Lessons from Ireland, England and Wales

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Ireland

Curlews in Crisis, Higginstown, November 2016
Southern England

Call of the Curlew, Slimbridge, World Wetlands Day 2017
Populations small and isolated
Curlew Task Force

- Multi-stakeholder, independently chaired
- Inform and advise on

Curlew Conservation Programme

- Financed by government
Curlew Forum

• Voluntary and informal

• Information sharing – ‘what works’ (and what doesn’t) in monitoring and action
Curlew Cymru

- National co-ordination
- Regional Action Groups
- Welsh Curlew Action Plan
Curlews are:

– Too dispersed to be saved by reserve management

– In even more trouble than the numbers suggest

– Found in a number of discrete pockets which face ‘similar but different’ pressures
Curlew conservation:

– will ultimately be **delivered** by farmers

– should be **driven** by local action groups

– should be **supported** by national-scale network(s)
Curlew conservation requires:

- **Short-term emergency action** to boost productivity
- **Long-term solutions** to underlying problems
- A conversation about **predators**
- Imaginative, flexible **agri-environment** scheme
- **Cash**
People love curlews

- Unprecedented enthusiasm and determination
- From farmers to 25-year Plan
- Curlew love spreads far and wide
- We can’t afford to fail!