

The Seabird Group



Census Grant Guidelines & Conditions (September 2020 version)

1. The Seabird Group supports census projects on UK seabirds from its census legacy fund. The *Seabirds Count* national seabird census is currently underway, with 2021 the final year of surveying. Whilst a large proportion of sites have already been surveyed, there are still many gaps to fill to ensure the census is complete. Census grants are to support seabird census projects in the UK; for all other projects applicants should consider our research grants (see details on our website). Census grants are now only for projects that will be completed in 2021, given that 2021 is the last year of survey work for the census.
2. Funds available are limited; therefore, not all census grant applications will be successful. However, many census grant applications have been successful so far, and awarded amounts have ranged from £500 to £2700, although higher amounts may be considered.
3. Census grant applications can be made at any time. There is no time deadline, but please apply as soon as possible, ready for 2021. If you have any questions or need information about setting up a census project for *Seabirds Count*, then please contact the *Seabirds Count* national coordinator, Daisy Burnell (seabirdcountcoordinator@jncc.org.uk), or the Seabird Group's national census representative, Will Miles (seabirdcensus@seabirdgroup.org.uk).
4. Priority for Seabird Group census grants will be for volunteer projects; bids from large organisations, or those with greater resources than the Seabird Group, will NOT normally be supported. Applications will be considered from individuals or groups. Applicants must state whether or not they have applied for, intend to apply for, or have received, grant aid from other sources, as this may be taken into consideration in determining the level of grant awarded.
5. We particularly encourage projects which will increase knowledge of seabird populations in areas where existing data are sparse, which assist in the development of ongoing seabird monitoring, or which develop new methods that can improve estimates of seabird numbers.
6. Details of all methods should be stated in the application form; grants will not usually be awarded if methods are unclear.

7. A report must be produced at the end of the grant project. Reports should be c.800-1000 words in length and ideally contain one or two photos and/or figures. Reports will usually be published in the Seabird Group newsletter. Alternatively, if appropriate, we accept submissions to our journal SEABIRD. Census data should be directly uploaded to the Seabird Monitoring Programme, or should be submitted to the Seabirds Count national coordinator, Daisy Burnell (seabirdscountcoordinator@jncc.org.uk).
8. The Seabird Group must be acknowledged in all outputs relating to the project.
9. Grants can cover costs for travel (including boats), subsistence, and equipment, but cannot cover staff costs or the purchase of vehicles.
10. Grants are awarded on the assumption that successful applicants will apply for, or have already obtained, appropriate licences and landowners' permissions to conduct the work. Awardees are also responsible for organising appropriate health & safety assessments.
11. Applications should be made electronically using the form provided on our website. We aim to inform applicants of the outcome of their application within a few weeks.
12. Applications should be detailed enough to allow a decision to be made on the award of the grant with respect to the conditions outlined. Insufficient detail will result in the grant not being awarded.
13. End of grant reports must contain sufficient detail to provide an assessment of whether the objectives have been met as stated in the grant application, be they partially or wholly met.