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Alderney monitors puffin numbers

A steering group has been set up to monitor the decreasing number of puffins on Alderney.

Numbers have fallen over the past 30 years and now officials on the island want to know why.

There is speculation it could be to do with global warming and the increasing number of sea gulls seen on Burhou, where Alderney's puffins migrate from.

Research is being carried out to try to halt the decline and look at why the population is decreasing.

A recent survey by the RSPB showed that the number of puffins on Guernsey has halved since 1992.



Activity

What is happening to the puffin population on Burhou?

Prepare questions for the Alderney Wildlife Ecology Team to answer about what steps are now being taken to protect Burhou puffins and other sea birds.

Pairs of puffins breeding on Burhou Island 2005 – 2014

Year	Pairs of breeding puffins	Year	Pairs of breeding puffins
2005	120	2010	No data available
2006	127	2011	160
2007	114	2012	176
2008	132	2013	168
2009	130	2014	143