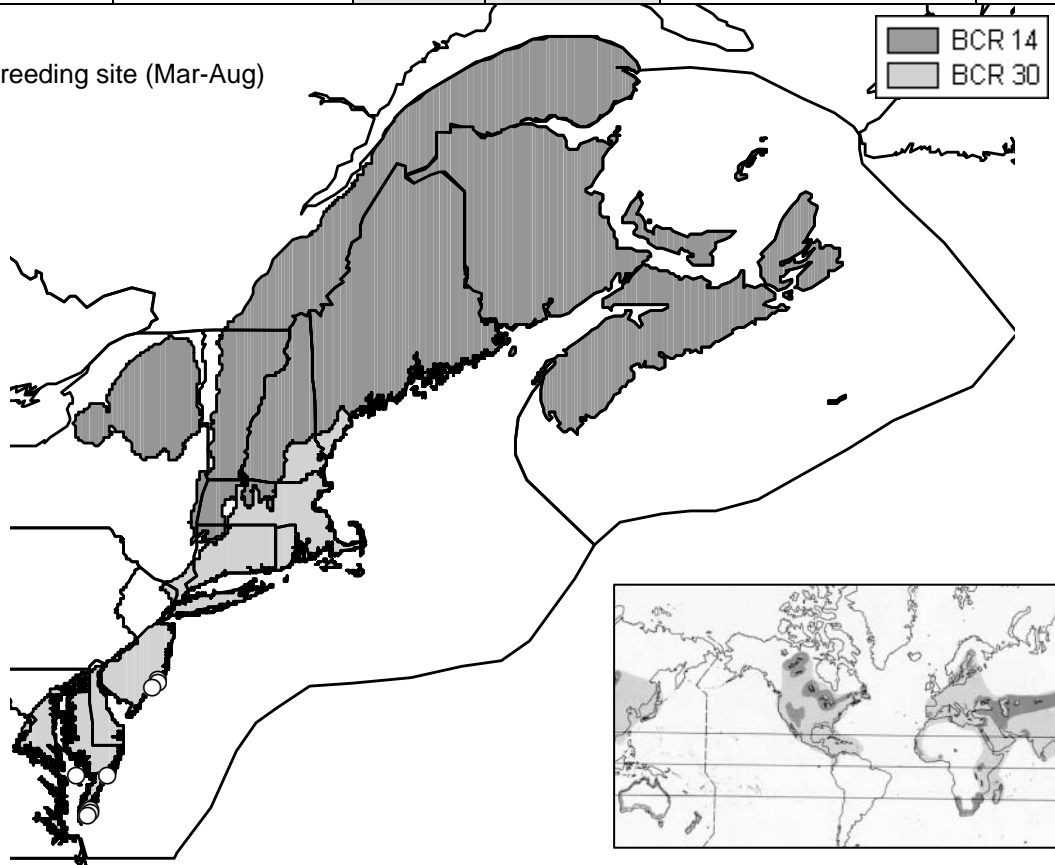


## CASPIAN TERN (*Sterna caspia*)

<b>Conservation Status:</b> 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
180,000-320,000t	66,000 – 70,000b (33-55% global)	0b (0% NA)	24b (<1% NA)	24b (100% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Low Concern	Low Concern	Low Concern	NJ- <b>SCSPB</b> ; DE-SZN; MD-SZN; VA- <b>SCS1B, S2N</b> State <b>SGCN-NJ</b>	NY-S1; CT-SZN; RI- S1N; MA-SN; VT-no info State <b>SGCN-NY</b>	MA- SN; NH- no info; ME- no info; NB-SZN, NS-SZN	QC-S1; NB-SZN; PEI-SZN; NS- SZN

○ - Breeding site (Mar-Aug)



### Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30; migrates in region
- Habitats used: breeding: marshes, swamps, ponds, lakes, mangroves, trees in wooded areas near water; foraging: unknown but adult birds may fly long distances to fish (observed up to 62 km from breeding colony); typically along coasts, shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, lagoons, estuaries, and sloughs; less common on open seas, often <100 m from shore

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=2

### Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—24b (8 colonies); CAN—0b
- 1970s: US—2b (1 colonies)
- Increase in regional population

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=2

### Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Degradation/destruction of nesting and foraging areas
- Human disturbance inhibits egg laying and increases nest abandonment, egg predation and nestling mortality

NAWCP TB=4; NAWCP TN=2

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 1.6 fledglings/nest/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Reduce researcher interference (i.e. use of blinds and tunnels to access nesting areas). Gear conservation efforts towards colony protection/enhancement and techniques to reduce nest predation by gulls. *Needs:* monitor. *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum) at 20b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Barrier Is Group, Chincoteague Group; NJ-Great Bay Group, Little Egg Harbor. *Conservation Projects:* 45.