Highland Ringing Group: Curlew studies on the Moray Firth
Curlew
WeBS index
Scotland
1972-75
8 key sites in MF
Av: 981

1985-88
8 key sites in MF
Av: 922

1998-03
8 key sites in MF
Av: 946

Source: Local WeBS counts
Origins of Curlew wintering on the Moray Firth
Satellite tagging data
80% of year – Moray Firth, 15% Breeding grounds, 26 days on migration
Geolocator studies

49 fitted
16 retrieved (so far)
Geolocator results

Left 6\textsuperscript{th} April
Back 6\textsuperscript{th} July
female

Left 19\textsuperscript{th} April
Back 27\textsuperscript{th} June
male

Scotland 4
Norway 4
Sweden 5
Finland 3

25\% local birds
Summer 2016.
Left Scotland 14th April
Back Scotland 24th June

Curlew tag: V21092  male

Summer 2017
Left Scotland 11th April
Back Scotland 29th June
Colour ringing data
Distribution of colour ringed curlew on north side of Beauly Firth
Percentage of first year Curlew in Moray Firth catches

Recovery locations of Finnish curlew chicks in their first winter

Source: HRG data
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