Sewage
- 2030: '30 by 30' target on land and  
  - More
  - Bigger
  - Better
  - Joined Up
- 2037: 100,000 population aim

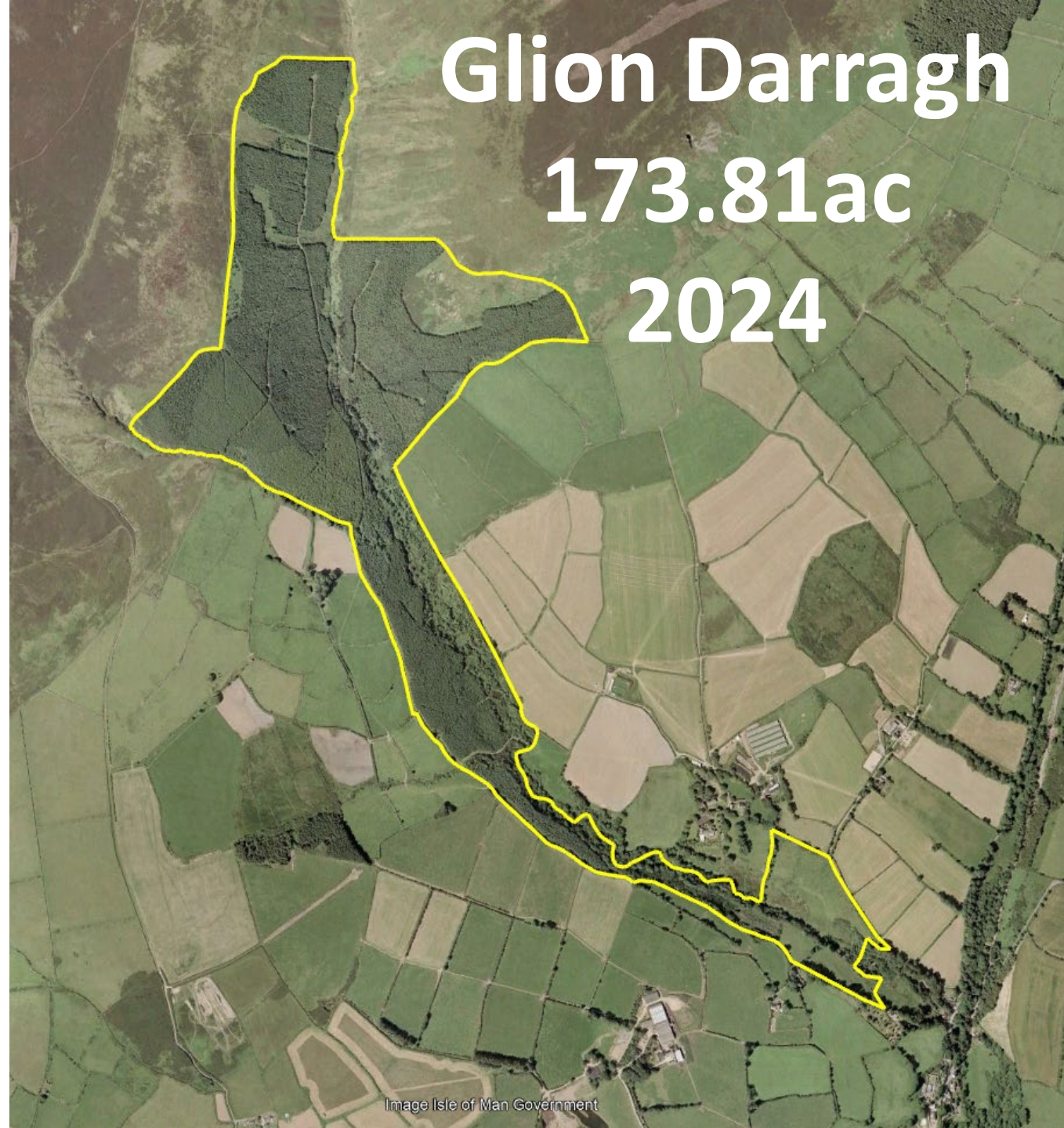
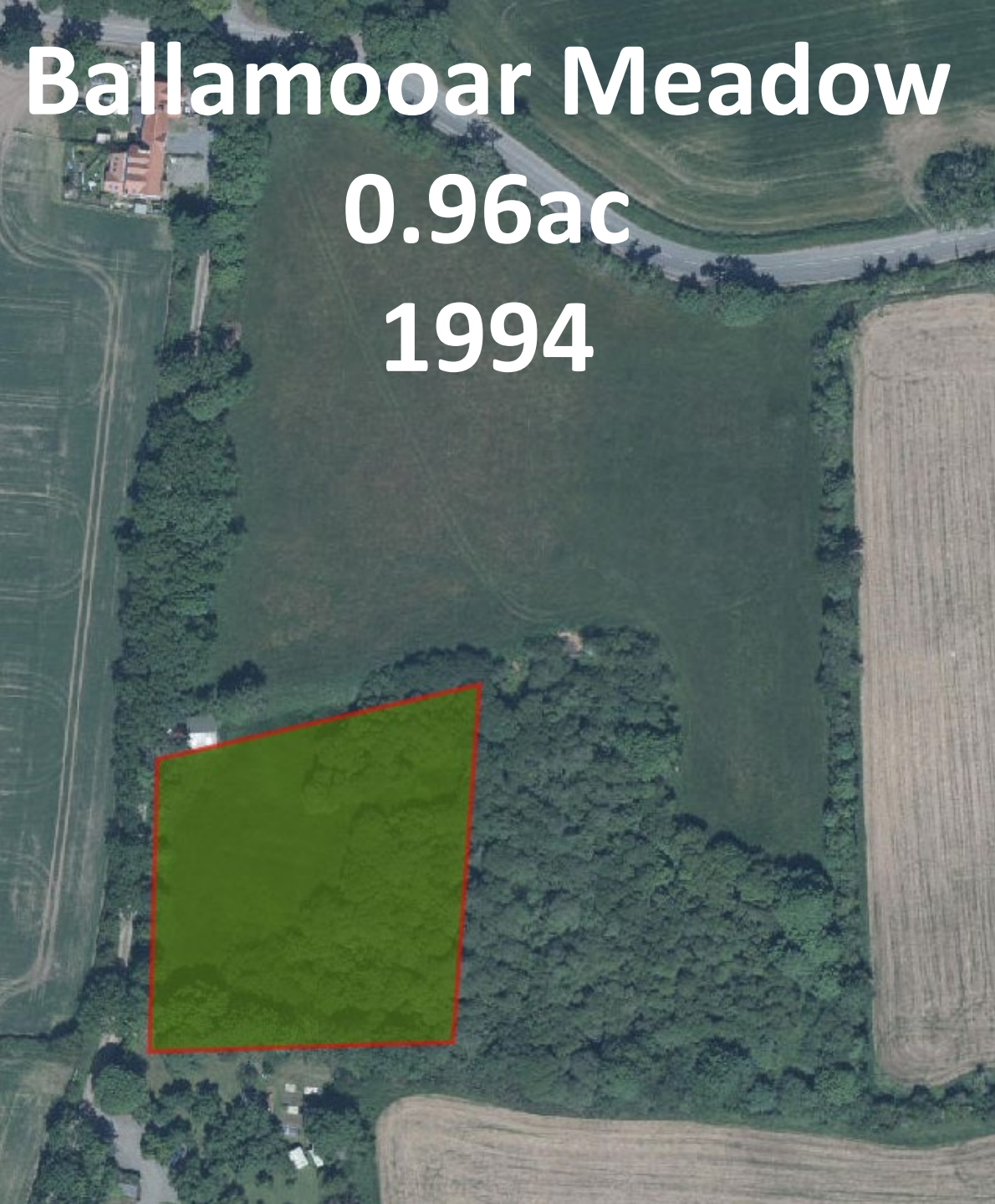




- Woodland cover
- Sustainable upland management
- More and varied wetlands
- Coastal managed retreat
- Bottom trawling
- Nature-positive farming
  - Min/no till agriculture
- Effective biosecurity
- MWT as a major landowner
  - Transitioning from field corners to landscape-scale conservation





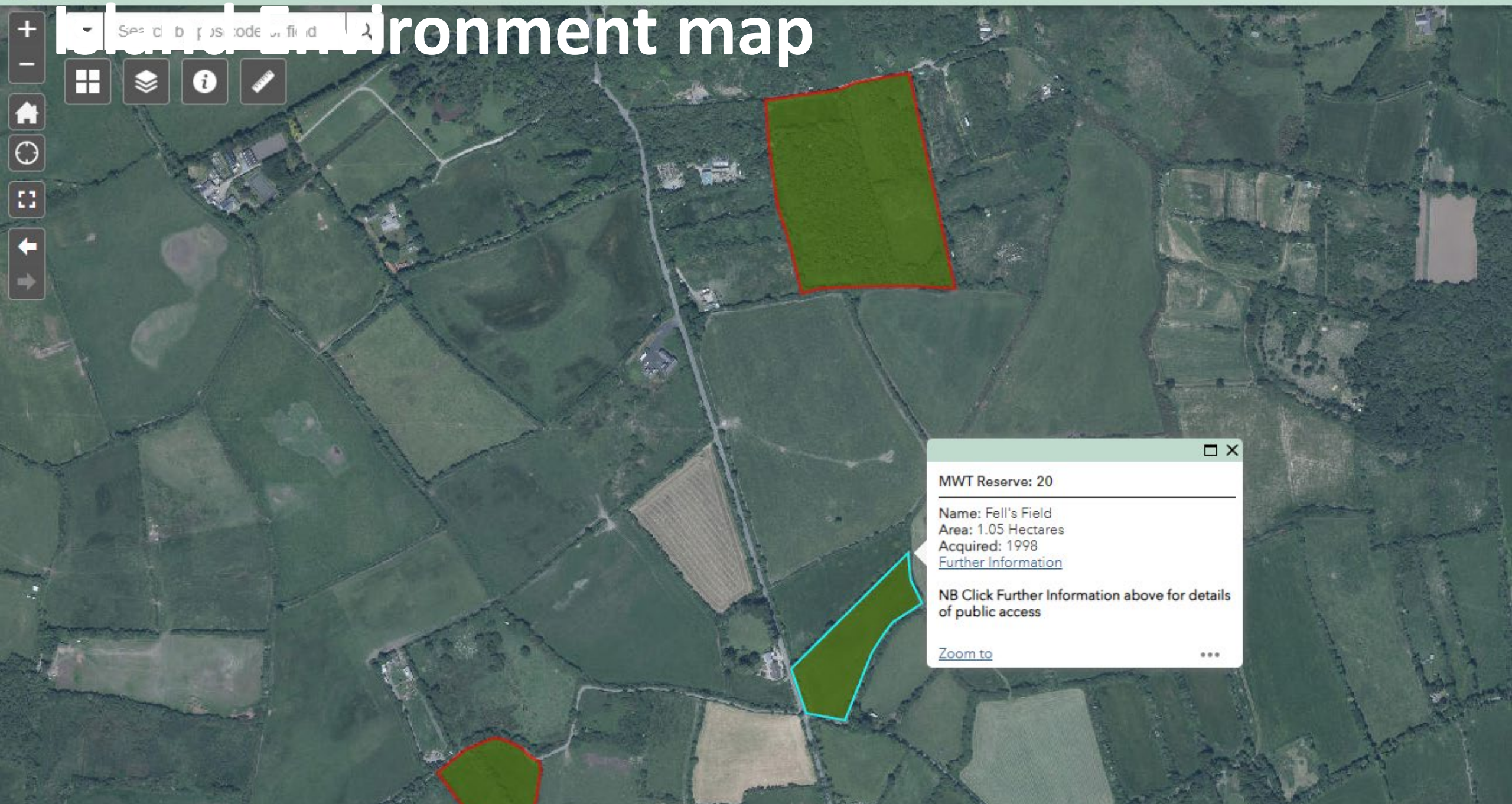




# Environment map



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MWT Reserve: 20

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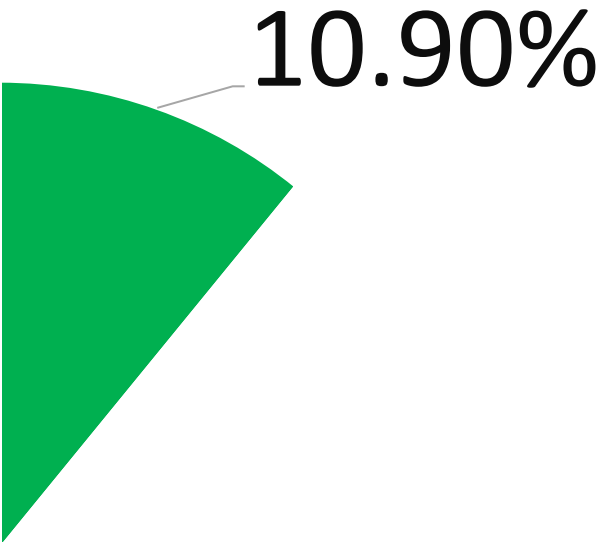
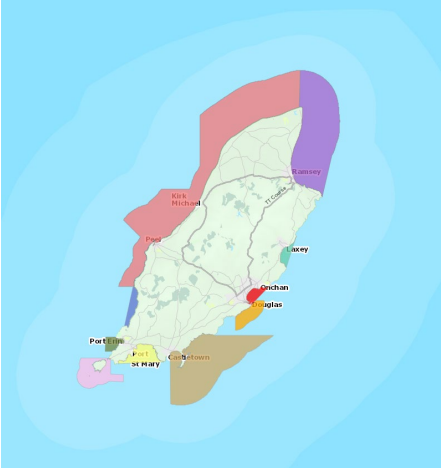
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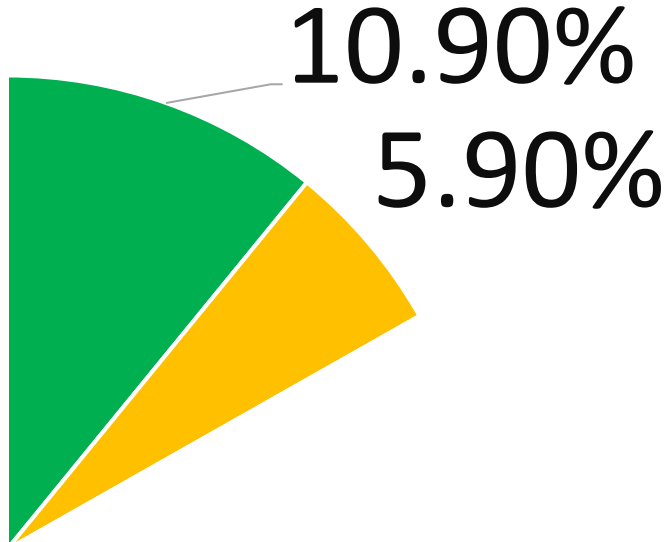
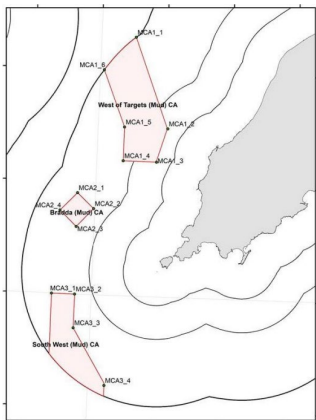
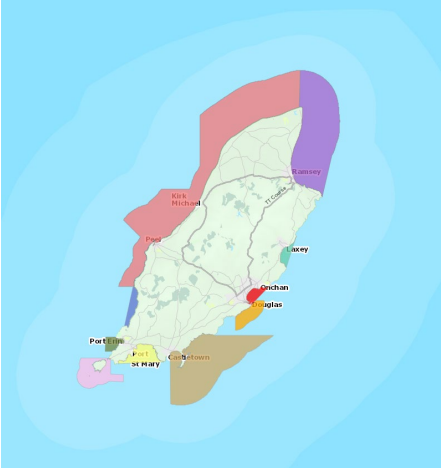
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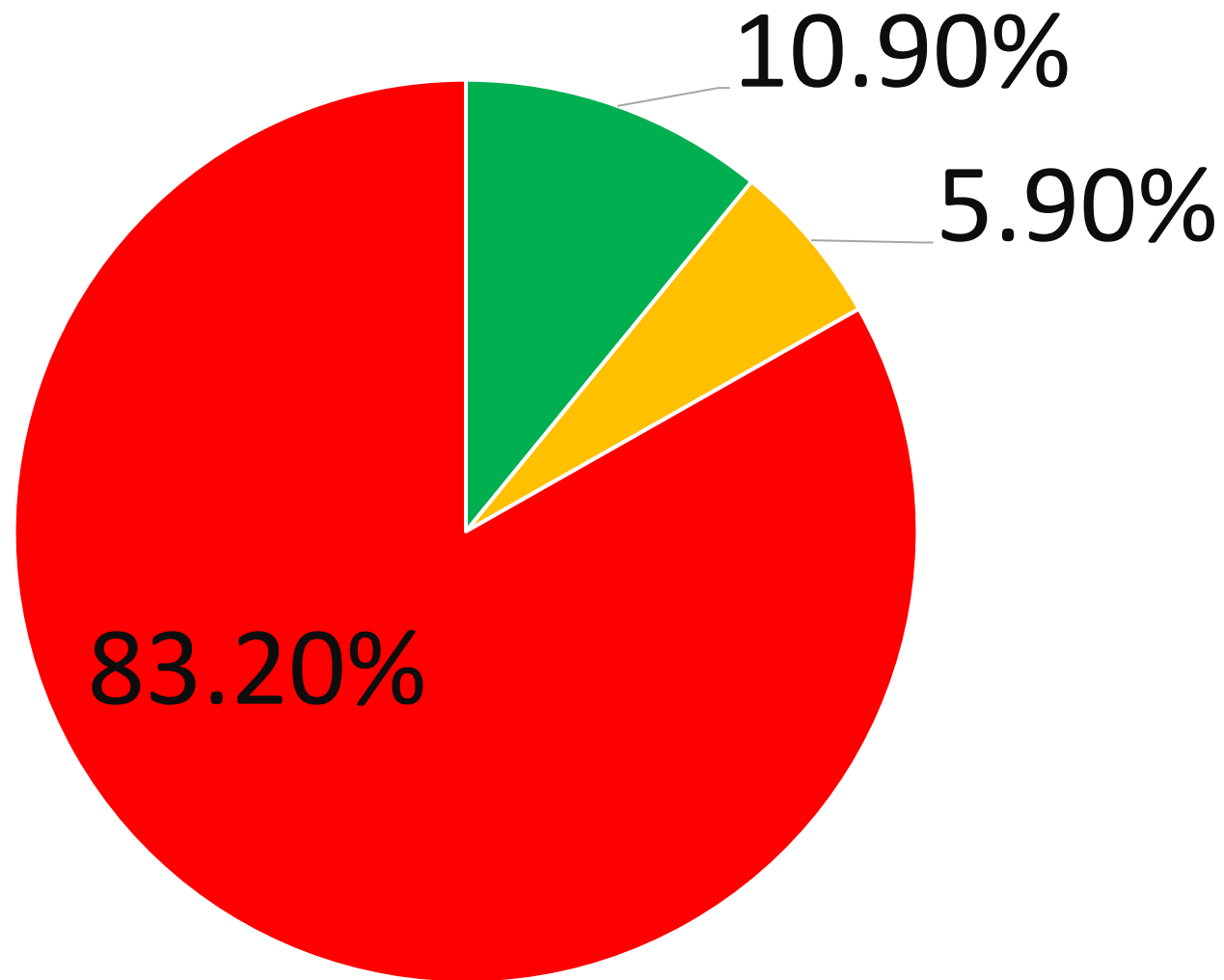
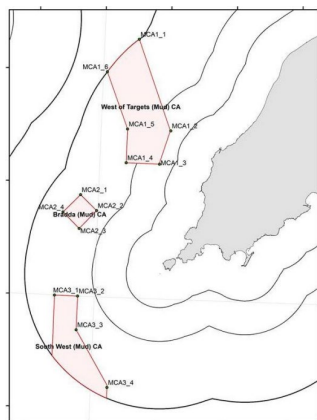
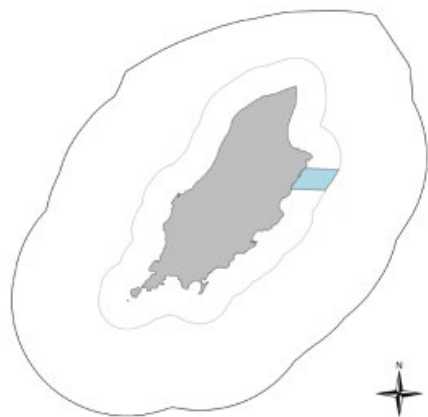
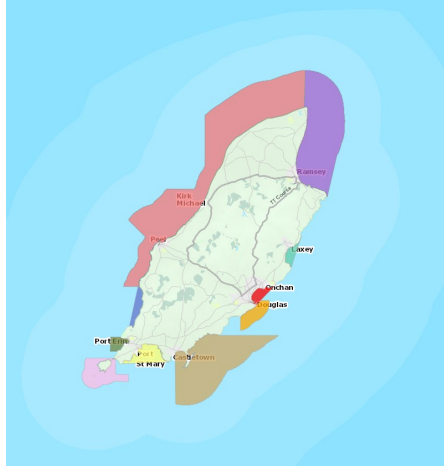
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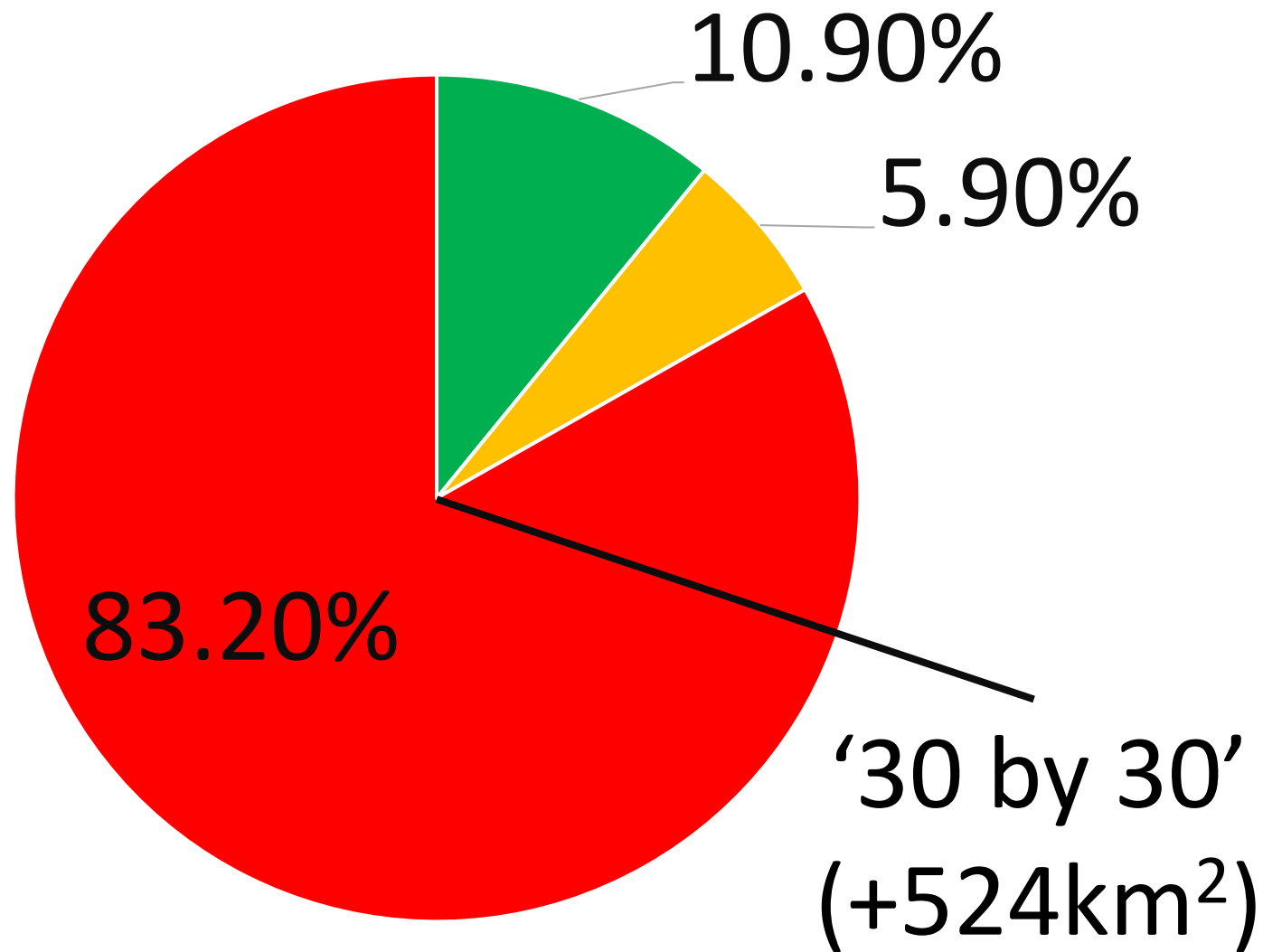
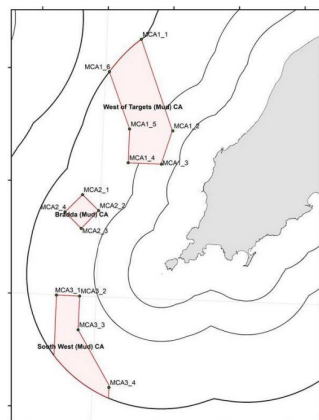
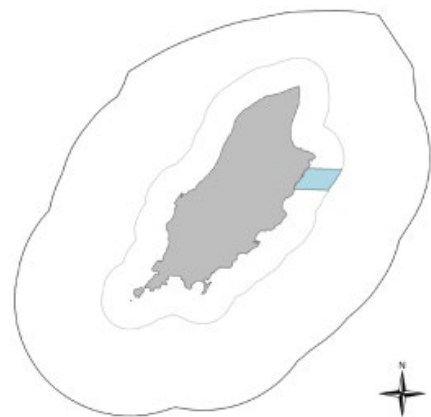
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