

The Seabird Group

Grant Conditions (September 2007 version)

1. The Seabird Group supports projects on seabirds, focussing in particular on the research, survey and conservation of Atlantic seabirds. In addition grants may be awarded for the promotion of seabirds to the general public. The group does not support projects that are not related to the seabirds and would not normally consider supporting projects requiring a grant commitment of greater than 3 consecutive years.
2. The conditions are aimed at providing a guideline for projects that will be funded. Funds available are limited; therefore not all grants will be awarded. The current maximum grant is usually £300 per project coming from a total grant fund of £2,000 per year. During national census such as SEABIRD 2000 the level of funding available increases, although the maximum award amount will usually remain the same.
3. Priority for grants from the Seabird Group Census Fund will be for volunteer projects; PhD and other student research projects will not normally be supported. Applications will be considered from any individual or group. Applicants must state whether or not they have applied for, or 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.
4. We particularly encourage projects which will increase knowledge of seabird populations in areas where existing data are poor, assist in the development of ongoing monitoring, or develop new methods that can improve estimates of seabird numbers.
5. Details of all methods should be stated in the application form; grants will not usually be awarded where methods are not clear.
6. Grants for the ringing of seabirds can be awarded. The aims of the ringing operation must be described, including the previous experience of the applicant(s). Any equipment purchased may remain the property of the ringer.
7. A report must be produced at the end of the grant; if the grant is for three years, annual progress reports must be produced. Reports will usually be published in the Seabird Group newsletter (or journal if appropriate).
8. The Seabird Group must be acknowledged in all outputs relating to the project.

9. Grants will not be made for the funding of staff positions or for the purchase of vehicles.
10. Applications should be made electronically. The grant applications are assessed annually in October and March. Successful applicants will be notified in November and April.
11. 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.
12. 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.