

WHAUPS UP?

The Status and future of Curlew in Scotland



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Welcome and Introduction



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WELCOME!



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Session 1: Setting the scene

- Why Curlew are important to all of us
- Population trends in breeding & wintering birds
- How Curlew fit alongside other waders
- Progress with trial management

A black and white photograph of two Curlew birds in a grassy field. One bird is in the foreground, facing left, and the other is slightly behind it, also facing left. Both birds have long, downward-curved bills and mottled plumage. The background is a field of tall grass.

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Session 2: Curlew Conservation

- Agri-environment measures
- The interplay with forestry, energy and farming
- The role of predator control

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Session 3: Research & Case Studies

- Orkney & Galloway
- Updates from workshops elsewhere
- Potential for partnerships and resolving conflicts

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Session 4: Workshops

- 6 groups
- Tackle 3 questions
- Panel based discussion of outcomes

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Story of bird

The background image shows a lush green grassland with a narrow stream flowing through it. On the left, tall, dry, golden-brown grasses stand prominently. The stream is bordered by these dry grasses on one side and vibrant green grass on the other. In the distance, a small white structure is visible on the opposite bank. A large, semi-transparent circular overlay is positioned on the right side of the image, containing the title text.

Grassland Intensification



Burning and wildfires



Over grazing



Land abandonment



Forestry
expansion



Peatland exploitation



Predator opportunities



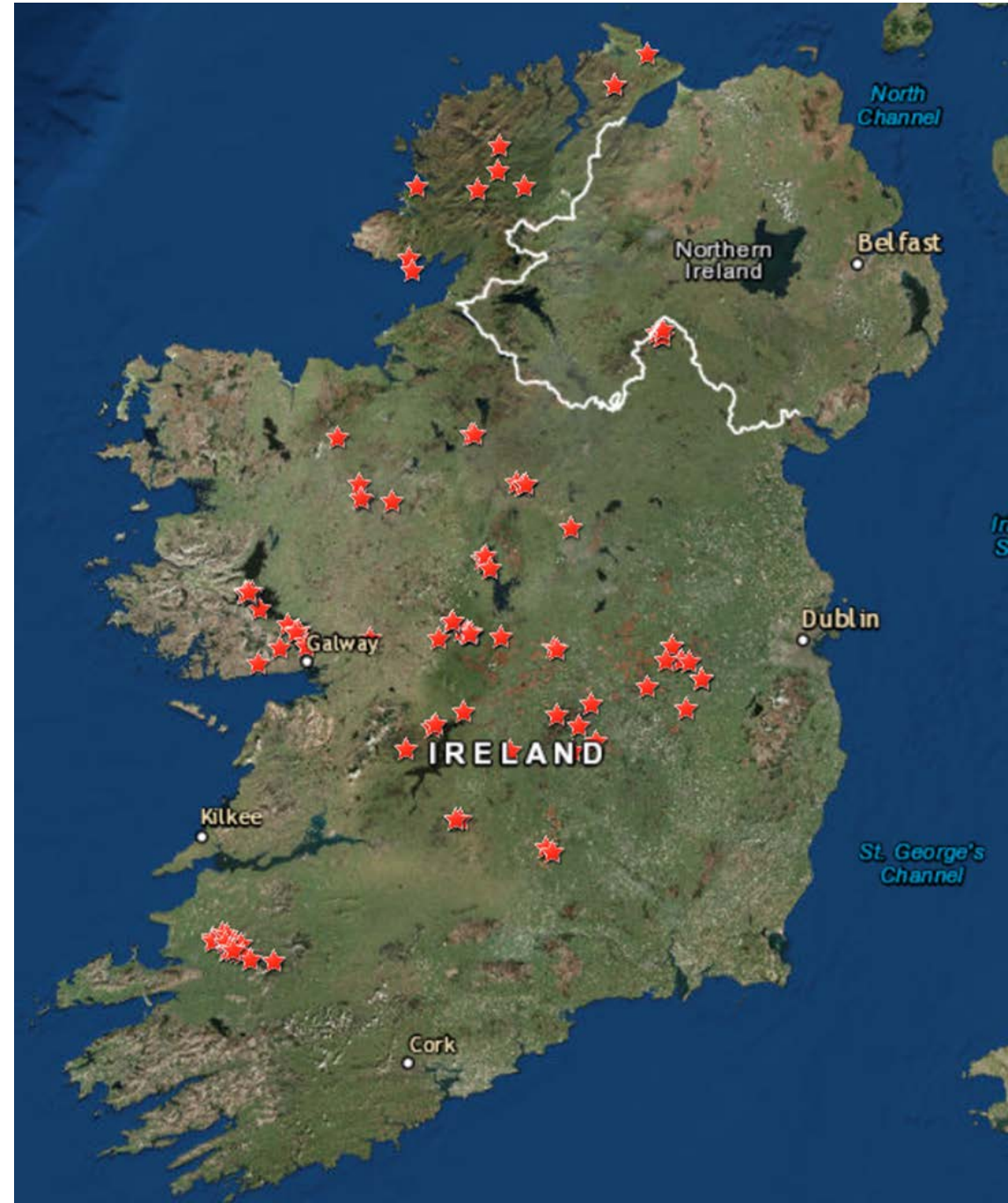
Summer flooding



By 2016

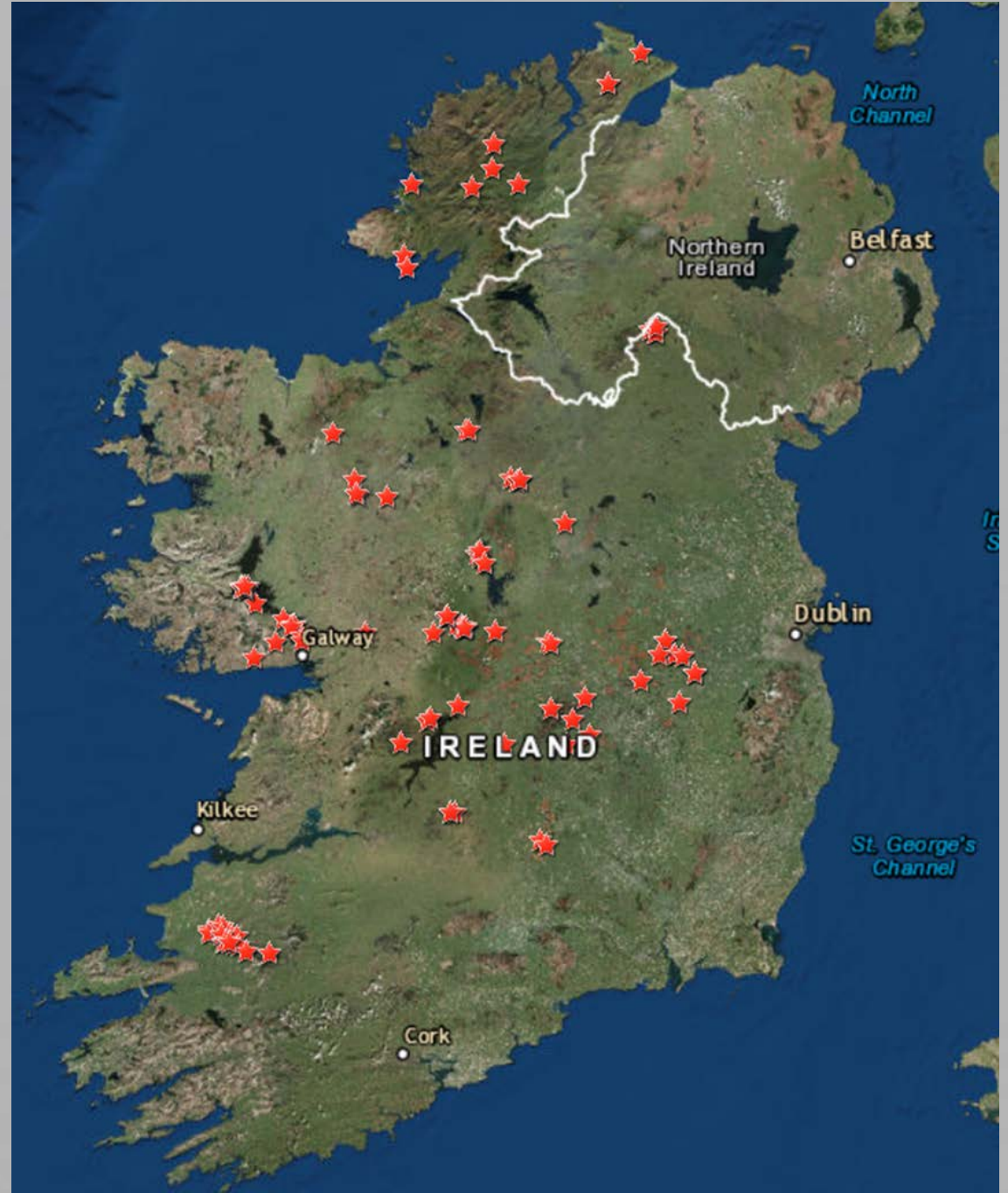
c. 130 pairs

c.10,000 down
to 130 pairs in
35 years





Story of Ireland's Curlew



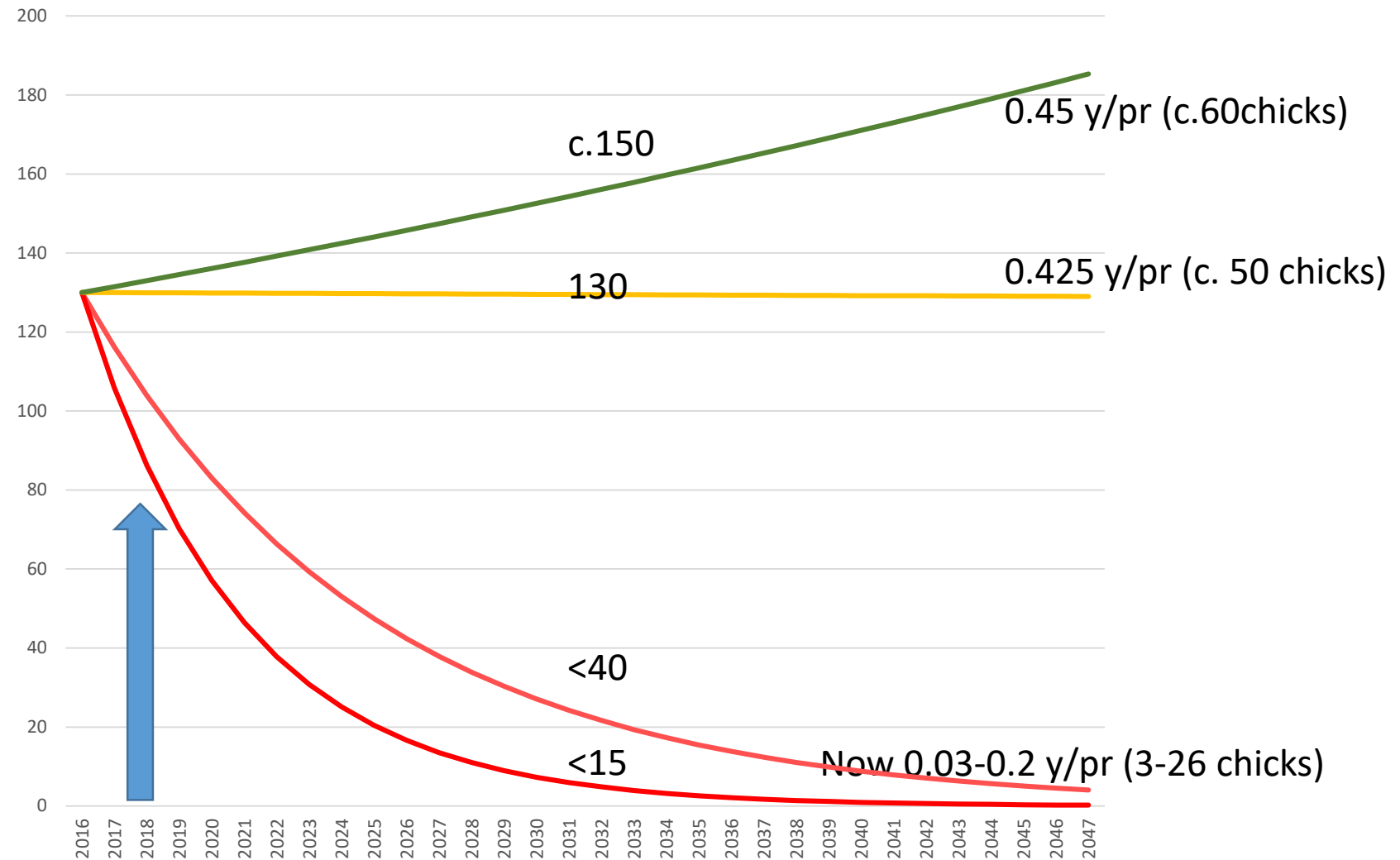


Where are we now?

...trying to go from
red to green

Just c.100 pairs left

A glimmer of hope



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Your tasks...

TODAY:

- Listen to those that bring their own views and experiences
- Engage positively & keep an open mind

AFTERWARDS

- Do not take Curlew for granted
- Take action!



Thank You for listening