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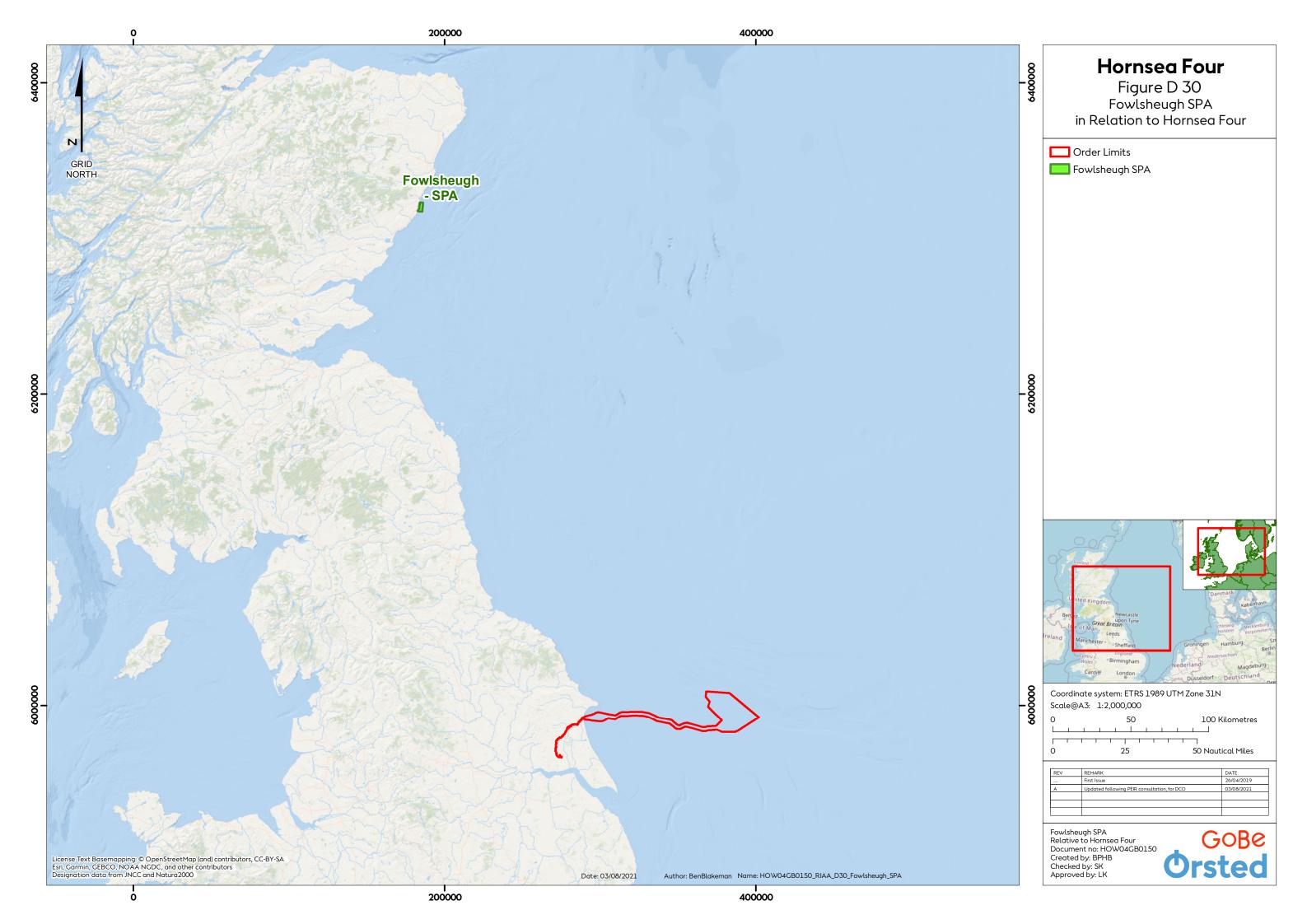
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32 Buchan Ness to Collieston Coast SPA

- 32.1.1.1 The Buchan Ness to Collieston SPA is a 15 km stretch of south-east facing cliffs in eastern Scotland. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) Citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 32.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification, except where amended by the 2001 Review), and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 95,000 seabirds; including named assemblage species; fulmar (1,765 pairs), shag (1,045 pairs), kittiwake (30,452 pairs), herring gull (4,292 pairs) and guillemot (8,640 pairs);
 - > Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - > Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 32.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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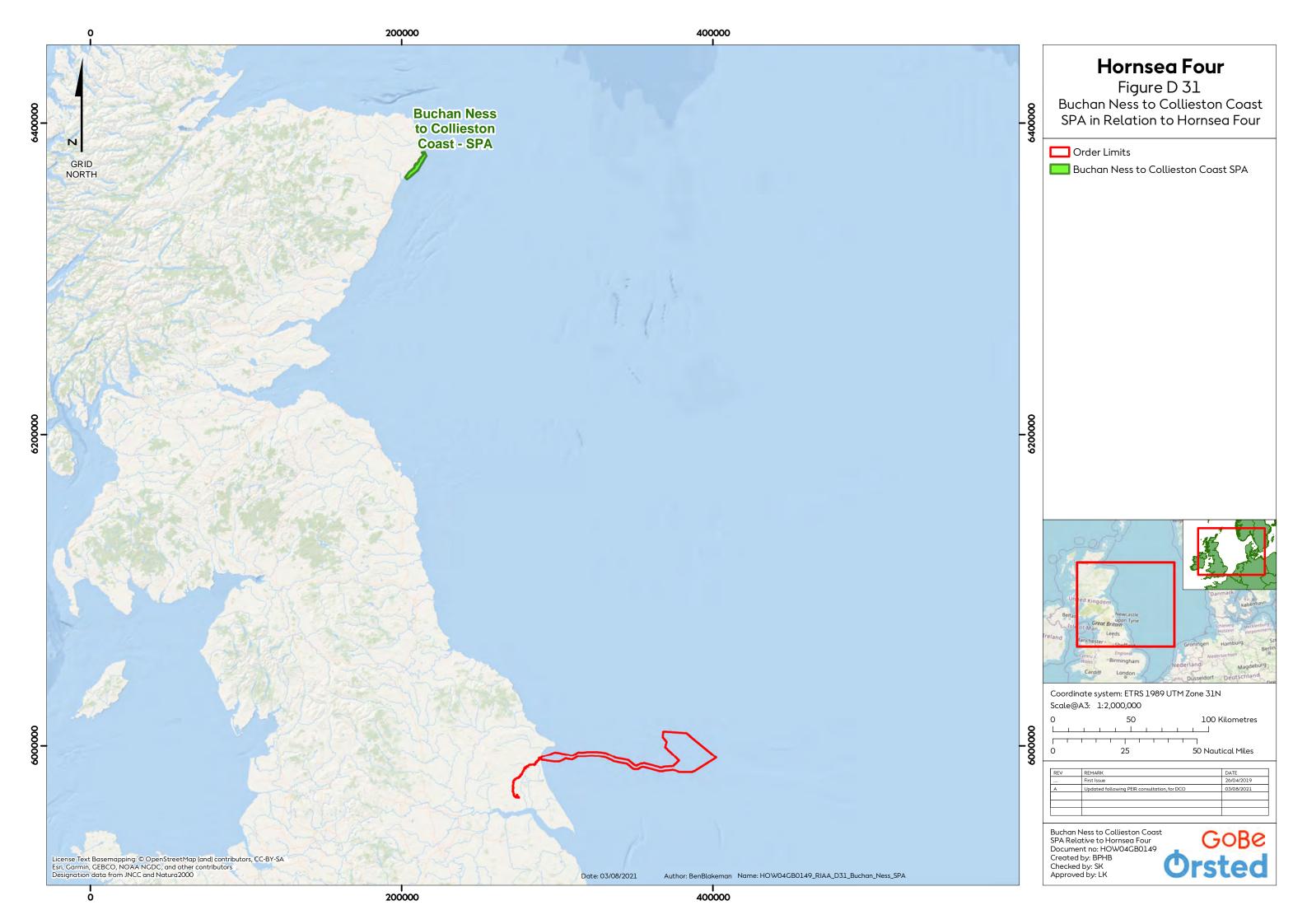
To ensure for the qualifying species that the following are maintained in the long term:

Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





Troup, Pennan and Lion's Heads SPA

- 33.1.1.1 The Troup, Pennan and Lion's Heads SPA is a 9 km stretch of sea cliffs along the east coast of Scotland. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) Citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 33.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification(1997), except where amended by the 2001 Review), and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Kittiwake; breeding; 31,600 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Guillemot; breeding; 44,600 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - Breeding seabird assemblage; regularly supports 150,000 seabirds; including named assemblage species; fulmar (4,400 pairs), herring gull (4,200 pairs) and razorbill (4,800 pairs); and
 - Razorbill screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 33.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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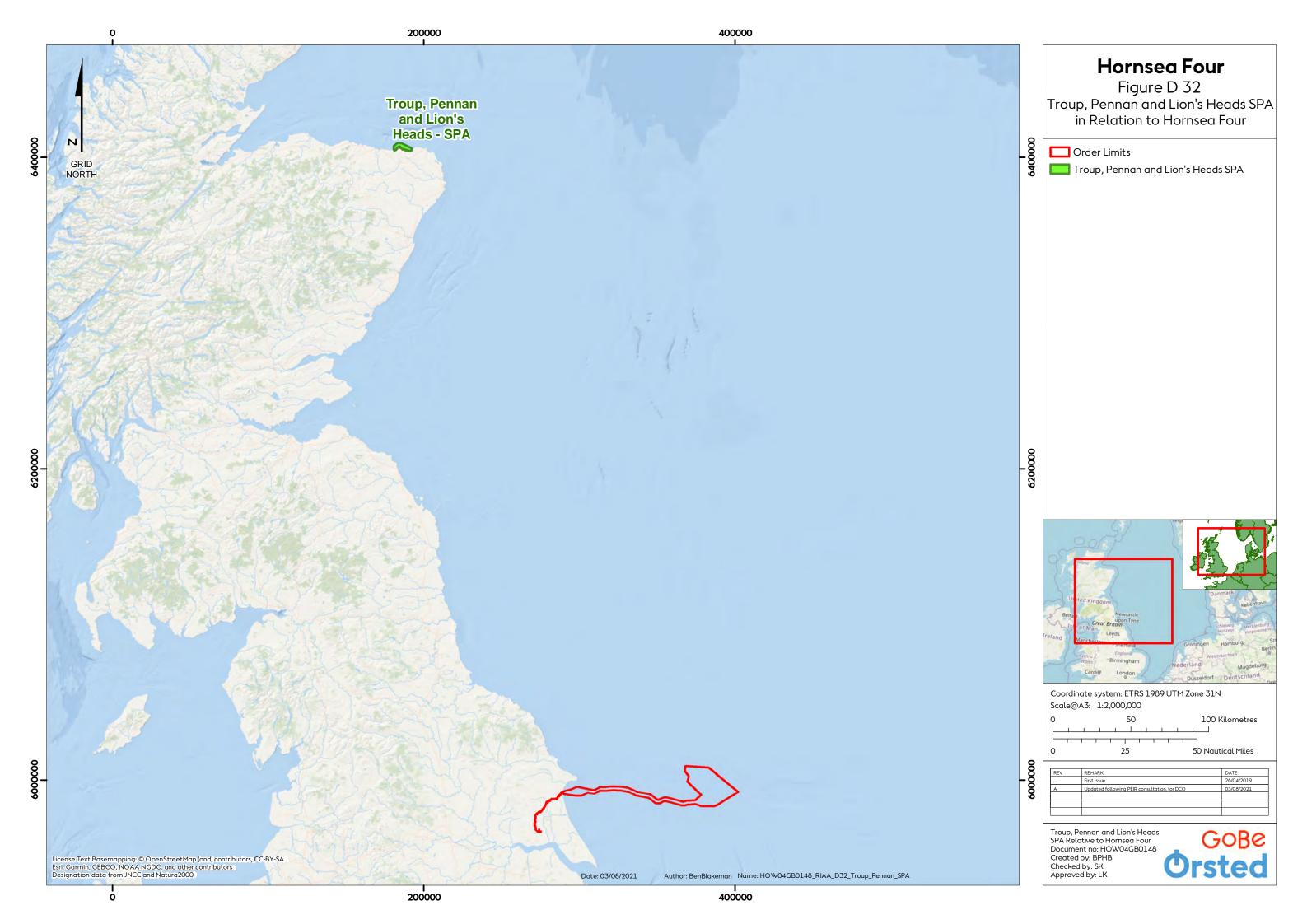
To ensure for the qualifying species that the following are maintained in the long term:

Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





34 East Caithness Cliffs SPA

- 34.1.1.1 East Caithness Cliffs SPA is a 9 km stretch of sea cliffs along the east coast of Scotland. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) Citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 34.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1996), except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Kittiwake, breeding; 32,500 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Guillemot,; breeding, 106,700 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Razorbill, breeding, 15,800 pairs;
 - Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Shag, breeding, 2,300 pairs;
 - Peregrine, breeding, 6 pairs;
 - Herring gull, breeding, 9,400 pairs; and
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 300,000 seabirds, including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; fulmar (15,000 pairs), cormorant (230 pairs) and great black-backed gull (800 pairs).
- 34.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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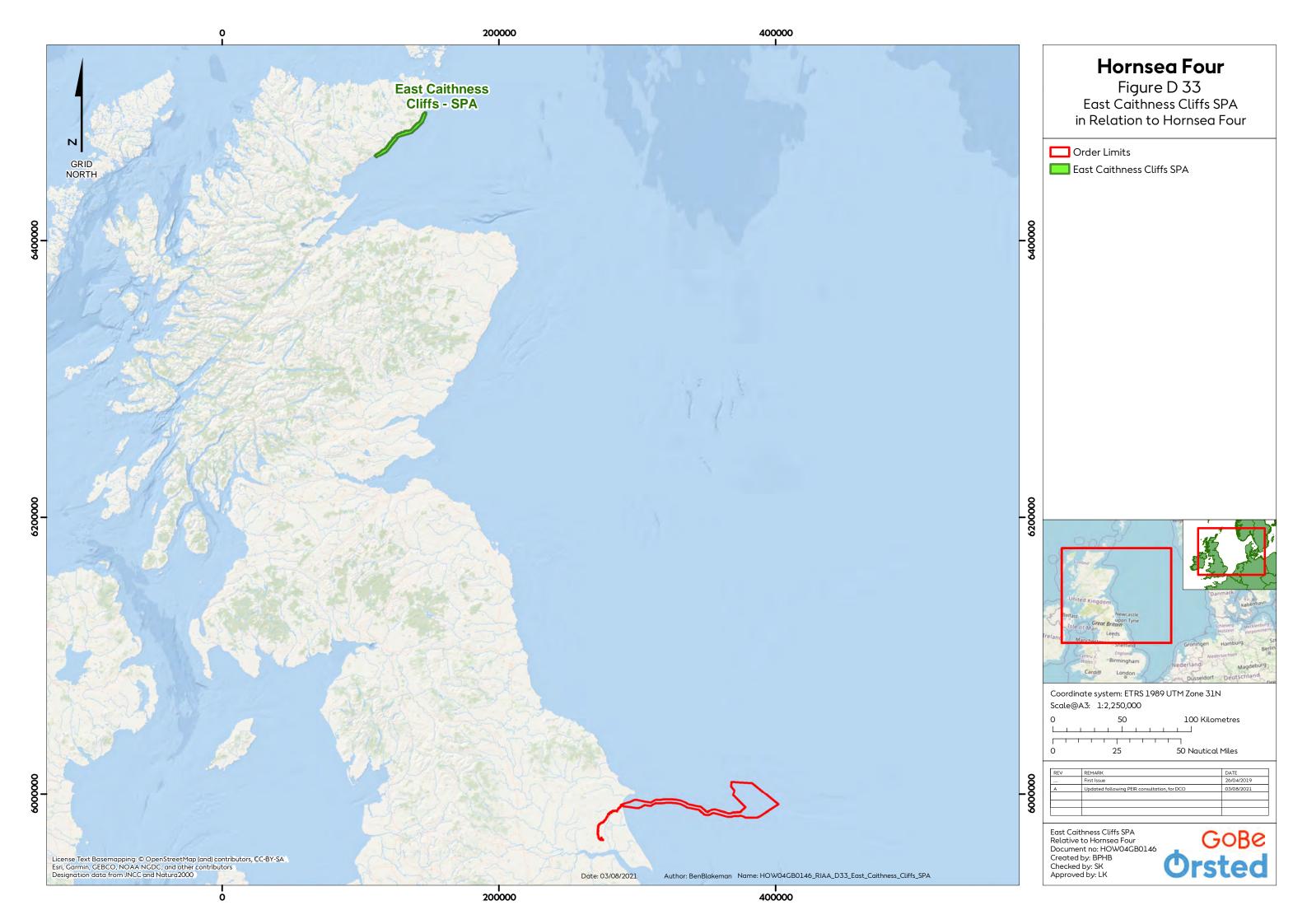
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Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





35 North Caithness Cliffs SPA

- 35.1.1.1 East Caithness Cliffs SPA is a 9 km stretch of sea cliffs along the east coast of Scotland, between Red Point and Duncansby Head and the western cliffs on the island of Stroma. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) Citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 35.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Guillemot; breeding; 38,300 individuals;
 - > Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Peregrine; breeding; six pairs;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 110,000 seabirds; including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; fulmar (14,700 pairs), kittiwake (13,100 pairs), razorbill (4,000 individuals) and puffin (2,080 pairs);
 - ➤ Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - > Razorbill screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Puffin screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - Peregrine; breeding; six pairs.
- 35.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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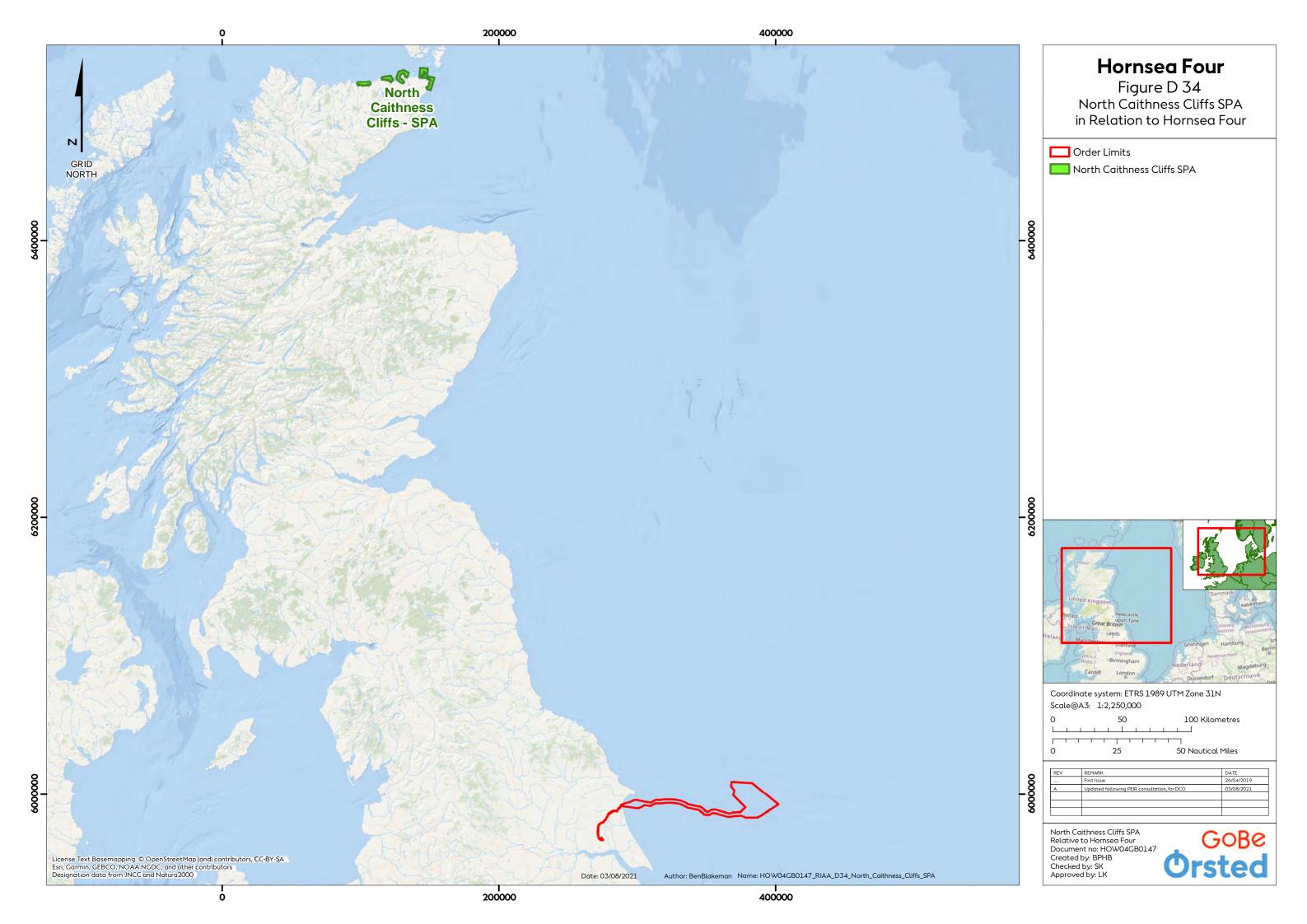
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Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

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36 Copinsay SPA

- 36.1.1.1 Copinsay SPA comprises a group of islands 4 km off the east coast of Orkney Mainland. The islands have a cliffed rocky coastline and maritime vegetation that support large colonies of breeding seabirds. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) Citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 36.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1994), except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 70,000 seabirds; including named assemblage species; fulmar (1,615 pairs), Kittiwake (9,550 pairs), great black-backed gull (490 pairs) and guillemot (29,450 individuals);
 - > Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - > Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 36.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

To avoid deterioration of the habitats of the qualifying species (listed below) or significant disturbance to the qualifying species, thus ensuring that the integrity of the site is maintained; and

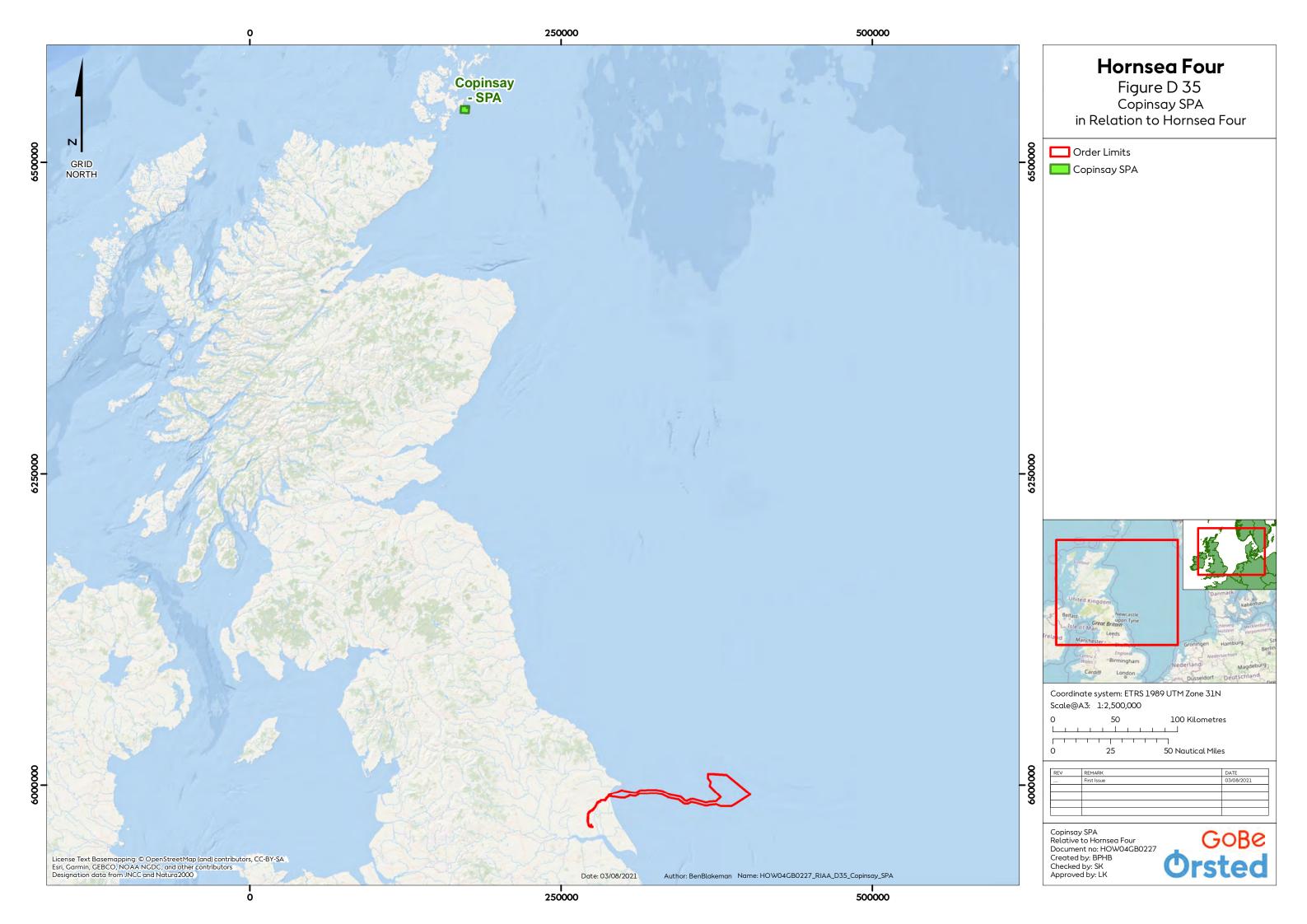
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Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





37 Hoy SPA

- 37.1.1.1 Hoy is a mountainous island at the south-western end of the Orkney archipelago. Hoy SPA covers the northern and western two-thirds of Hoy island, including sea cliffs. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 37.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (2000) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Great skua; breeding; 1,900 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Red-throated diver; breeding; 58 territories;
 - Peregrine; breeding; six pairs;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 120,000 seabirds; including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; fulmar (35,000 pairs), Arctic skua (59 pairs), kittiwake (3,000 pairs), great black-backed gull (570 pairs), guillemot (13,400 pairs) and puffin (3,500 pairs);
 - > Arctic skua screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone;
 - Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - > Puffin screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 37.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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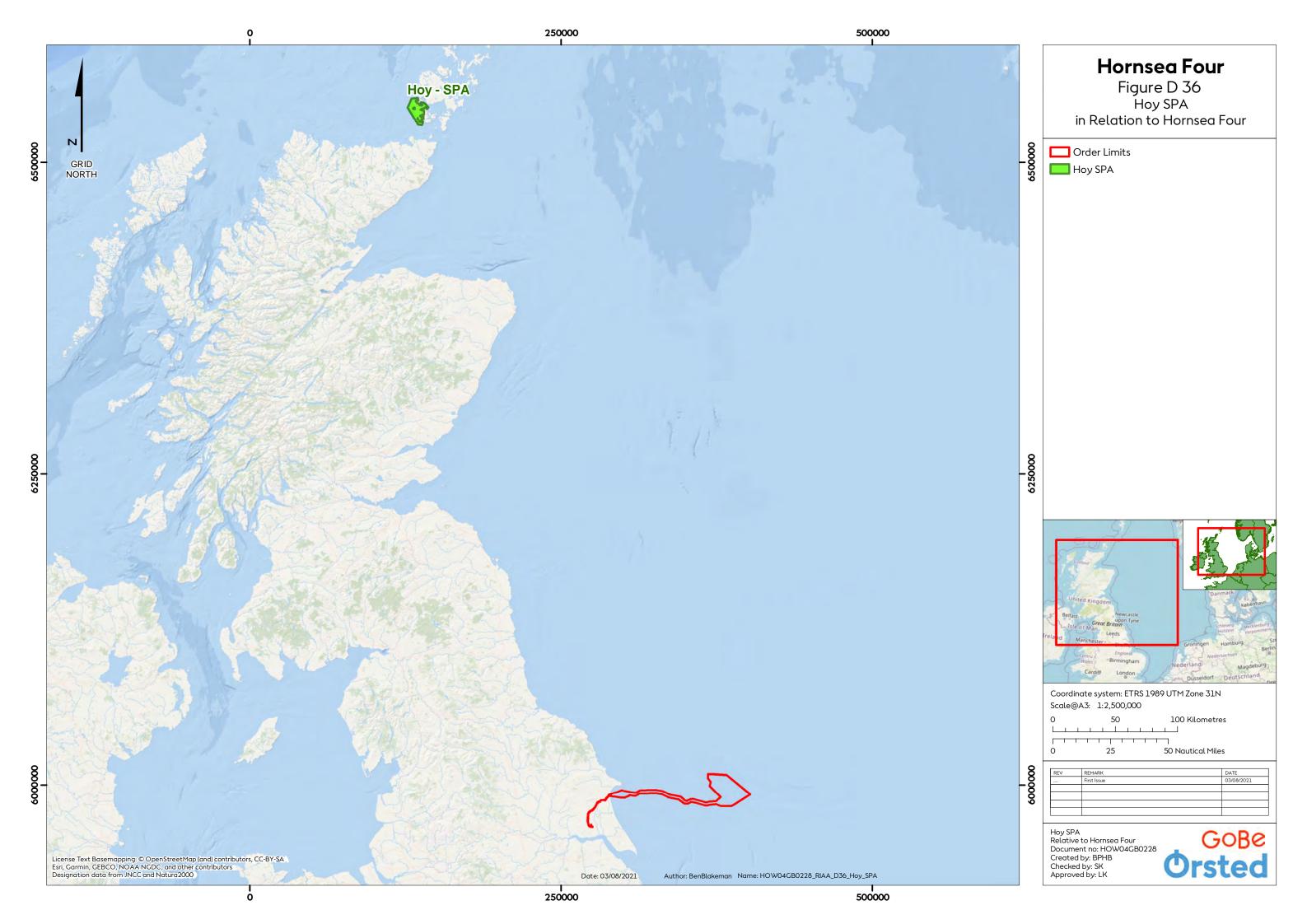
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Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species; and

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species.





38 Marwick Head SPA

- 38.1.1.1 The Marwick Head Special Protection Area is a 2 km stretch of sea cliffs, and adjacent coastal waters, along the west coast of Orkney Mainland. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 38.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1994) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Guillemot; breeding; 37,700 individuals;
 - > Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 75,000 seabirds; including interest feature listed above and additional named assemblage species; kittiwake (7,700 pairs); and
 - Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 38.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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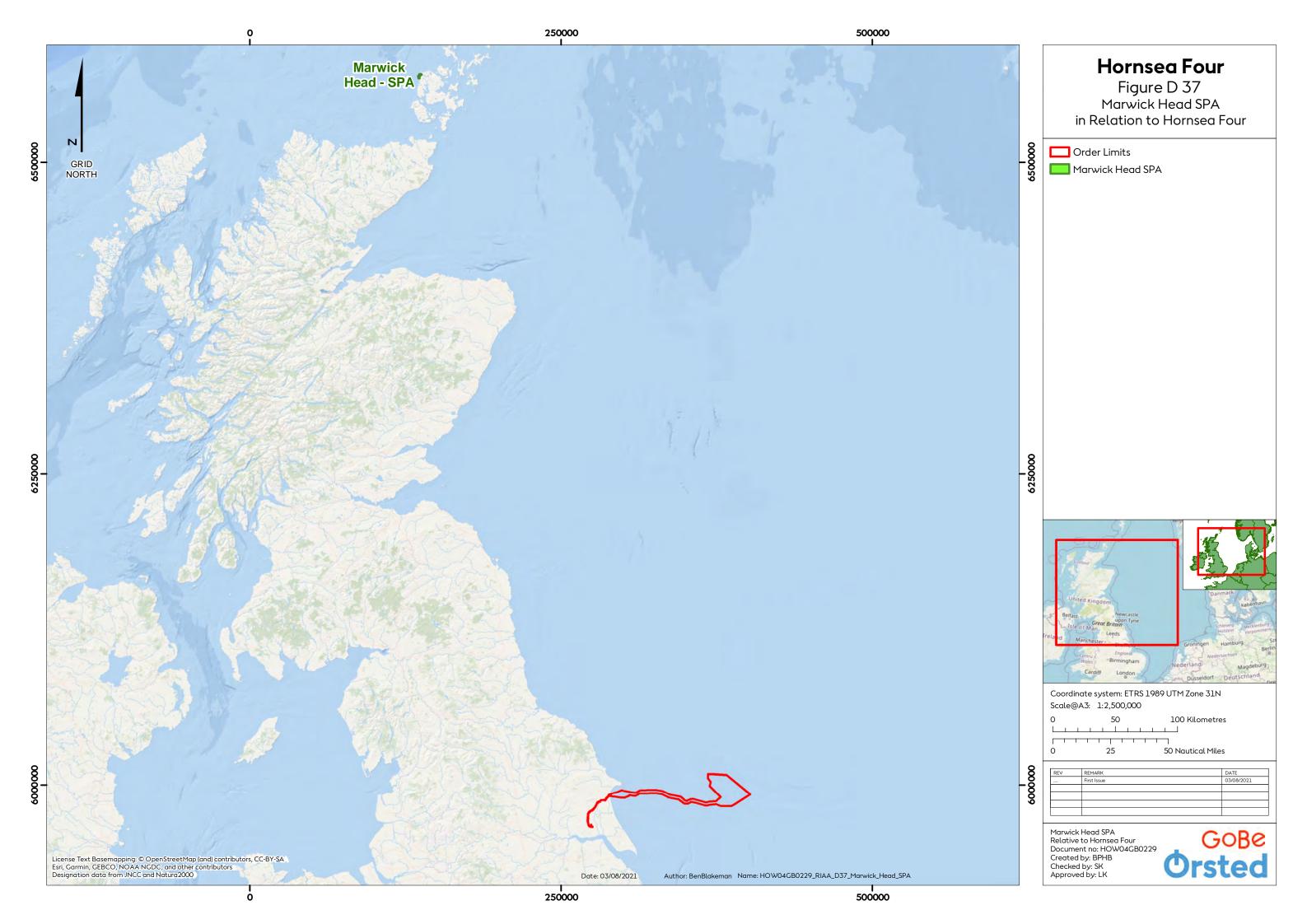
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Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species;





39 Rousay SPA

- 39.1.1.1 Rousay is an island off the north-east coast of Mainland, Orkney. The SPA consists of sea cliffs and areas of maritime heath and grassland in the northwest and northeast of the island. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 39.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (2000) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Arctic tern; breeding; 790 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 30,000 seabirds; including interest feature listed above and additional named assemblage species; Fulmar (1,240 pairs), Arctic skua (130 pairs), kittiwake (4,900 pairs) and guillemot (10,600 individuals);
 - Arctic skua screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone; and
 - > Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 39.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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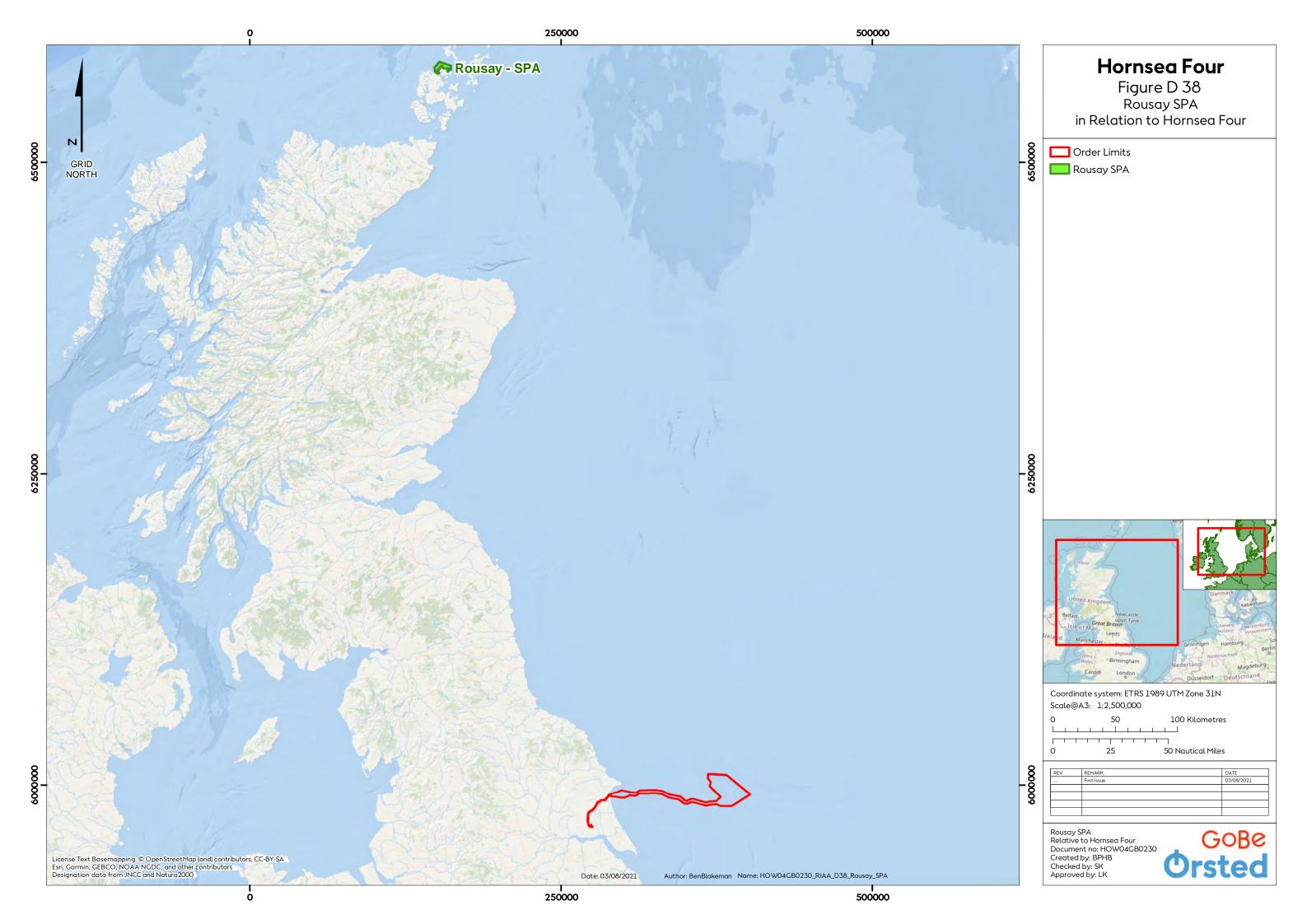
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Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





40 Calf of Eday SPA

- 40.1.1.1 Calf of Eday SPA is a small maritime island to the north of Eday in Orkney. Calf of Eday has a rocky shoreline with cliffs to the north and the west. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 40.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1998) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 30,000 seabirds; including named assemblage species; Fulmar (1,955 pairs), cormorant (223 pairs) kittiwake (1,717 pairs), great black-backed gull (938 pairs) and guillemot (12,645 individuals);
 - > Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - > Great black-backed gull screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - > Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 40.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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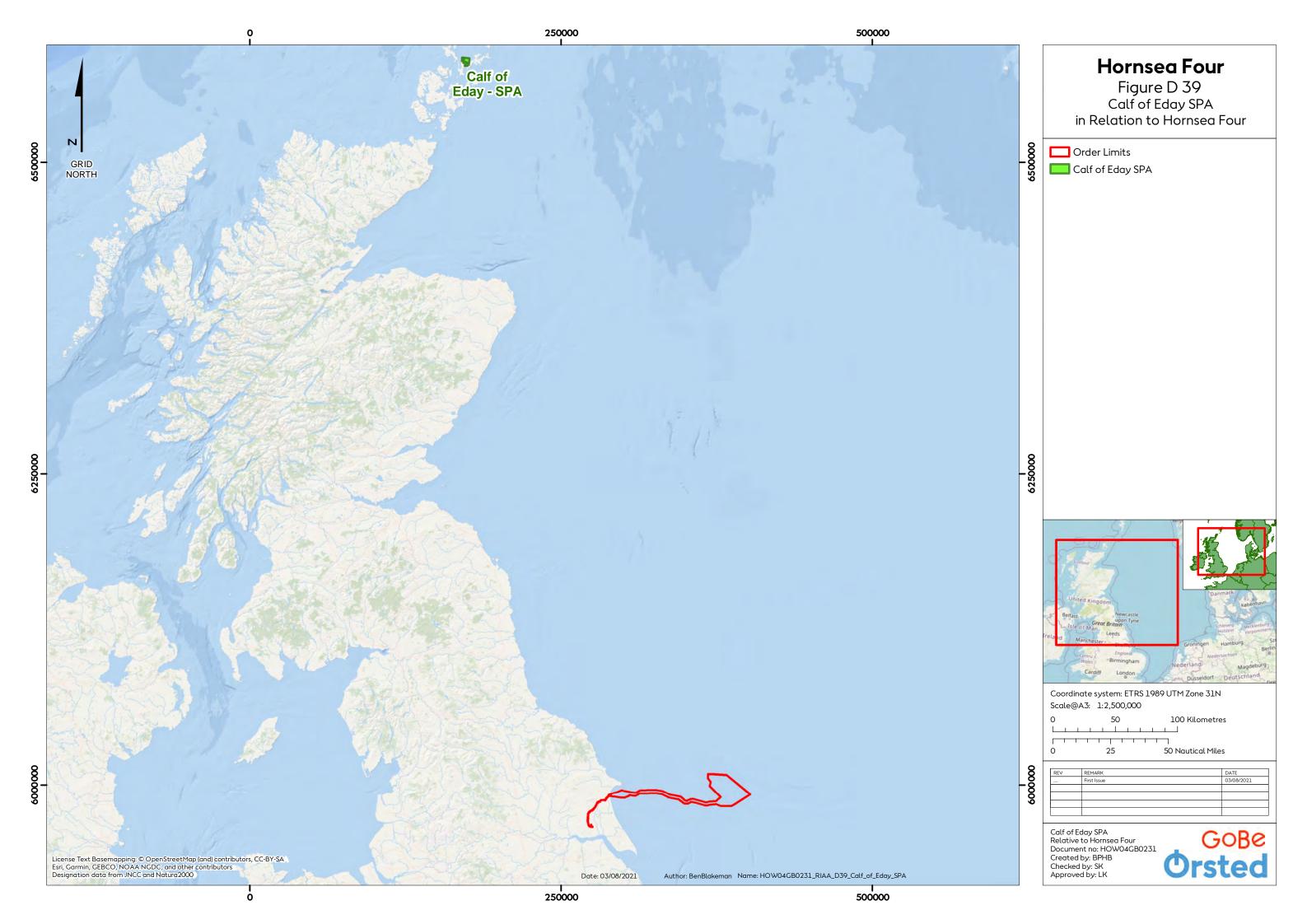
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Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





41 West Westray SPA

- 41.1.1.1 West Westray SPA is an 8 km stretch of sea cliffs, together with adjacent grassland and heathland, along the west coast of the island of Westray in Orkney. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 41.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1996) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Arctic tern; breeding; 1,140 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Guillemot; breeding; 41,150 individuals;
 - > Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 113,000 seabirds; including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; Fulmar (1,400 pairs), Arctic skua (78 pairs), kittiwake (23,900 pairs) and razorbill (1,946 individuals);
 - Arctic skua screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - > Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - Razorbill screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 41.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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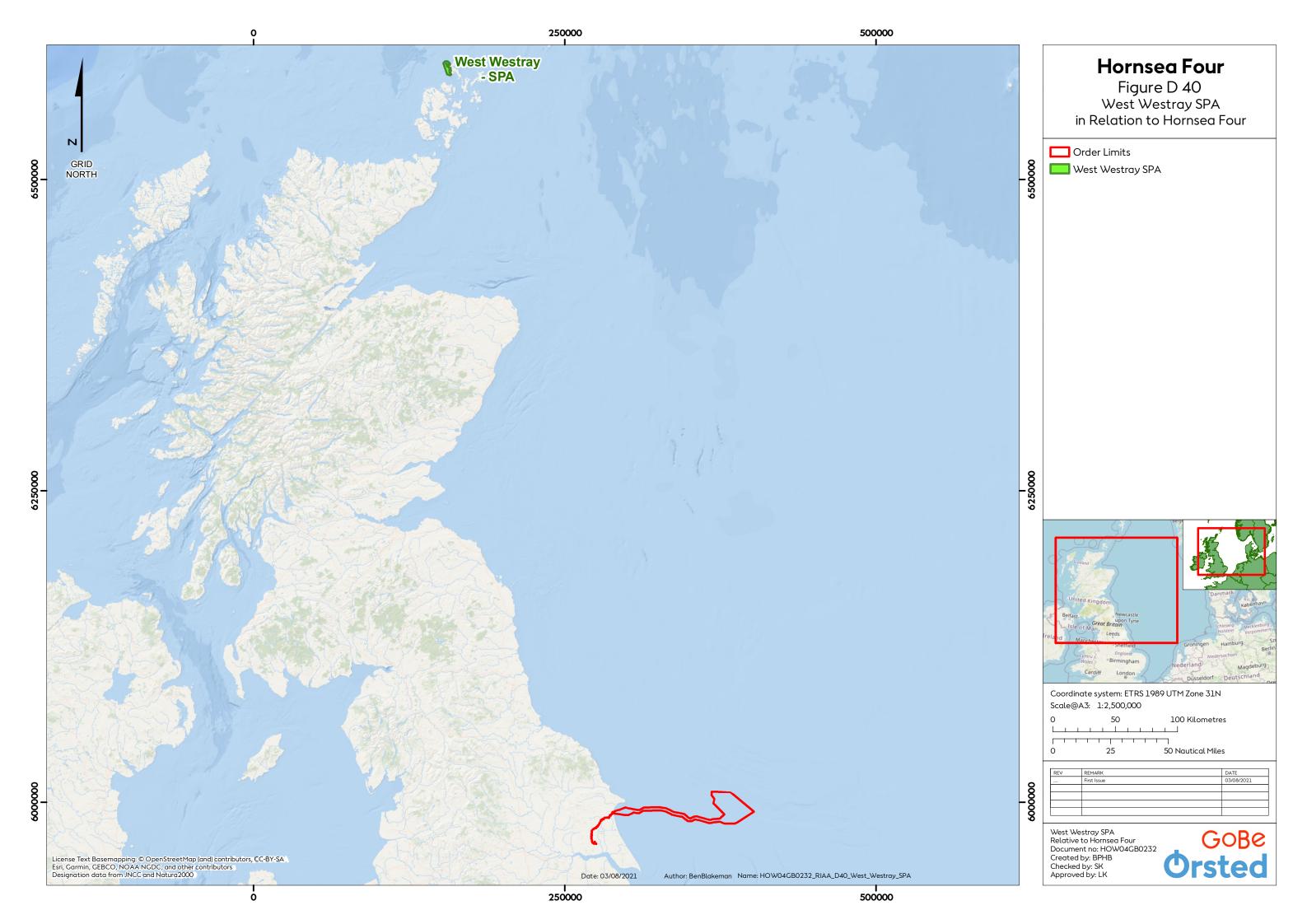
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Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





42 Fair Isle SPA

- 42.1.1.1 Fair Isle is an Old Red Sandstone island, the most southerly of the Shetland group, lying halfway between Mainland and Orkney. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 42.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1994) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Guillemot; breeding; 32,300 individuals;
 - Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Fair Isle wren; 33 territorial males;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 113,000 seabirds; including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; Fulmar (35,210 pairs), shag (1,100 pairs), gannet (1,166 pairs), great skua (110 pairs), Arctic skua (110 pairs), kittiwake (18,160 pairs), Arctic tern (1,100 pairs), razorbill (3,400 individuals) and puffin (23,000 individuals);
 - > Gannet screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - > Great skua screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Arctic skua screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - > Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone;
 - Arctic tern screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Razorbill screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - > Puffin screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.

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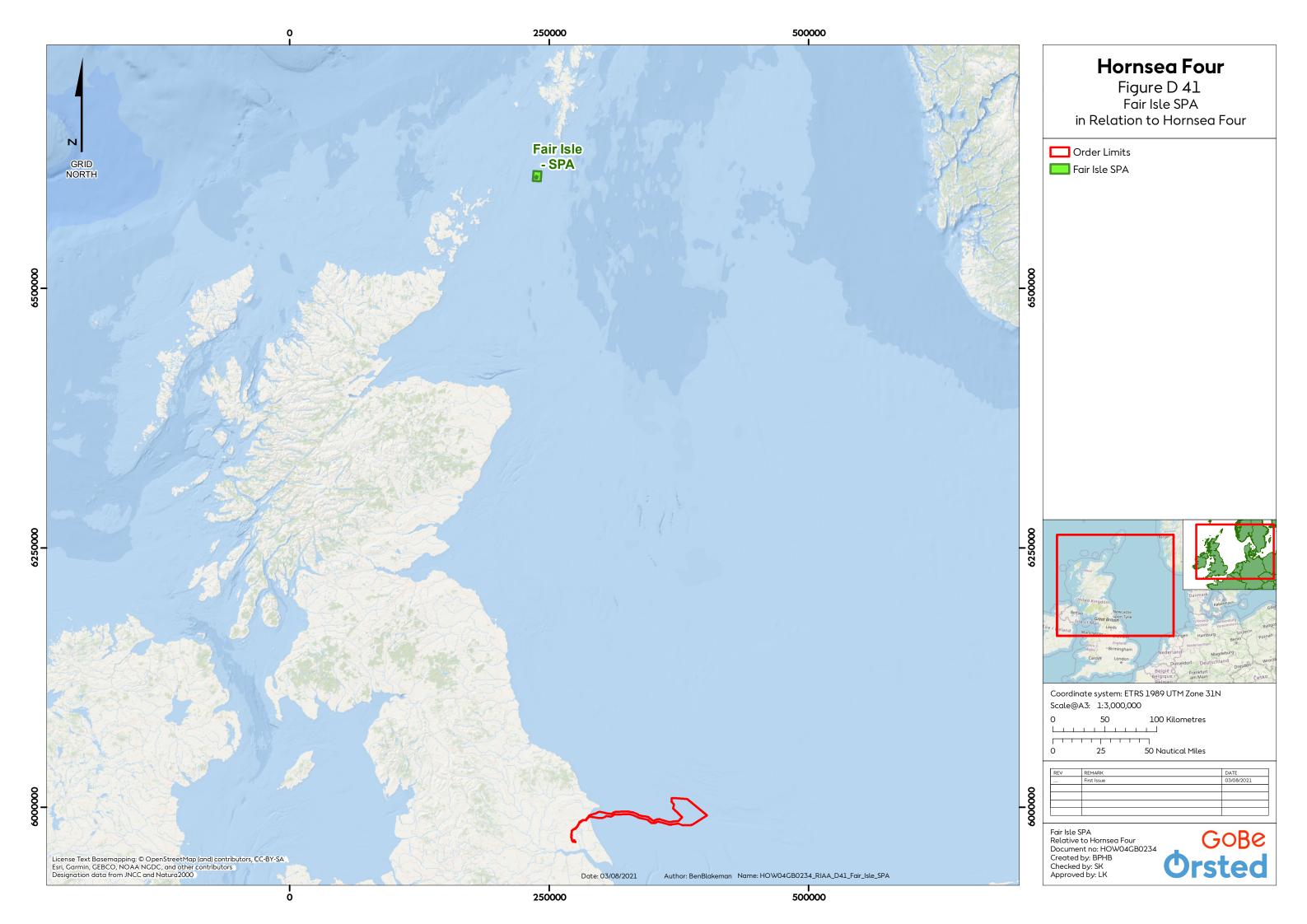
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Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

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43 Sumburgh Head SPA

- 43.1.1.1 Sumburgh Head SPA covers an area of cliffs and boulder beaches at the southern tip of Mainland, Shetland. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 43.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1996) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Arctic tern; breeding; 700 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 35,000 seabirds; including interest feature listed above and additional named assemblage species; Fulmar (2,542 pairs), kittiwake (1,366 pairs) and guillemot (16,000 individuals);
 - > Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - > Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 43.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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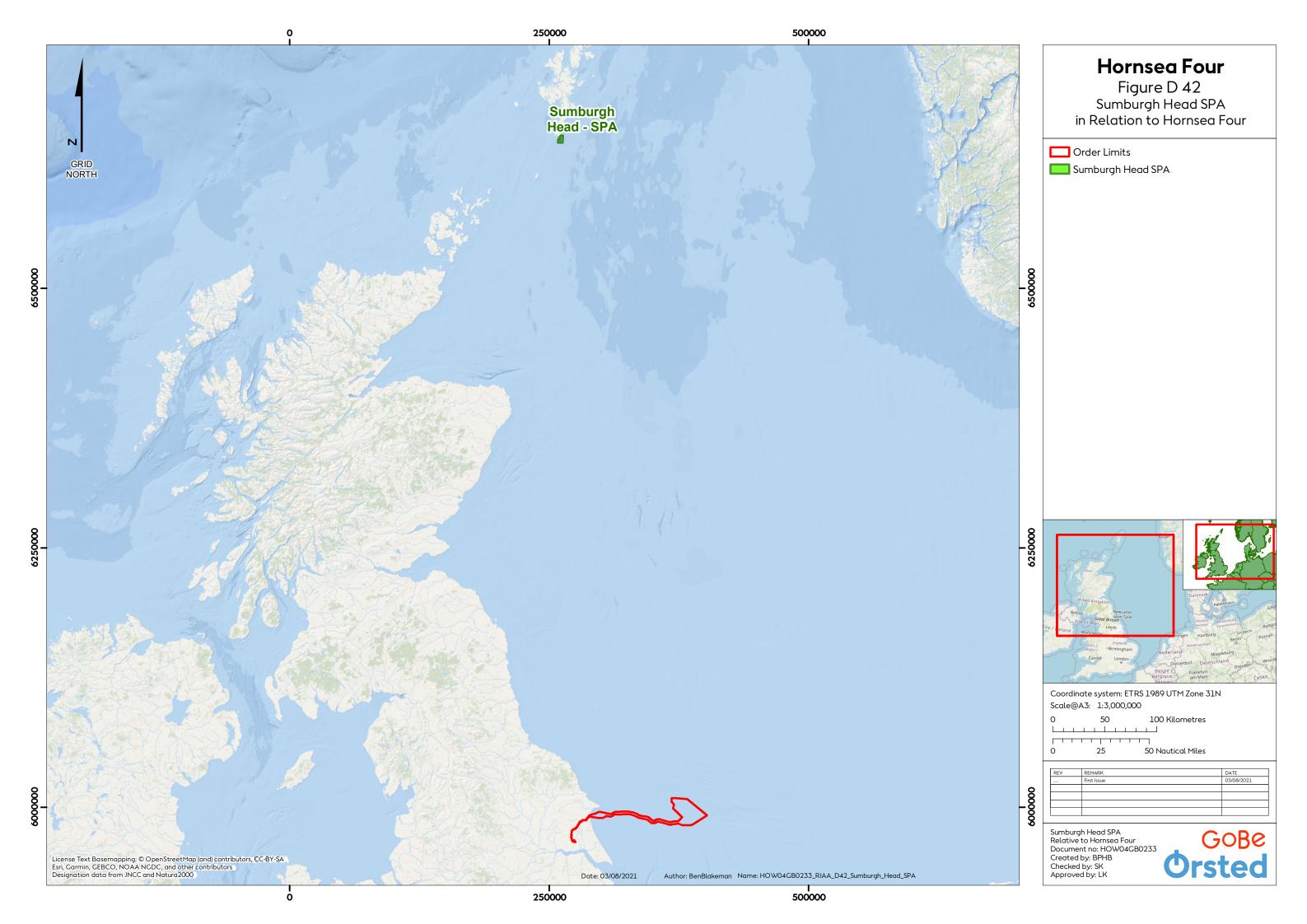
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Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





44 Noss SPA

- 44.1.1.1 Noss SPA is an offshore island lying 5 km east of Lerwick, Shetland. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 44.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1996) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Gannet; breeding; 6,860 pairs;
 - Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Great skua; breeding; 420 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Guillemot; breeding; 38,970 individuals;
 - > Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 35,000 seabirds; including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; Fulmar (6,350 pairs), kittiwake (7,020 pairs) and puffin (2,348 individuals);
 - Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - > Puffin screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 44.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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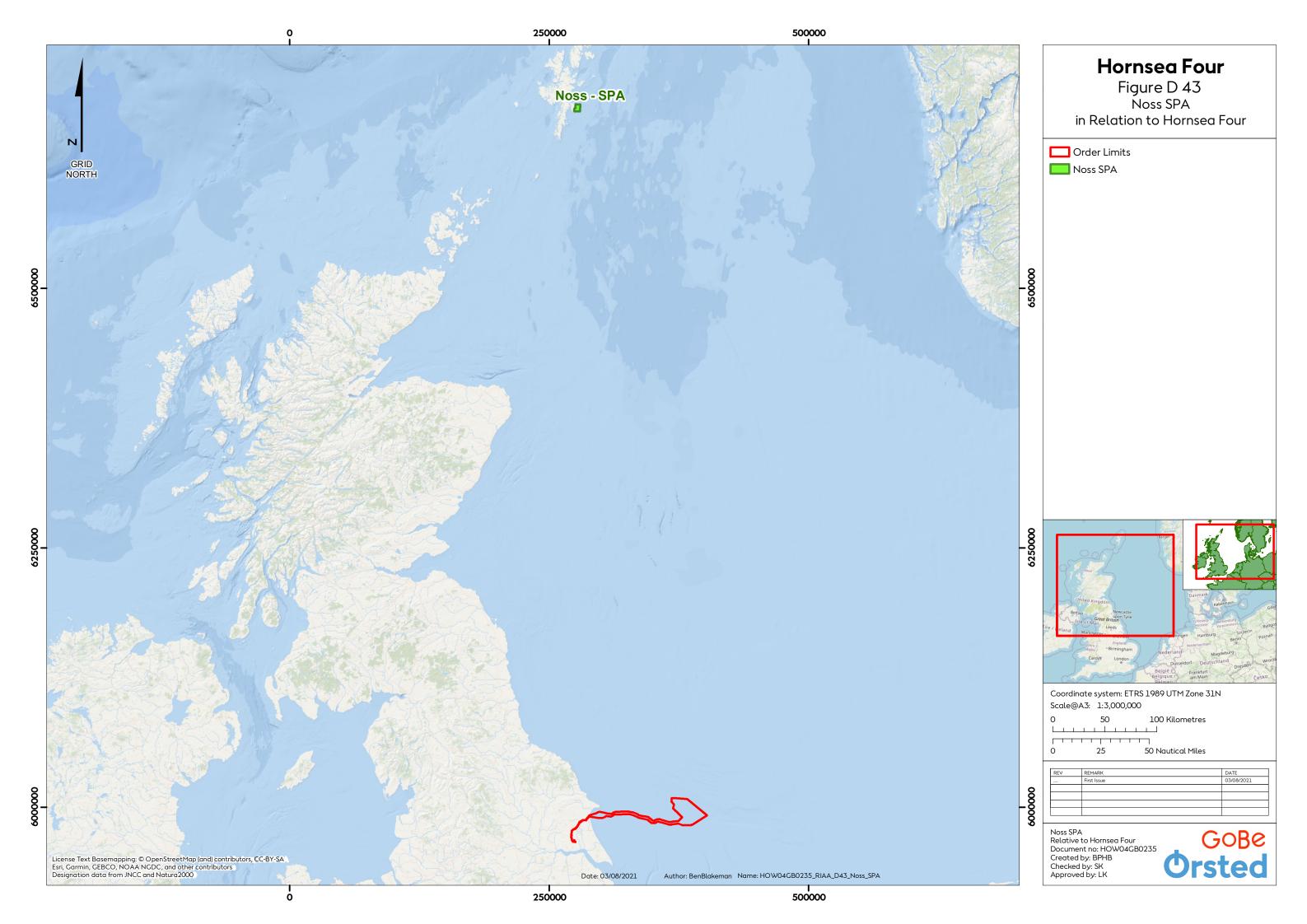
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45 Foula SPA

- 45.1.1.1 Foula is the most westerly of the Shetland Islands. Foula SPA consists of a rocky coastline, large areas of mire, and adjacent coastal waters. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 45.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1995) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Great skua; breeding; 2,270 pairs;
 - Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Arctic tern; breeding; 1,500 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Guillemot; breeding; 37,500 individuals;
 - Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Puffin; breeding; 48,000 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Red-throated diver; breeding; 11 pairs;
 - Leach's storm-petrel; breeding; 50 pairs;
 - Shag; breeding; 2,400 pairs;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 250,000 seabirds; including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; Fulmar (46,800 pairs), Arctic skua (133 pairs), kittiwake (3,840 [pairs), razorbill (6,200 pairs);
 - Arctic skua screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - Razorbill screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 45.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

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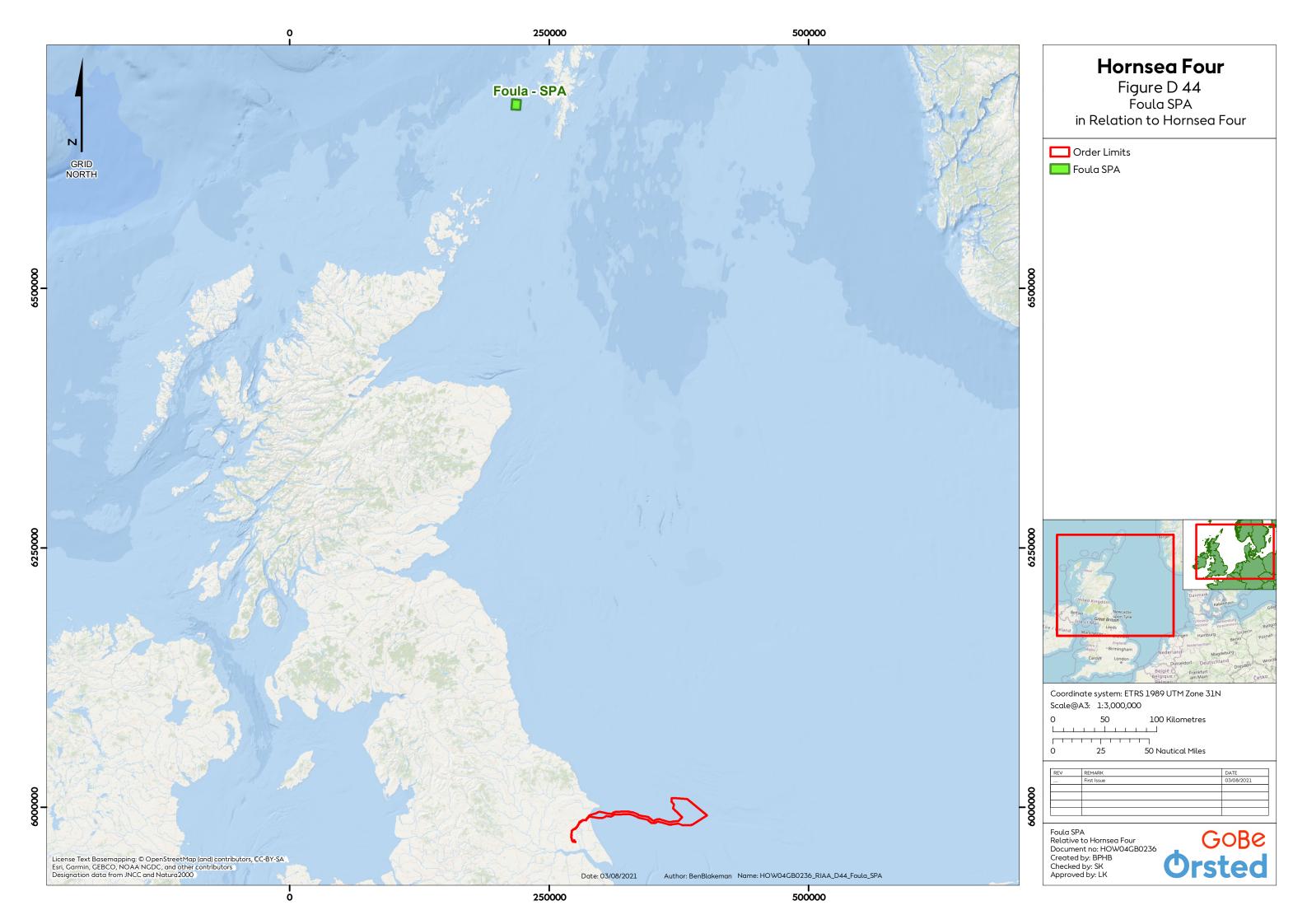
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46 Fetlar SPA

- 46.1.1.1 Fetlar is an island in the Shetland group. The cliffs, rocky shores, and adjacent coastal waters are important for breeding seabirds. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 46.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (1994) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Great skua; breeding; 508 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Arctic tern; breeding; 1,065 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Red-necked phalarope; breeding; 23 pairs;
 - Dunlin; breeding; 90 pairs;
 - Whimbrel; breeding; 65 pairs;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 22,000 seabirds; including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; Fulmar (9,500 pairs), Arctic skua (130 pairs); and
 - > Arctic skua screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 46.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

To avoid deterioration of the habitats of the qualifying species (listed below) or significant disturbance to the qualifying species, thus ensuring that the integrity of the site is maintained; and

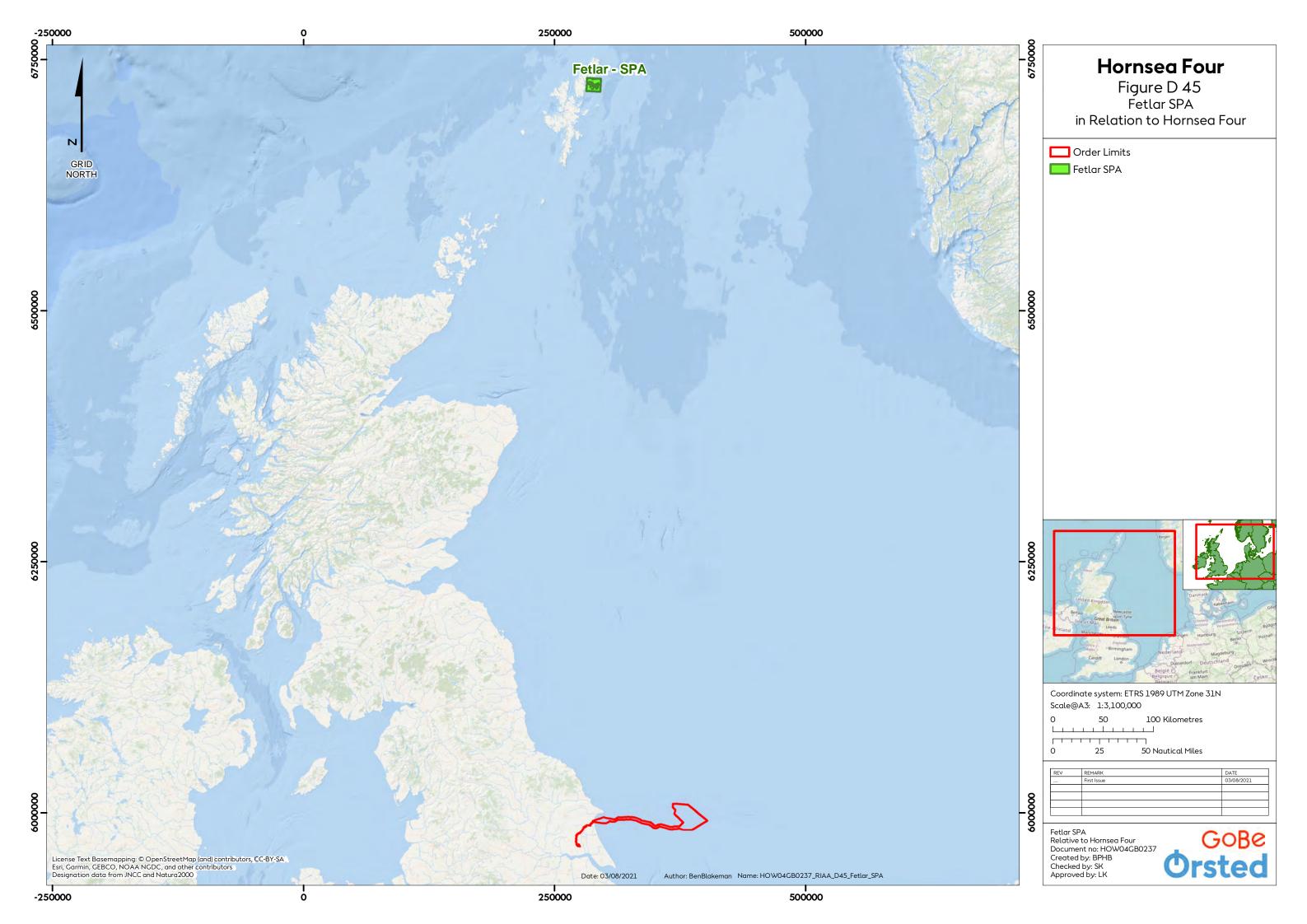
To ensure for the qualifying species that the following are maintained in the long term:

Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





47 Hermaness, Saxa Vord and Valla Field SPA

- 47.1.1.1 Hermaness, Saxa Vord and Valla Field Special Protection Area lies in the north-west corner of the island of Unst, Shetland. It consists of 100-200 m high sea cliffs and adjoining areas of grassland, heath and blanket bog. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Amended (including marine extension) citation for SPA (SNH, Sept 2009).
- 47.1.1.2 The interest features of this site are listed below along with the population for which the classification was made (all count data relate to the numbers at the time of classification (2001) except where amended by the 2001 SPA Review) and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Gannet; breeding; 16,400 pairs;
 - Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Great skua; breeding; 788 pairs;
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination;
 - Puffin; breeding; 55,000 individuals;
 - > Screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Red-throated diver; breeding; 26 pairs;
 - Shag; breeding; 450 pairs;
 - Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 157,500 seabirds; including interest features listed above and additional named assemblage species; Fulmar (19,539 pairs), shag (450 pairs), guillemot (25,000 individuals) and kittiwake (922 pairs);
 - Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination; and
 - > Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination.
- 47.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Scottish Natural Heritage in 2009 as follows:

To avoid deterioration of the habitats of the qualifying species (listed below) or significant disturbance to the qualifying species, thus ensuring that the integrity of the site is maintained; and

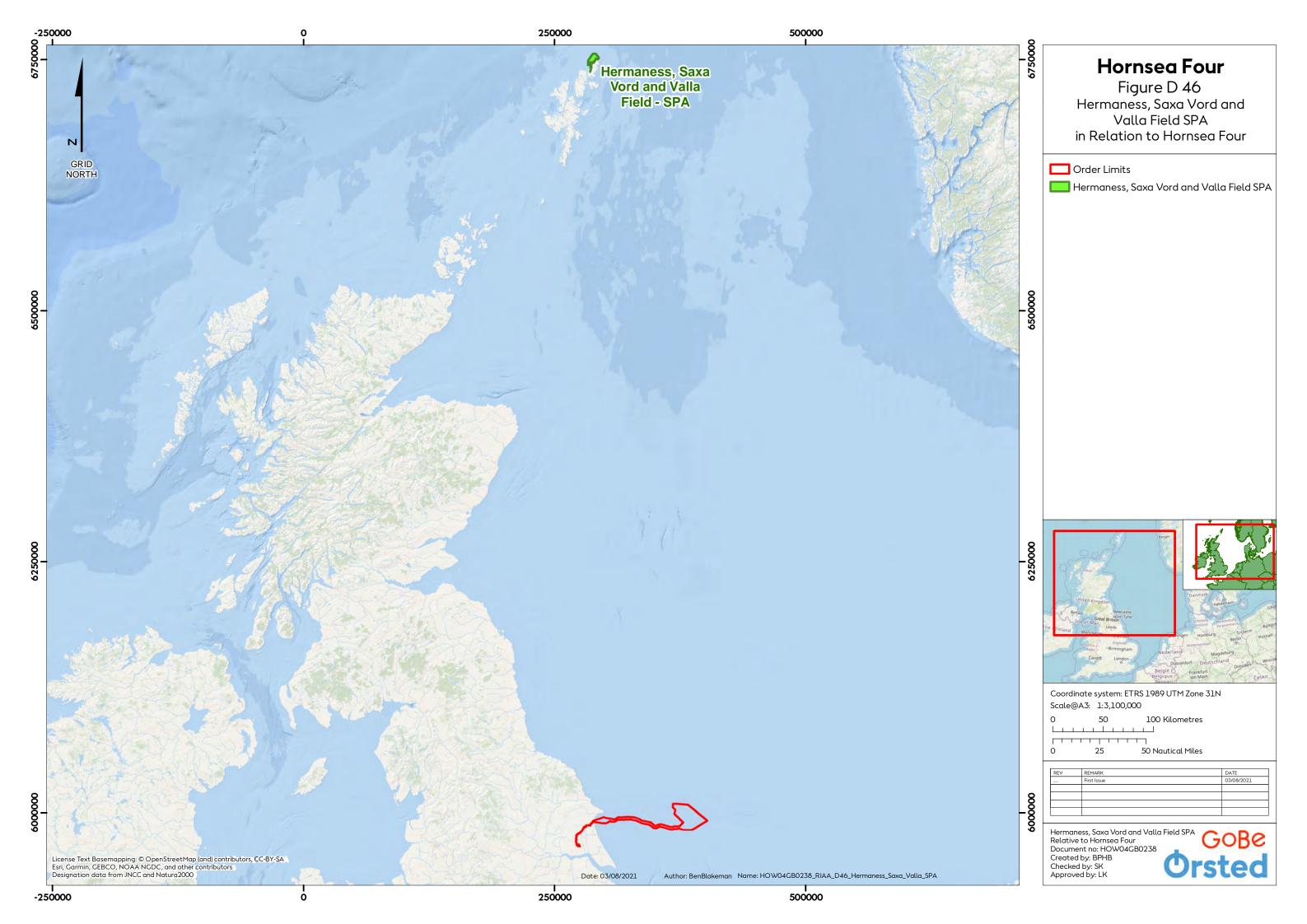
To ensure for the qualifying species that the following are maintained in the long term:

Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and





48 **Moray Firth SAC**

- 48.1.1.1 The Moray Firth Special Area of Conservation is a coastal inlet of the North Sea in northeast Scotland, designated to protect bottlenose dolphin and subtidal sandbanks. The site covers some 151273.98 ha. Key literature sources, including relevant project literature, are as follows:
 - Volume A2, Chapter 1: Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes;
 - Volume A2, Chapter 2: Benthic and Intertidal Ecology;
 - Volume A5, Annex 2.1: Benthic and Intertidal Ecology Technical Report;
 - JNCC Natura 2000 Standard Data Form⁸¹ (dated 22 December 2015).
 - Nature Scott Conservation and Management Advice for Moray Firth SAC (dated March 2021)82
- 48.1.1.2 The site is designated for the following Annex I habitats:
 - Sandbanks which are slightly covered by sea water all the time
- 48.1.1.3 The site is designated for the following Annex II species:
 - Bottlenose dolphin (Tursiops truncatus).
- 48.1.1.4 Of the designated features, no LSE has been identified for the sandbanks slightly covered by sea water all the time feature with respect to Hornsea Four. Potential for LSE has been identified for bottlenose dolphin (Tursiops truncatus) under the following scenarios:
 - Increase in underwater noise (construction and decommissioning);
 - Vessel disturbance (construction, operations and maintenance and decommissioning); and
 - Vessel collision (construction, operations and maintenance and decommissioning).
- The 2021 Conservation and Management Advice⁸³ identified that all features of the 48.1.1.5 Moray Firth SAC were in favourable condition.
- The Conservation Objectives for the site⁸⁴ are as follows: 48.1.1.6

The objectives are to ensure that:

- 1. The qualifying features of Moray Firth SAC are in favourable condition and make an appropriate contribution to achieving Favourable Conservation Status.
- The integrity of Moray Firth SAC is maintained or restored in the context of environmental changes by meeting objectives 2a, 2b and 2c for each qualifying feature:

For subtidal sandbanks

2a. Extent and distribution of the habitat within the site.

2b. Structure and function of the habitat and the supporting environment on which it relies.

⁸¹ https://jncc.gov.uk/jncc-assets/SAC-N2K/UK0019808.pdf

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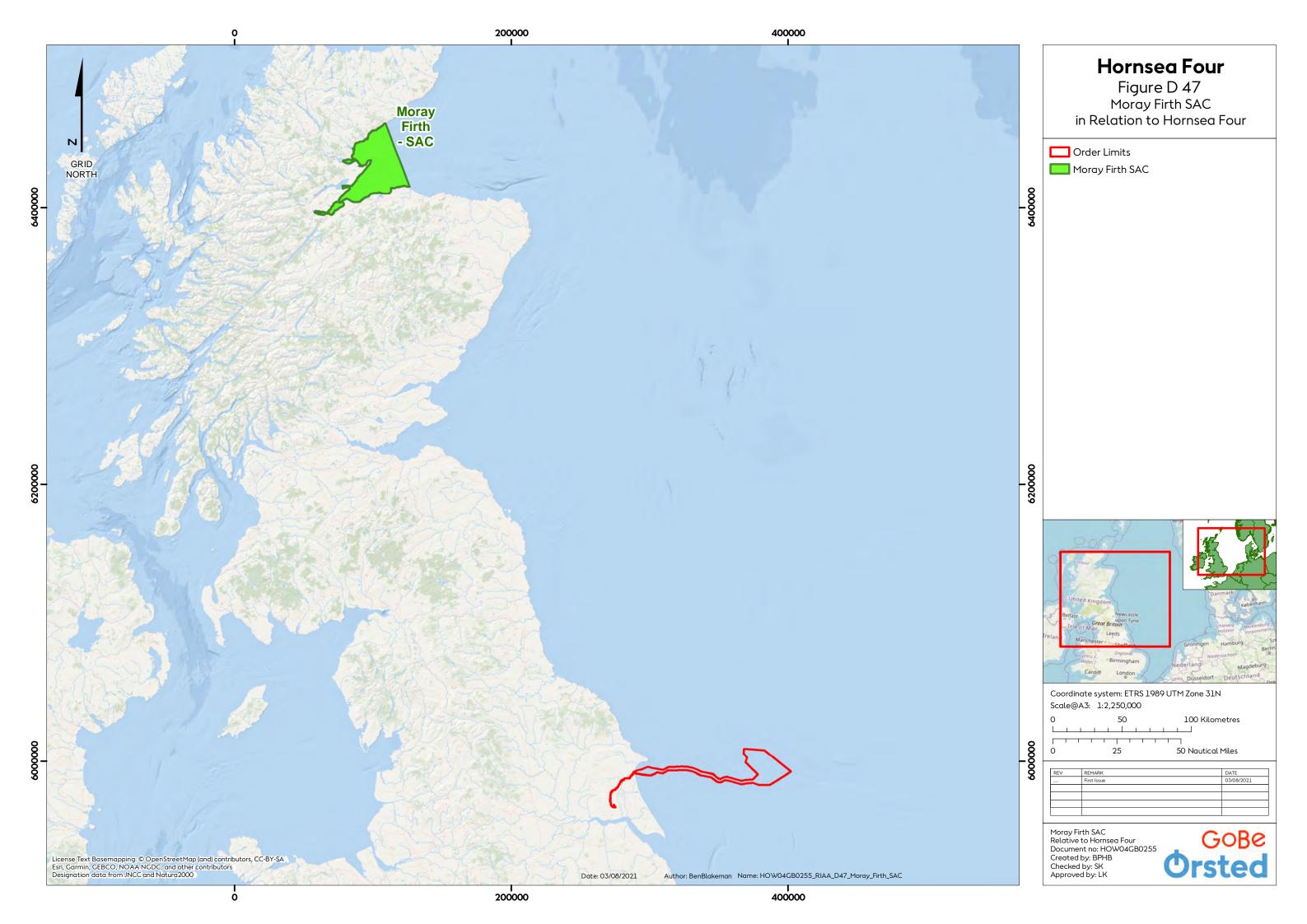
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2c. Distribution and viability of typical species of the habitat.

For bottlenose dolphin

- 2a. The population of bottlenose dolphin is a viable component of the site.
- 2b. The distribution of bottlenose dolphin throughout the site is maintained by avoiding significant disturbance.
- 2c. The supporting habitats and processes relevant to bottlenose dolphin and the availability of prey for bottlenose dolphin are maintained.





49 Northumberland Marine SPA

- 49.1.1.1 The Northumberland Marine SPA is located on the north east coast of England between Blyth and Berwick-Upon-Tweed and supports a wide range of marine habitats. The Northumberland coast and surrounding sea supports important breeding colonies of seabirds and auks, protected at four existing SPAs: Farne Islands SPA, Coquet Island SPA, Lindisfarne SPA (screened out) and Northumbria Coast SPA. The surrounding waters are protected by Northumberland Marine SPA, these areas are used by the seabirds for foraging and maintenance activities, such as bathing and preening. The interest features of the site are described in the following documents:
 - Natura 2000 standard data form; and
 - Updated Annex 2 SPA Citation (2017).
- 49.1.1.2 The breeding interest features listed below for this site are those cited features from three of the four existing SPAs screened in: the Farne Islands SPA, Coquet Island SPA and Northumbria Coast SPA. The Northumberland Marine SPA protects their wider foraging, bathing and preening areas in the marine environment. The interest features along with their populations for which the classification was made, and whether or not that interest feature was screened in or not based on individual effect categories and LSE:
 - Common tern; breeding (at the Farne Islands SPA and Coquet Island SPA); 2,572 breeding adults (average between 2010 and 2014);
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination.
 - Arctic tern; breeding (at the Farne Islands SPA, Coquet Island SPA, Lindisfarne SPA and Northumbria Coast SPA); 9,564 breeding adults (average between 2010 and 2014);
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination.
 - Roseate tern; breeding (at Coquet Island SPA); 160 breeding adults (average between 2010 and 2014);
 - Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination.
 - Sandwich tern; breeding (at the Farne Islands SPA and Coquet Island SPA); 4,324
 breeding adults (average between 2010 and 2014);
 - > Screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and incombination.
 - Guillemot; breeding (at the Farne Islands SPA); 65,751 breeding adults (average between 2010 and 2014);
 - Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the construction and decommissioning stages alone and in-combination; and
 - Guillemot screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
 - Puffin; breeding (at the Farne Islands SPA and Coquet Island SPA); 108,484 breeding adults (average between 2010 and 2014);
 - Puffin screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the construction and decommissioning stages alone and in-combination; and
 - > Puffin screened in for potential disturbance and displacement at the operational stage alone and in-combination;



- Little tern; breeding (at Northumbria Coast SPA and Lindisfarne SPA); 90 breeding adults (average between 2010 and 2014);
- Seabird assemblage; regularly supports 214,669 seabirds; including main component assemblage species; cormorant, shag and kittiwake. In addition to the main component species the assemblage also includes; fulmar, great black-backed gull, lesser black-backed gull, herring gull and razorbill;
- Kittiwake screened in for potential collision mortality at the operational stage alone and in-combination;
- 49.1.1.3 The Conservation Objectives for the site were provided by Natural England in 2018 as follows:

To avoid deterioration of the habitats of the qualifying species or significant disturbance to the qualifying species, thus ensuring that the integrity of the site is maintained; and

To ensure for the qualifying species that the following are maintained in the long term:

Population of the species as a viable component of the site;

Distribution of the species within site;

Distribution and extent of habitats supporting the species;

Structure, function and supporting processes of habitats supporting the species; and

