



## **Culzean Floating Offshore Wind Turbine Pilot Project**

### **Appendix H**

#### **Ornithology Displacement Analysis**

**and**

#### **Collision Risk Modelling**

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## Introduction

This appendix to the Culzean Floating Wind Turbine EIA Report presents additional information on the analyses undertaken to quantify the potential for displacement and collision risk to seabird as part of the assessments presented in Chapter 11: Ornithology of the EIA Report.

The appendix presents displacement matrices for kittiwake, common guillemot and razorbill for the breeding and non-breeding periods. The matrices follow guidance on quantifying and assessing seabird displacement effects (SNCB,2017; NatureScot, 2023 (Guidance Note 8)) from offshore wind developments.

The appendix also provides details of the input parameters and model outputs for the collision risk modelling (CRM) undertaken to predict how many birds might be killed annually due to collision with the Project's single wind turbine. CRM was undertaken for gannet, kittiwake, great-black-backed gull and herring gull. CRM was undertaken using the Stochastic CRM shiny app v 0.1.1 (Caneco, 2022.) and using parameter values according to NatureScot guidance (NatureScot, 2023 (Guidance Note 7)). The CRM shiny app is an online Graphical User Interface developed especially for seabird collision modelling. It is based on the stochastic model developed by Masden (2015), which in turn was developed from the non-stochastic model developed by Band (2012). The shiny app was used to predict the number of annual collisions for four collision-vulnerable seabird species, gannet, kittiwake, great black-backed gull and herring gull. Predictions were produced from the CRM run in both deterministic and stochastic modes, as recommended by NatureScot guidance (Guidance Note 7).

## Displacement Matrices

Appendix H Table 1. Input parameters for displacement matrices

Species	Peak density (Breeding Season)	Peak density (Non-breeding Season)	Buffer applied	Area (+2 km buffer)
Kittiwake	0.25 birds/km <sup>2</sup>	0.13 birds/km <sup>2</sup>	2 km	12.6 km <sup>2</sup>
Guillemot	1.26 birds/km <sup>2</sup>	21.7 birds/km <sup>2</sup>	2 km	12.6 km <sup>2</sup>
Razorbill	0.07 birds/km <sup>2</sup>	1.11 birds/km <sup>2</sup>	2 km	12.6 km <sup>2</sup>

Appendix H Table 2. Displacement matrix for kittiwake during the breeding season. Values are the number of birds rounded to the nearest whole number predicted to be die for a given combination of assumed mortality and rate of displacement. The highlighted cells are the combinations recommended by NatureScot (Guidance Note 8) for the assessment of displacement impacts on kittiwake from offshore wind energy developments.

Scenario: kittiwake, peak estimated number inside 2-km buffer during breeding season		% mortality of displaced birds											
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%	20%	30%	50%	80%	100%	
% of birds displaced	10%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	30%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	40%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	50%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	60%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
	70%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
	80%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	3
	90%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	3
	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

**Appendix H Table 3. Displacement matrix for kittiwake during the non-breeding season. Values are the number of birds rounded to the nearest whole number predicted to be die for a given combination of assumed mortality and rate of displacement. The highlighted cells are the combinations recommended by NatureScot (Guidance Note 8) for the assessment of displacement impacts on kittiwake from offshore wind energy developments.**

Scenario: kittiwake, Peak estimated number inside 2-km buffer during non-breeding season		% mortality of displaced birds										
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%	20%	30%	50%	80%	100%
% of birds displaced	10%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	40%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	50%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	60%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	70%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	80%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	90%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2

**Appendix H Table 4. Displacement matrix for common guillemot during the breeding season. Values are the number of birds rounded to the nearest whole number predicted to be die for a given combination of assumed mortality and rate of displacement. The highlighted cells are the combinations recommended by NatureScot (Guidance Note 8) for the assessment of displacement impacts on common guillemot from offshore wind energy developments.**

Scenario: Guillemot, peak monthly estimated number inside 2 km buffer during breeding season		% mortality of displaced birds										
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%	20%	30%	50%	80%	100%
% of birds displaced	10%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	3
	30%	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	5
	40%	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	5	6
	50%	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	6	8
	60%	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	8	10
	70%	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	6	9	11
	80%	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	4	6	10	13
	90%	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	4	7	11	14
	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16

**Appendix H Table 5. Displacement matrix for common guillemot during the non-breeding season. Values are the number of birds rounded to the nearest whole number predicted to be die for a given combination of assumed mortality and rate of displacement. The highlighted cells are the combinations recommended by NatureScot (Guidance Note 8) for the assessment of displacement impacts on common guillemot from offshore wind energy developments.**

Scenario: Guillemot, peak monthly estimated number inside 2 km buffer during non-breeding season		% mortality of displaced birds										
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%	20%	30%	50%	80%	100%
% of birds displaced	10%	0	1	1	1	1	3	5	8	14	22	27
	20%	1	1	2	2	3	5	11	16	27	44	55
	30%	1	2	2	3	4	8	16	25	41	65	82
	40%	1	2	3	4	5	11	22	33	55	87	109
	50%	1	3	4	5	7	14	27	41	68	109	136
	60%	2	3	5	7	8	16	33	49	82	131	164
	70%	2	4	6	8	10	19	38	57	95	153	191
	80%	2	4	7	9	11	22	44	65	109	174	218
	90%	2	5	7	10	12	25	49	74	123	196	245
	100%	3	5	8	11	14	27	55	82	136	218	273

**Appendix H Table 6. Displacement matrix for razorbill during the breeding season. Values are the number of birds rounded to the nearest whole number predicted to be die for a given combination of assumed mortality and rate of displacement. The highlighted cells are the combinations recommended by NatureScot (Guidance Note 8) for the assessment of displacement impacts on razorbill from offshore wind energy developments.**

Scenario: Razorbill, peak monthly estimated number inside 2 km buffer during breeding season		% mortality of displaced birds											
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%	20%	30%	50%	80%	100%	
% of birds displaced	10%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	30%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	40%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	50%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	60%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	70%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	80%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	90%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

**Appendix H Table 7. Displacement matrix for razorbill during the non-breeding season. Values are the number of birds rounded to the nearest whole number predicted to be die for a given combination of assumed mortality and rate of displacement. The highlighted cells are the combinations recommended by NatureScot (Guidance Note 8) for the assessment of displacement impacts on razorbill from offshore wind energy developments.**

Scenario: Razorbill, peak monthly estimated number inside 2 km buffer during non-breeding season		% mortality of displaced birds										
		1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%	20%	30%	50%	80%	100%
% of birds displaced	10%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	3
	30%	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	4
	40%	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	4	6
	50%	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	6	7
	60%	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	7	8
	70%	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	8	10
	80%	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	6	9	11
	90%	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	4	6	10	13
	100%	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	4	7	11	14



## CRM Input Parameter Values

**Appendix H Table 8. Simulation options selected for CRM**

Simulation choice	Selection
Number of iterations	1000
Random seed value	10
Large array correction	No

**Appendix H Table 9. Wind farm parameters used in CRM**

Number of turbines	Latitude (deg)	Windfarm width (km)	Tidal offset (m)	% upwind flights
1	57	1	0	50

**Appendix H Table 10. Turbine parameters used in CRM**

Turbine Model	Number of rotor blades	Rotor radius (m)	Surface clearance (m)	Blade Width (m)	Speed/ pitch simulation option	Rotation speed (rpm)	Rotation speed SD	Rotor pitch (deg)	Rotor pitch SD
3 MW	3	56	22	4	probDist	13	0.5	13	0.1

**Appendix H Table 11. Wind availability and turbine downtime parameters used in CRM**

Metric	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Wind availability (%)	96.28	96.53	95.83	92.78	90.86	92.22	89.11	89.92	93.71	96.14	97.14	96.41
Mean downtime (%)	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
SD Downtime (%)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

**Appendix H Table 12. Bird size and behaviour parameters used in CRM**

Species	Avoidance rate Deterministic CRM Option 2	Avoidance rate Stochastic CRM Option 2	Avoidance rate SD	Body length (m)	Body length SD	Wingspan (m)	Wingspan SD	Flight speed (m/s)	Flight speed SD	Nocturnal activity factor	Nocturnal activity SD	Flight type	Proportion flight activity at CRH	Proportion flight activity at CRH SD
Gannet	0.992	0.993	0.0003	0.935	0.0325	1.73	0.0375	14.9	0	0.08	0.1	Gliding	0.102	0.01
Kittiwake	0.992	0.993	0.0003	0.390	0.0050	1.08	0.0625	13.1	0.4	0.5	0.005	Flapping	0.124	0.01
Great black-backed gull	0.994	0.994	0.0004	0.710	0.0350	1.58	0.0375	13.7	1.2	0.5	0.005	Flapping	0.291	0.01
Herring gull	0.994	0.994	0.0004	0.595	0.0225	1.44	0.03	12.8	1.8	0.5	0.005	Flapping	0.285	0.01

**Appendix H Table 13. Flying bird density (birds/km<sup>2</sup>) parameters used in stochastic CRM**

Species	Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Gannet	Mean	0	0	0	0	0	0.130	0	0.060	0	0	0	0
	SD	0	0	0	0	0	0.091	0	0.060	0	0	0	0
Kittiwake	Mean	0	0	0	0	0.190	0.060	0.130	0.060	0	0	0.130	0
	SD	0	0	0	0	0.108	0.060	0.091	0.060	0	0	0.091	0
Great black-backed gull	Mean	0.130	0.070	0	0.060	0.070	0	0	0.190	0	0.065	0.070	0.190
	SD	0.091	0.070	0	0.060	0.070	0	0	0.141	0	0.046	0.070	0.108
Herring gull	Mean	0.070	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SD	0.070	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## CRM Outputs for CRM Option2

**Appendix H Table 14. Stochastic CRM Option 2 outputs for gannet (number of collisions per season / year after adjustment for avoidance rate)**

Season	Time Period	CRM Option	Mean	Median	SD	CV	2.5%	97.5%
Breeding	April - September	Option 1	0.029	0.028	0.012	42.781	0.007	0.054
		Option 2	0.030	0.027	0.017	57.021	0.006	0.070
Non-breeding	October - March	Option 1						
		Option 2						
Year	January - December	Option 1	0.029	0.028	0.012	42.781	0.007	0.054
		Option 2	0.030	0.027	0.017	57.021	0.006	0.070

**Appendix H Table 15. Stochastic CRM Option 2 outputs for kittiwake (number of collisions per year / season after adjustment for avoidance rate)**

Season	Time Period	CRM Option	Mean	Median	SD	CV	2.5%	97.5%
Breeding	April - August	Option 1	0.063	0.063	0.019	30.114	0.030	0.103
		Option 2	0.060	0.059		32.162	0.025	0.101
Non-breeding	September - March	Option 1	0.015	0.015	0.008	54.351	0.002	0.032
		Option 2		0.014		55.846		
Year	January - December	Option 1	0.078	0.078	0.021	26.845	0.042	0.122
		Option 2	0.075	0.073	0.022	29.186	0.037	0.121

**Appendix H Table 16. Stochastic CRM Option 2 outputs for great black-backed gull (number of collisions per year / season after adjustment for avoidance rate)**

Season	Time Period	CRM Option	Mean	Median	SD	CV	2.5%	97.5%
Breeding	April - August	Option 1	0.121	0.119	0.046	37.714	0.043	0.223
		Option 2	0.129	0.124	0.052	40.021	0.045	0.249
Non-breeding	September - March	Option 1	0.161	0.158	0.044	27.406	0.086	0.260
		Option 2	0.172	0.166	0.052	30.424		0.286
Year	January - December	Option 1	0.283	0.278	0.067	23.857	0.167	0.432
		Option 2	0.300	0.292	0.081	27.070	0.165	0.482

**Appendix H Table 17. Stochastic CRM Option 2 outputs for herring gull (number of collisions per year / season after adjustment for avoidance rate)**

Season	Time Period	CRM Option	Mean	Median	SD	CV	2.5%	97.5%
Breeding	April - August	Option 1	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.000	0.000
		Option 2						
Non-breeding	September - March	Option 1	0.022	0.020	0.014	62.023	0.002	0.053
		Option 2						
Year	January - December	Option 1	0.022	0.020	0.014	62.023	0.002	0.053
		Option 2						

**Appendix H Table 18. Deterministic CRM Option 2 outputs for gannet (number of collisions per year / season after adjustment for avoidance rate)**

Season	Time Period	CRM Option	No. Collisions
Breeding	April - September	Option 1	0.028
		Option 2	0.027
Non-breeding	October - March	Option 1	
		Option 2	
Year	January - December	Option 1	0.028
		Option 2	0.027

**Appendix H Table 19. Deterministic CRM Option 2 outputs for kittiwake (number of collisions per year / season after adjustment for avoidance rate)**

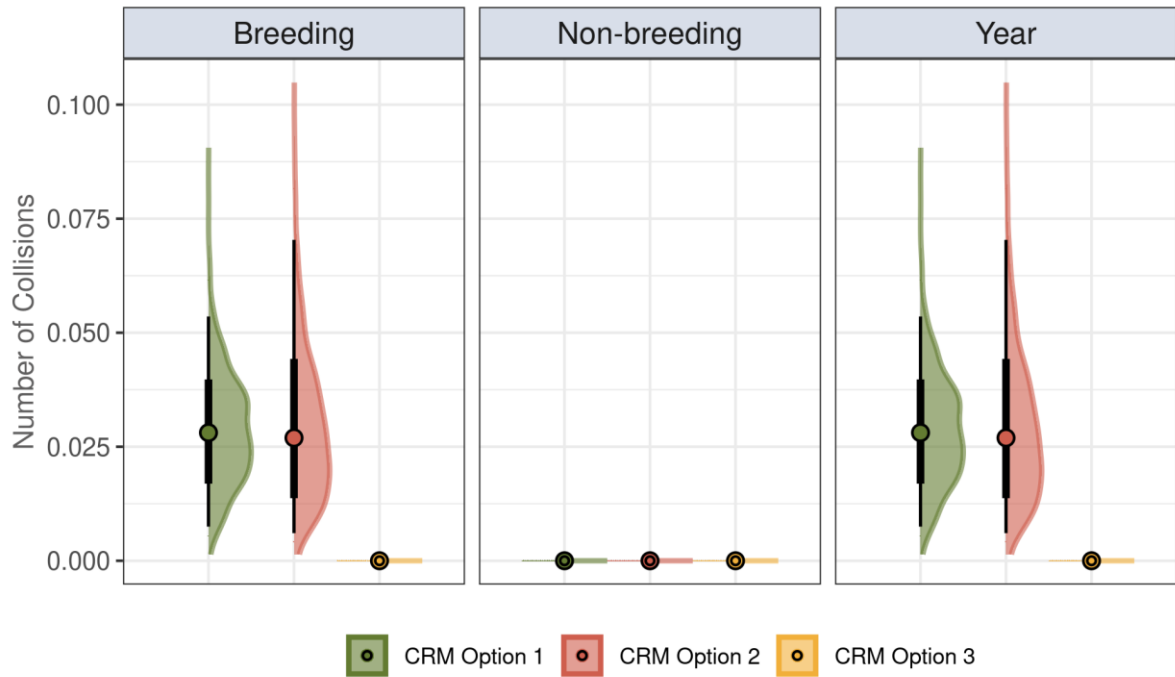
Season	Time Period	CRM Option	No. Collisions
Breeding	April - August	Option 1	0.064
		Option 2	0.061
Non-breeding	September - March	Option 1	0.016
		Option 2	0.015
Year	January - December	Option 1	0.080
		Option 2	0.076

**Appendix H Table 20. Deterministic CRM Option 2 outputs for great black-backed gull (number of collisions per year / season after adjustment for avoidance rate)**

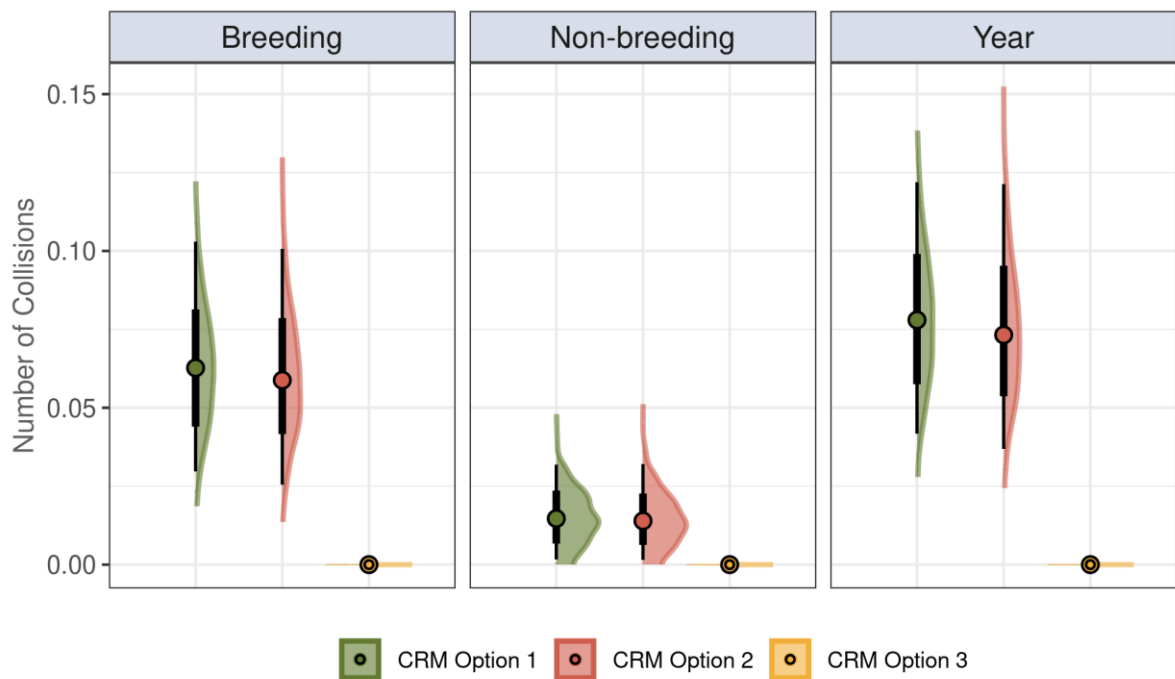
Season	Time Period	CRM Option	No. Collisions
Breeding	April - August	Option 1	0.101
		Option 2	0.099
Non-breeding	September - March	Option 1	0.143
		Option 2	0.139
Year	January - December	Option 1	0.244
		Option 2	0.237

**Appendix H Table 19. Deterministic CRM Option 2 outputs for herring gull (number of collisions per year / season after adjustment for avoidance rate)**

Season	Time Period	CRM Option	No. Collisions
Breeding	April - August	Option 1	0.000
		Option 2	0.000
Non-breeding	September - March	Option 1	0.017
		Option 2	0.016
Year	January - December	Option 1	0.017
		Option 2	0.016

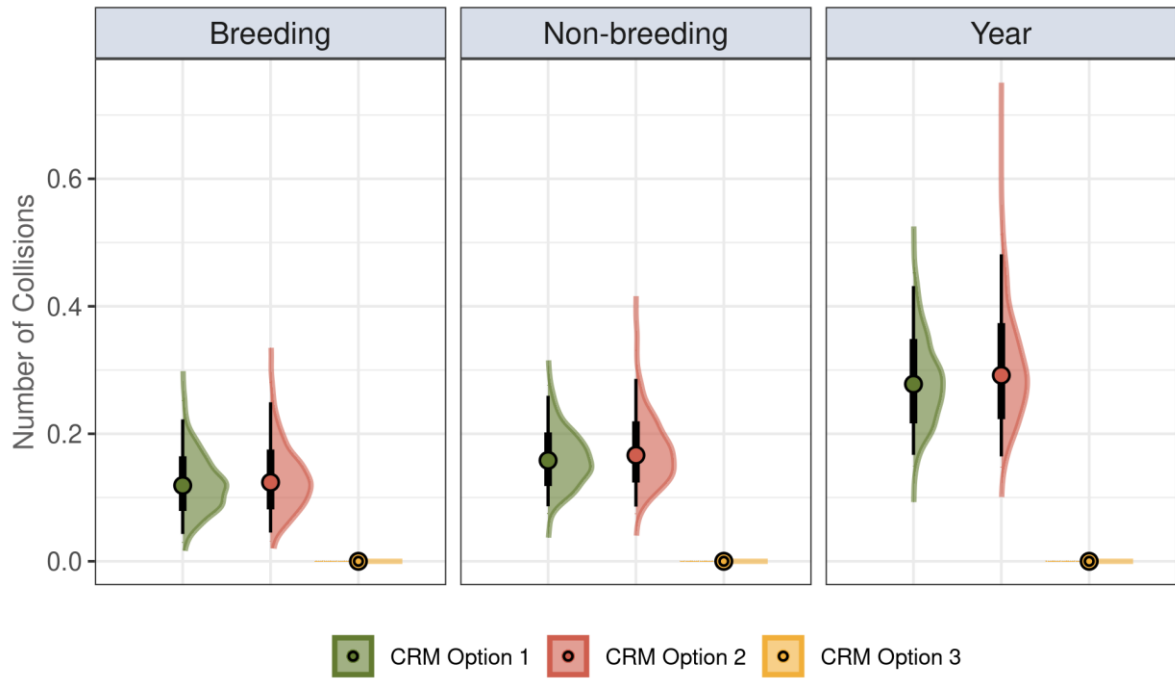


**Appendix H Figure 1. Collision risk estimates for gannet by season and for a whole year. Density distribution, median, 66% and 95% quantile intervals and quantile dotplots (each dot represents ~2% chance outcome) of simulated values. Note CRM Option 3 was disabled.**

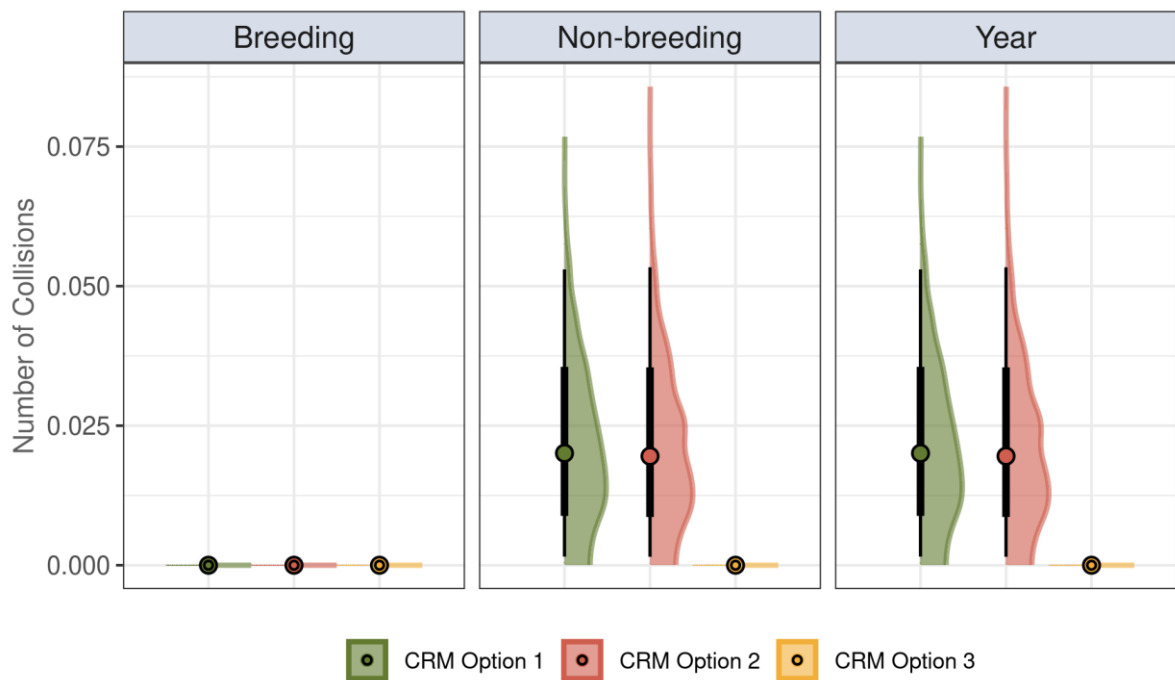


**Appendix H Figure 2. Collision risk estimates for kittiwake by season and for a whole year. Density distribution, median, 66% and 95% quantile intervals and quantile dotplots (each dot represents ~2% chance outcome) of simulated values. Note CRM Option 3 was disabled.**





**Appendix H Figure 3. Collision risk estimates for great black-backed gull by season and for a whole year. Density distribution, median, 66% and 95% quantile intervals and quantile dotplots (each dot represents ~2% chance outcome) of simulated values. Note CRM Option 3 was disabled.**



**Appendix H Figure 4.. Collision risk estimates for herring gull by season and for a whole year. Density distribution, median, 66% and 95% quantile intervals and quantile dotplots (each dot represents ~2% chance outcome) of simulated values. Note CRM Option 3 was disabled.**

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