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**Subject:** Ornithology Apportioning Tool update

All,  
As you are aware, SG commissioned a seabird apportioning tool project, MS had anticipated that the tool would be published this week.

The project relies upon the seabird distribution model published by Wakefield et al (2017) from work undertaken whilst the lead author was at the RSPB.

I have just been informed that the RSPB have identified an error in the original Wakefield et al (2017) model and that this has the potential to effect the outputs of the Apportioning tool. The Wakefield model is being corrected and re-run by the RSPB and when the updated outputs are available CEH will incorporate these revised outputs in the Apportioning tool. However, the re-running of the Wakefield 2017 models will take weeks rather than days to complete and so the delivery of the Apportioning tool will therefore be delayed. The implications of this on timing of delivery of the tool are still emerging, but it seems highly likely that it will be pushed back into 2018.

MSS advise that the Apportioning tool should not be used by developers or SNCBs to inform impact assessments or advice until the issues identified with the original Wakefield et al 2017 model have been resolved. Therefore MS-LOT advise that the SNH 2 step approach should be used for apportioning as outlined in the recent scoping opinions as the most appropriate method if the apportioning tool was not available.

Kind Regards  
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