



## **Hornsea Project Four**

### **Guillemot Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan Amendment Note**

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Revision Summary

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## 1 GCIMP Amendments

### 1.1 Overview of Changes

1.1.1.1 The revised GCIMP reflects a strategic evolution in the location strategy and compensation delivery framework, whilst ensuring the core DCO obligation of delivery of 4,760 rat-free nesting spaces remains unchanged. The principal change is a restructuring of the implementation locations. Clarity has also been provided regarding the commencement condition which clarifies that eradication beginning at L'Etac constitutes the start of the programme. Finally, the Marine Recovery Fund (MRF) has been repositioned from the adaptive management section to a contingency primary compensation mechanism.

1.1.1.2 Supporting these changes, new and revised sections have been added to the GCIMP covering Alderney's evidence base and partnership arrangements, Herm's access status, the Para. 11 interpretation, and MRF governance commitments. The DCO compliance schedule (Table 14.1) has been updated accordingly.

### 1.2 Section Changes

#### 1.2.1 Section 1 – Introduction

1.2.1.1 Section 1 contains minor textual changes. The section overview list has been changed to reflect the restructuring of Sections 5 and 6 with scale and capacity calculations now in Section 5 and location specific detail in Section 6.

#### 1.2.2 Section 2 – Background

1.2.2.1 A new paragraph is added clarifying how the two-year DCO commencement condition will be interpreted. Commencement is triggered by works commencing at any of the confirmed primary locations, not all locations simultaneously.

#### 1.2.3 Section 3 – Compensation Approach

1.2.3.1 Section 3 has been renamed and edited to reflect the addition of Alderney Island complex into the primary location strategy. As stated, the current approach to compensation is an eradication on L'Etac (Sark Island complex) as the first primary implementation location. Additionally, specific stacks around either Alderney or Herm Island complexes are being considered as the second location to meet the remaining compensation requirement. Alderney Island complex is preferred due to its current progress and earlier implementation potential. However, Herm Island complex may be considered if Alderney is not progressed.

1.2.3.2 Additional text has been added introducing the MRF as a potential complementary primary measure, not just an adaptive management measure. Orsted H4 has committed to monitoring MRF progress and continuing engagement with the OOEG regarding any changes.

#### 1.2.4 Section 4 – Consultation

1.2.4.1 Updated OOEG meeting record to reflect the three additional consultations that have taken place. It has been noted that States of Guernsey ceased attending after the shift in focus from Herm to Alderney and the States of Alderney and Alderney Wildlife Trust now attend in their place.

1.2.4.2 The status of stakeholder agreements has been updated to reflect that Orsted H4 now has a signed access agreement with the L'Etac leaseholder and Alderney Wildlife Trust is actively developing the predator elimination measure.

#### 1.2.5 Section 5 – Scale and Capacity of Compensation Implementation

1.2.5.1 Section 5 and Section 6 have been renumbered for clarity in reading.

- 1.2.5.2 The scale and capacity calculations themselves are unchanged, but the capacity section is expanded to note that nest site estimates for the Alderney Island complex were completed by Alderney Wildlife Trust in 2024 using the same methodology. The final capacity table is removed from this section and relocated to individual location subsections in Section 6.
- 1.2.6 Section 6 – Location of Compensation
  - 1.2.6.1 Section 5 and Section 6 have been renumbered for clarity in reading.
  - 1.2.6.2 Additional explanatory text has been added covering why Alderney Island complex was elevated from an adaptive management option to a primary implementation location due to its progression with delivery and how this is reflected within the final location strategy.
  - 1.2.6.3 A dedicated subsection for Alderney Island complex and the Twin Sisters site has been added covering the ecology and habitats of the Alderney complex and the selection of the Twin Sisters site (Fourquie, La Nache, and Little Sister) as the primary elimination target.
  - 1.2.6.4 Herm Island complex remains in the primary locations strategy but cannot be relied upon for timely delivery due to inability to secure all necessary access agreements. A new sub-scenario is described whereby an elimination on Herm, excluding Jethou and its stacks, is being considered within the final location strategy, if required.
  - 1.2.6.5 Individual location capacity tables have been added to each respective section.
  - 1.2.6.6 A scenario matrix has been added (Table 6.4) showing that the compensation requirement is achievable under all considered combinations of locations (L'Etac + Twin Sisters site, L'Etac + Herm Island complex including Jethou, L'Etac + Herm Island complex excluding Jethou) and demonstrating the compensation coverage under each delivery pathway.
- 1.2.7 Section 7 – Eradication Implementation and Biosecurity
  - 1.2.7.1 A new subsection has been added covering elimination methodology, specifically for the Twin Sisters site. It is noted that an elimination on Herm Island complex excluding Jethou would follow the elimination methodology set out in Section 7.3.
- 1.2.8 Section 8 – Delivery Mechanism
  - 1.2.8.1 Section 8 has been edited to include the current status of access agreements with the relevant landowners and leaseholders across the potential delivery locations.
- 1.2.9 Section 9 – Success Criteria
  - 1.2.9.1 Criterion 1 has been updated. The earlier version specified nesting spaces "across the Herm Island complex and L'Etac"; the new version broadens this to "across the Bailiwick of Guernsey", reflecting the variable multi-site approach.
  - 1.2.9.2 The discussion of how the 4,760-space requirement can be met is expanded to present how the compensation requirement is achievable under all considered combinations of locations (L'Etac + Twin Sisters site, L'Etac + Herm Island complex including Jethou, L'Etac + Herm Island complex excluding Jethou).
  - 1.2.9.3 Additional text is added noting the difference in incursion risk between eradication and elimination contexts and how this is reflected within the success criterion.

## 1.2.10 Section 10 – Monitoring

1.2.10.1 Section 10 has been updated to reflect the inclusion of the Twin Sister site within the monitoring protocol. This includes guillemot count data and the current status of guillemot monitoring on the Twin Sisters site. The Core and Experimental monitoring objectives remain unchanged.

## 1.2.11 Section 11 – Adaptive Management

1.2.11.1 The list of potential adaptive management measures is revised. "Rat control programme at Alderney islets" has been removed as adaptive management options and Alderney-specific adaptive management measures have been added.

1.2.11.2 The adaptive management option for an "offshore ANS" has been removed with additional text added reflecting the reasoning behind the decision.

1.2.11.3 Additional text regarding the MRF has been updated to reflect that the measure is being pursued as both a potential primary mechanism, if required, as well as adaptive management.

## 1.2.12 Section 13 – Programme for Implementation and Delivery

1.2.12.1 Section 13 has been updated to reflect the phased, sequential approach whereby L'Etac is confirmed as the first site, with either the Twin Sisters site or Herm Island complex as the second.

1.2.12.2 A second implementation schedule table is added (Table 13.2) covering the elimination operation specifically.

## 1.2.13 Section 14 – Discharge of Consent Condition

1.2.13.1 Minor cross-reference updates to reflect the renumbered sections throughout the document.