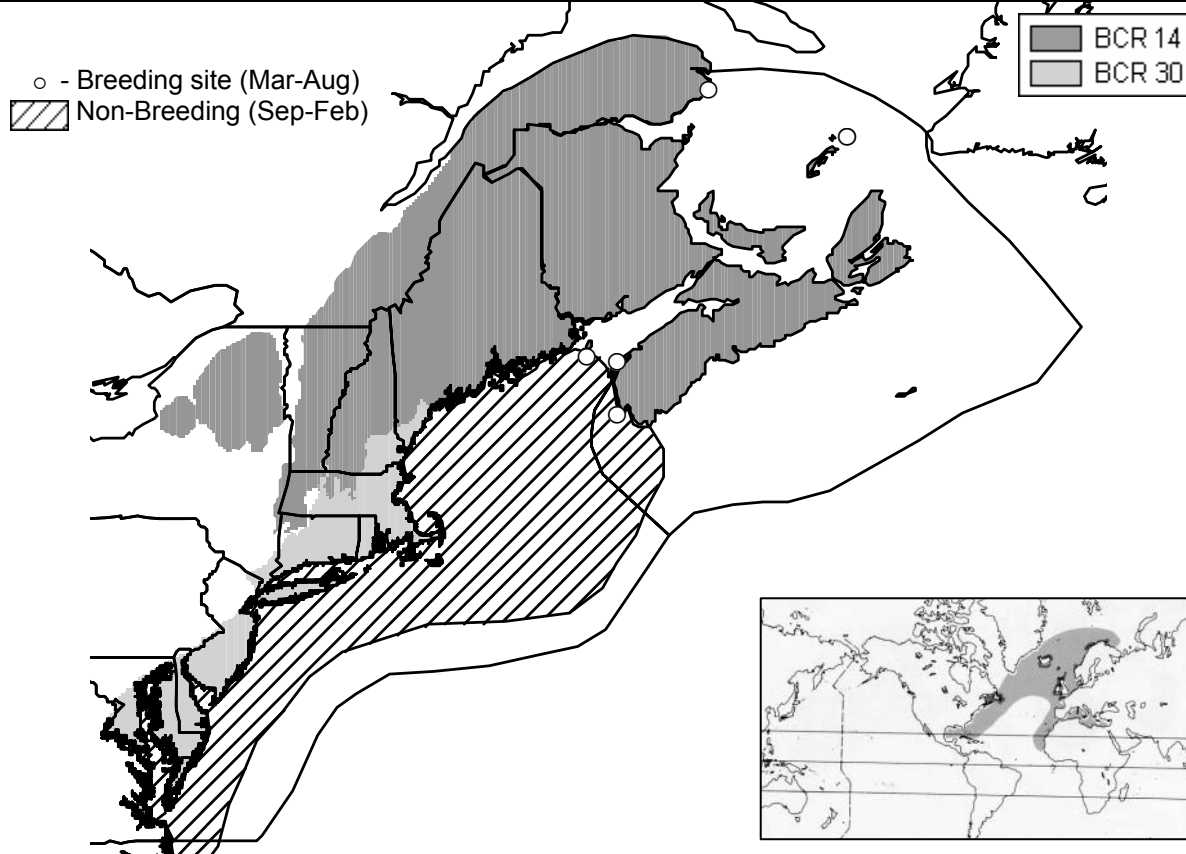


NORTHERN GANNET (*Morus bassanus*)

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
530,000t	155,456b (44% global)	107,640b (69% NA)	0b (0% NA)	0b (nb: 50% MANEM)	0b (nb: 30% MANEM)	?b (nb: 20% MANEM)	107,640b (100% MANEM)
IUCN Least Concern	NAWCP- Lowest Concern	Low Concern	Lowest Concern	NJ- SZN; DE-SZN; MD-SZN; VA-SN MANEM Focal Species State SGCN-NJ,MD	NY-S?N; CT, VT-no info; RI- SZN; MA-SN	MA-SN; NH-SZN; ME - S4S5N; NB-SHB, S5M, S5N; NS- S5M	QC-S4; NB-SHB, S5M, S5N; PE-S5N; NS- S5M MANEM Focal Species



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 14, pelagic in region
- Habitats used: pelagic; breeding: open ground on flat-topped islands, occasionally on rocky slopes and cliffs along coasts; foraging: during breeding, forages intensively within 60 km, but range 180 km from colonies; relatively shallow continental-shelf waters; from surface to 15 m; feed on mackerel

NAWCP BD=4; NAWCP ND=2

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: Canada—107,640b (2 colonies)
- Historical population size: Canada—? (5 colonies)
- Increase in regional population

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=1

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Predator introductions in nesting colonies
- Gill nets, long-lines, over fishing of forage species
- Potential impact from offshore wind and petroleum development
- Susceptible to environmental contaminants due to position in food chain
- Climate change (rising sea temperatures)

NAWCP TB=3; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 65% young fledged from eggs laid/yr. *Conservation Actions:* Influence of fisheries taking Atlantic mackerel unclear. *Needs:* monitor populations, evaluate wind development projects, reduce by-catch. *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum) at 96,800-118,400b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: QC-Magdalen Is, E Gaspe. Protect non-breeding habitat of shelf waters of Northeast US Continental Shelf and Gulf of Maine. *Conservation Projects:* 6, 27, 28, 29, 39, 66, 84, 85.