



The Seabird Group

Emergency HPAI Seabird Monitoring Grant

Guidelines & Conditions - please read before applying **(March 2023)**

1. This scheme is a one-off emergency funding scheme aimed at supporting monitoring of UK seabird colonies affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza (hereafter HPAI) in 2022, in order to establish the magnitude of the HPAI impact on populations. Surveys should aim to collect full colony counts and should be conducted at the appropriate time periods for such counts and use standard count methods appropriate for the species (see [Seabird Monitoring Handbook](#) for details of methods and recommended survey timing). We would advise that any potential applicants contact connie.tremlett@rspb.org.uk to identify potential sites and species which have been deemed as the highest priority by the SMP HPAI Task and Finish Group. All participants will also be expected to sign up to the SMP database online system and be allocated a site formally.
2. Applications will be considered from any individual or group, but we will give priority to applicants who have had prior experience with seabird monitoring, and in particular with the proposed species and/or site.
3. There is no limit on how much funding applicants can request but we expect to mainly fund projects up to £2,000. Funds available are limited, however, and therefore not all applications submitted will be successful. In any case, applicants must give a detailed breakdown of the costs of undertaking the proposed project, and 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.
4. Details of all methods should be stated in the application form; grants will not usually be awarded where methods are not clear.
5. The previous relevant experience of the applicant(s) must be described. Any equipment purchased may remain the property of the applicant.
6. A report must be produced by December 2023 and will be published in The Seabird Group newsletter. Reports should be ~1000 words in length and ideally contain one or two photos and/or figures. Alternatively, we accept submissions to our journal SEABIRD if appropriate. 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.
7. The Seabird Group must be acknowledged in all outputs relating to the project.
8. Grants can cover costs for travel (including boats), subsistence, and equipment, but cannot cover staff costs or the purchase of vehicles. For environmental reasons, projects which require a substantial of travel, especially high-carbon travel, are unlikely to be funded.
9. Grants are awarded on the assumption that successful applicants will apply for, or have already obtained, appropriate permits and licences to conduct the work. We also expect all grant awardees to secure landowners' permission before the work begins. Awardees are also responsible for organising appropriate health & safety assessments.

10. Applications should be sent electronically to secretary@seabirdgroup.org.uk using the form below. The deadline to submit an application is 19 March 2023. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by the end of March 2023.
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.



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Emergency HPAI Seabird Monitoring Grant - APPLICATION FORM

(March 2023)

Please ensure that you have read the guidelines above before filling the form. Please provide the fullest possible information to enable a complete assessment to be made of the proposed project.

A – PERSONAL DETAILS

1. Name of Applicant and/or Organisation:
2. Address:
3. Telephone number:
4. E-mail address:
5. Occupation/current position (e.g. undergraduate or PhD student, researcher, bird ringer...)
6. Are you a Seabird Group member? YES / NO

B – GRANT PROPOSAL

7. Title of the project:

8. Which colony and species do you propose to monitor and why? Please clarify whether you have contacted Connie Tremlett at RSPB (email address in guidelines above) to check whether the site and species you propose to survey is a priority with regards to surveying in 2023.

9. Please detail the methodology you plan to employ, whether they follow the recommended methods in the SMP handbook, and whether you/the participants in the project have experience with this method, with the species, and with the site.

10. Please detail the timescale of the project. Are you planning to conduct the survey during the recommend survey window for the species?

11. Please discuss any animal welfare considerations, detailing any measures taken to minimise disturbance, if applicable. Also detail necessary permits and licences, whether you have applied for or obtained them.
12. Total cost of project in GBP (please include a breakdown of costs: travel, subsistence, equipment etc):
13. Amount requested from The Seabird Group in GBP:
14. Explain what the grant will be used for, and how important a contribution it will make to the full project:
15. How are remaining costs being met (other grants, own contributions etc)? For other grants please give details (organisation, amount, year, whether awarded or pending):

C - DIVERSITY MONITORING

The Seabird Group is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion within the seabird community, and aims to ensure fair and equitable representation and participation within our grants awards and other activities. All questions are optional: acceptance of your grant application will not be influenced by whether or not you choose to answer any or all of the questions. This information will remain confidential and will be used only to produce anonymised statistics on diversity and help The Seabird Group to monitor our inclusiveness as an organisation.

Ethnicity

- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black, African, Caribbean
- ☐ Latino, Hispanic
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Gender

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Do you have a disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Do you identify as part of a marginalised community?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

16. Declaration:

I/We certify that all the information given on this form is to the best of my/our knowledge correct and I/We agree to abide by any requirements or conditions attached to any award of the grant by the Seabird Group.

Signature of Applicant (s):

Date:

Please e-mail this form as a single document with your name in the filename to the Secretary:

secretary@seabirdgroup.org.uk by **19 March 2023**. Outcomes will be given to applicants at the end of March 2023.