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*Table 1 Numbers of breeding Mediterranean Gulls (AON) in Britain and Ireland 1969–2002.*

<i>Administrative area or country</i>	<i>SCR Census (1985–88)</i>	<i>Seabird 2000 AON</i>	<i>Year</i>
Norfolk	0	3	1999–2000
Suffolk	0	8	1999–2001
Cambridgeshire	0	1	2001
Essex	0	9	2000
Kent	1	23	2000
East Sussex	0	6	2000–01
Hampshire	0	43	2000, 2002
Isle of Wight	0	6	2000
Dorset	0	5	2000
West Yorkshire	0	1	1999
Lancashire	0	3	1999, 2001
<b>England Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1999–2002</b>
Co. Down	0	2	2002
Co. Wexford		3	2002
<b>All-Ireland Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Britain and Ireland Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1999–2002</b>

Table 2 International context.

<i>Country or region</i>	<i>Number of pairs</i>		<i>Year</i>	<i>Source</i>
	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>		
Great Britain, Isle of Man and Channel Isles	108	108	1999–2002	Seabird 2000
All Ireland	5	5	2002	Seabird 2000
Albania	0	1,000	1962	BirdLife International / EBCC (2000)
Austria	12	21	1995–97	BirdLife International / EBCC (2000)
Belarus	0	20	1988–98	BirdLife International / EBCC (2000)
Belgium	300	300	2001	Vermeersch <i>et al.</i> (2002)
Czech Republic	13	15	1998	Chytil (1999)
Denmark	1	1	1998	Fritze (1999)
France	2218	2228	2000	Isenmann <i>et al.</i> (in press)
Germany	66	66	1998	Boschert (1999)
Greece	1,350	1,350	1998	Goutner <i>et al.</i> (1999)
Hungary	185	185	1998	Varga <i>et al.</i> (1999)
Italy	900	900	1992	Boldreghini <i>et al.</i> (1992)
Netherlands	1,150	1,150	2001	Meininger (2002)
Poland	1	1	1989	Meininger & Bekhuis 1990)
Romania	100	100	1994	Ceico & Tanase (1994)
Russia	3,530	13,236	1970s–1980s	Ardamatskaya (1999)
Slovakia	78	78	1998	Chytil (1999)
Spain	1	1	1988	Meininger & Bekhuis (1990)
Switzerland	0	2	1993–96	BirdLife International / EBCC (2000)
Turkey	4,900	5,500	1991–98	Karauz & Kiraç (1999)
Ukraine	75,000	75,000	1998	Ardamatskaya (1999)
<i>Biogeographic region</i>	<i>Min</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Min % GB</i>	<i>Max % GB</i>
Europe (excl. Russia & Turkey)*	81,000	81,000	0.1%	0.1%
World	90,000	100,000	0.1%	0.1%

\*Stroud *et al.* (2001)

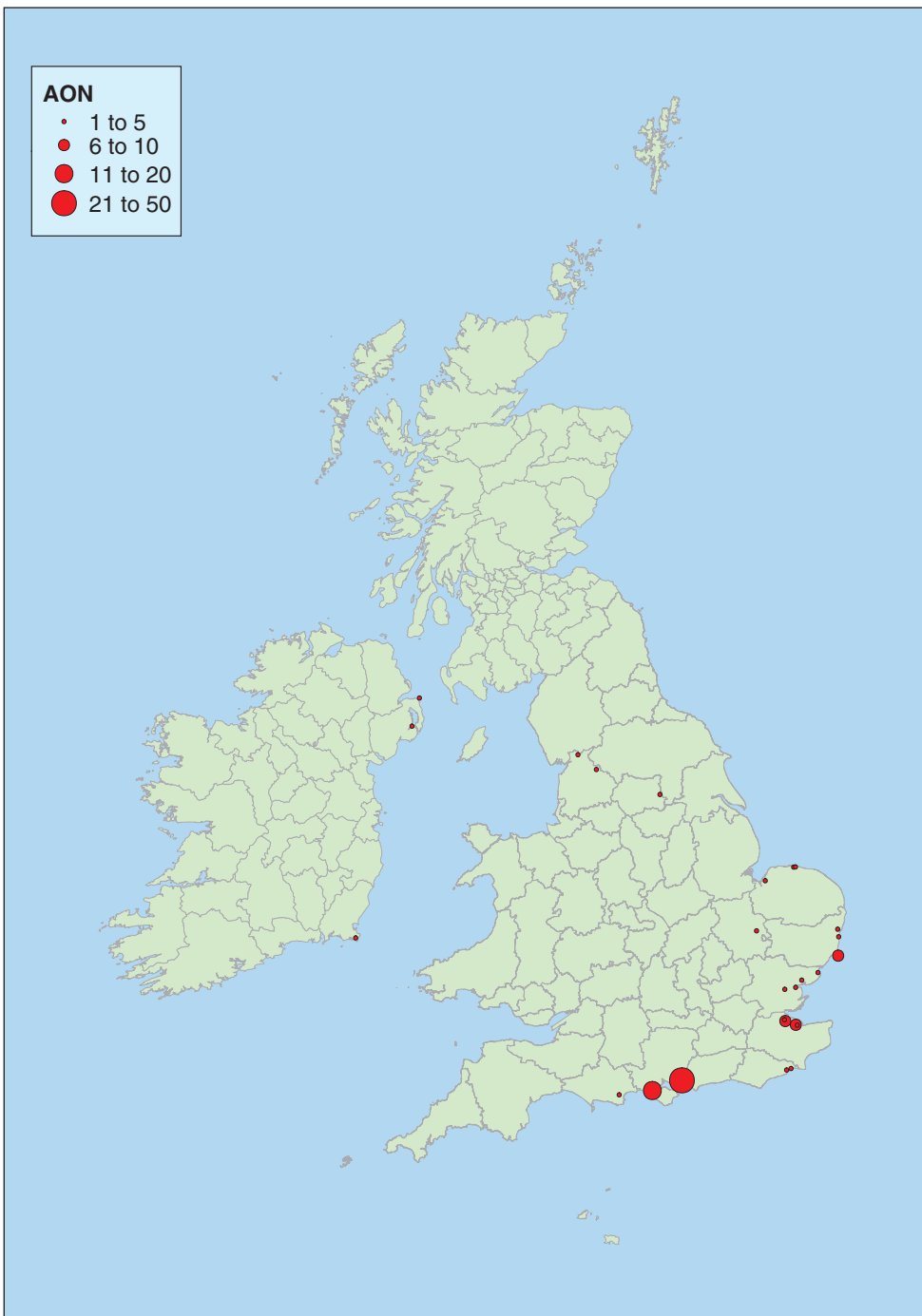


Figure 1 Abundance and distribution of breeding Mediterranean Gulls in Britain and Ireland 1999–2002.