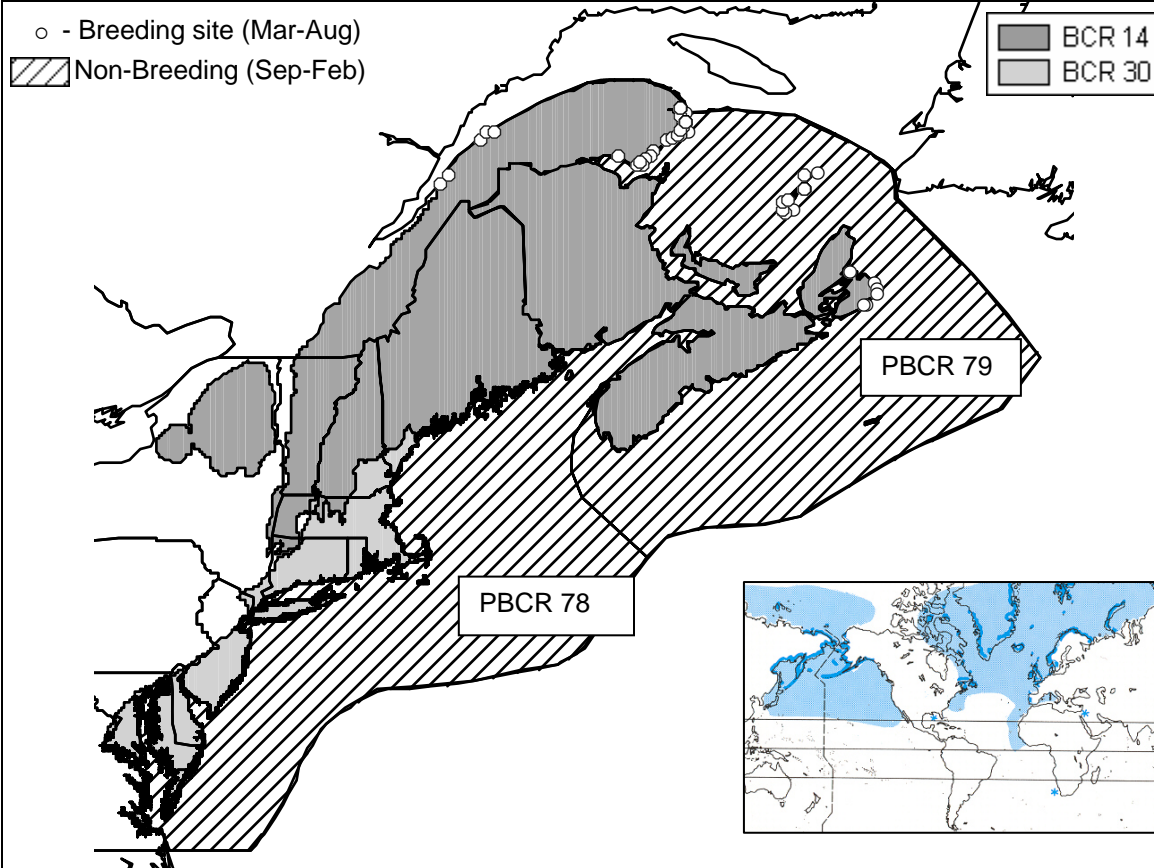


BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE (*Rissa tridactyla tridactyla*)

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals), Population Importance (% reference population) and Conservation Rank							
Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
17,000,000-18,000,000t	3,126,000b (26-28% global)	108,700b (3% NA)	0b (0% NA)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	108,700b (100% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Lowest Concern	Lowest Concern	Lowest Concern	NJ- S4N; DE-SZN; MD-SZN; VA-SN	NY-S?N; CT,VT- no info; RI- SZN; MA-SN	MA-SN, NH-SZN; ME- S4S5N; NB- SIB, S3N; NS- S2B, S3N	QC-S4; NB-SIB, S3N; PEI- SZN; NS- S2B, S3N MANEM Focal Species



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14; winters in PBCRs 78, 79
- Habitats used: steep cliffs or islands, occasionally on building ledges (breeding); mostly pelagic, along seacoasts, bays, and estuaries (nonbreeding); usually feeds 10 km or more offshore; NE Canada \leq 50 km from colony during chick rearing; breeders forage close to shore over continental shelf; non-breeders forage further offshore over shelf break and oceanic regions

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=1

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—0b (0 colonies); CAN—108,700b
- Historical population size: US—0b (0 colonies)
- Declining in Canada

NAWCP PS=1; NAWCP PT=3

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Commercial fishing may cause decrease in prey species
- Oil spills threaten adults and deplete food supply

NAWCP TB=2; NAWCP TN=2

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* average 3 chicks fledged/nest with eggs/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Species easy to survey and good indicator of marine health (i.e. showing indirect or delayed effects of oil spills); continually monitor. *Needs:* monitor. *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum). *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: QC-Magdalen Is, E Gaspé. Protect non-breeding habitat of shelf and slope waters of Northeast US Continental Shelf, Gulf of Maine, and Scotian Shelf including concentration areas on Georges Bank and Cashes Ledge. *Conservation Projects:* 28, 29, 39, 43, 83, 84, 85.