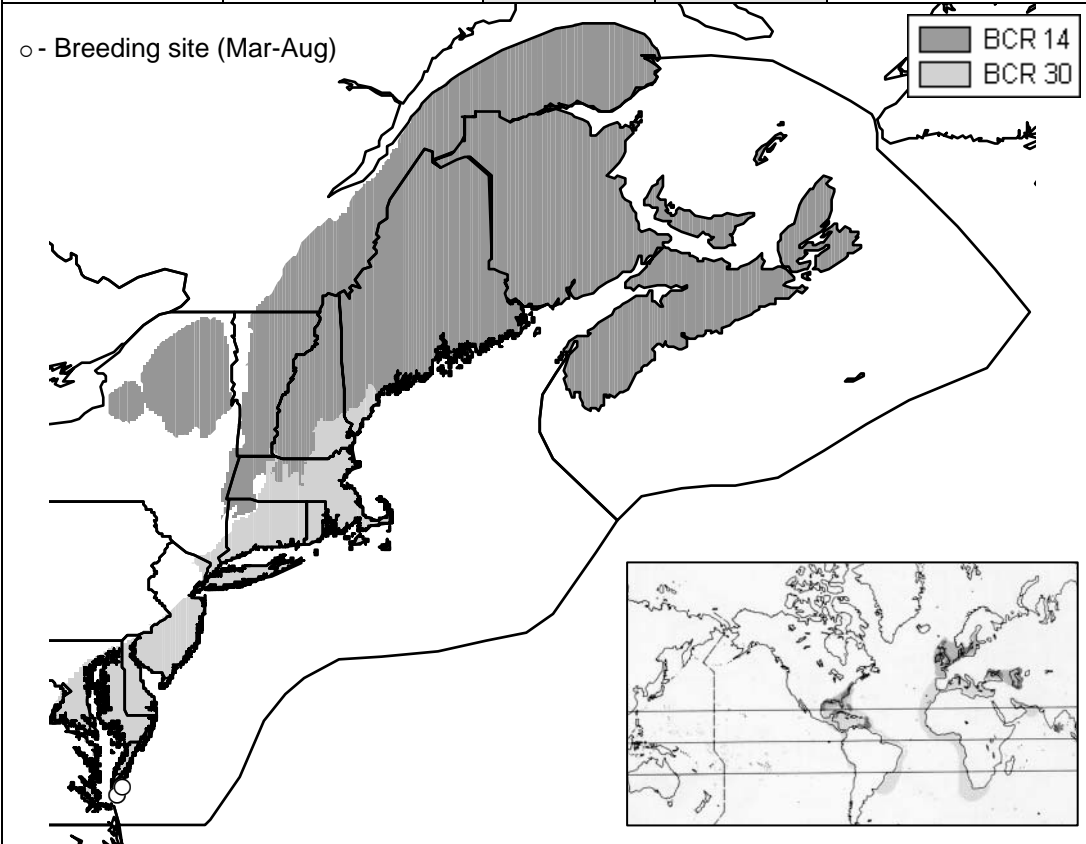


SANDWICH TERN (*Sterna sandvicensis acufavidus*)

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
460,000 – 500,000t	75,000 – 100,000b (24-30% global)	?b (? % NA)	62b (<1% NA)	62b (100% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)	0b (0% MANEM)
IUCN- Least Concern	NAWCP- Lowest Concern		Lowest Concern	NJ-SZN; DE-no info; MD-S1B; VA-SCS1B, SZN State SGCN-MD	NY, CT- no info; RI, MA, VT- no info	MA-no info; NH, ME- no info; NB, NS- no info	QC-S?; PE- no info; NB, NS-no info



Regional Occurrence

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30
- Habitats used: sandy beaches and flats (breeding); seacoasts, bays, estuaries, and mudflats (non-breeding); primarily inshore ocean, inlets, sounds and bays (foraging); readily use dredged sand islands with appropriate substrate and no access for human disturbance or mammalian predators

NAWCP BD=3; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- 1990s: US—62b (2 colonies); CAN—0b
- 1970s: US—10b (1 colony)
- Increase in regional population 70s-90s, recent decline

NAWCP PS=2; NAWCP PT=2

Regional Threats/Limiting Factors

- Limited availability of nesting habitat
- Human disturbance at nesting sites
- Oil spills

NAWCP TB=3; NAWCP TN=2

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* unknown. *Conservation Actions:* research migratory and wintering ecology. Protect and monitor all nesting sites. *Needs:* investigate causes of decline, monitor. *Population Goals:* maintain (above minimum) at 60b. *Habitat Goals:* Restore/protect breeding habitat in following priority complexes: VA-Barrier Is Group. *Conservation Projects:* 45.