

Island-nesting Terns Goals and Objectives

2006 - 2021

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Goal

Increase the abundance, expand the distribution, and ensure the long-term viability of all three island-nesting tern species (Common Terns, Arctic Terns, and Roseate Terns) in Maine.

Population Objective 1: By 2021, increase the five-year average populations of all island-nesting tern species to at least 10,000 pairs of Common Terns, 6,000 pairs of Arctic Terns, and 300 pairs of Roseate Terns.

Productivity Objective 1: By 2011, increase or maintain productivity of Roseate Tern colonies to sustain a five-year productivity average of ≥ 1 fledged chick/pair at 3 core colonies, each of which support more than 50 pairs of Roseate Terns.

Productivity Objective 2: By 2016, increase or maintain productivity of Arctic Tern colonies to sustain a five-year productivity average of ≥ 1 fledged chick/pair at 3 core colonies, each of which support more than 1,000 pairs of Arctic Terns, and 3 other core colonies, each of which support more than 400 pairs of Arctic Terns.

Productivity Objective 3: By 2016, increase or maintain productivity of Common Tern colonies to sustain a five-year productivity average of ≥ 1 fledged chick/pair at 4 core colonies, each of which support more than 1,500 pairs of Common Terns, and 6 other core colonies, each of which support more than 500 pairs of Common Terns.

Productivity Objective 4: By 2016, increase the number of minimally managed tern nesting islands to at least 20 islands, each of which sustain a five-year productivity average of ≥ 0.5 fledged chick/pair.

Distribution Objective 1: By 2011, maintain the current core of nine managed tern colonies, while increasing the number and distribution of productive colonies, to ensure that there is at least one productive colony in each of Maine's eight coastal regions that supports at least 200 pairs of terns.

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Habitat Objective 1: By 2011, identify and conserve a suite of islands in each of Maine's eight coastal regions that have at least a short-term potential of supporting nesting terns.

Habitat Objective 2: By 2011, document and conserve principal island-nesting tern staging and foraging areas.