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# **Barnacle Goose Session**

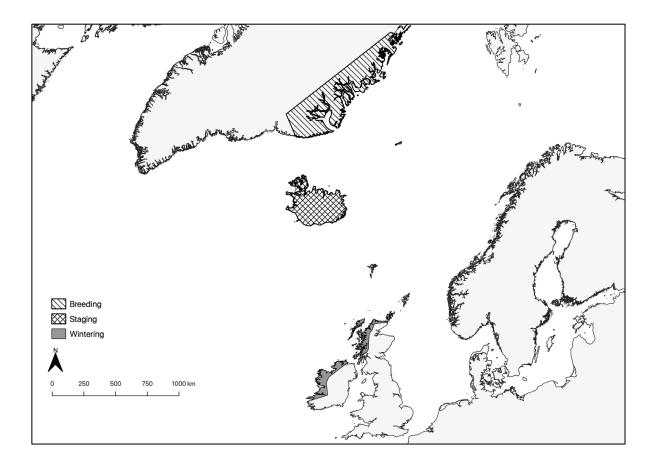
Integrated Population Model for the Greenland Barnacle Goose





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# **East Greenland Flyway Population**





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# Data

**Time series:** 1987 - 2019

### Count

- Flyway
- Islay

### Productivity

• Autumn juvenile proportion

### Survival

• Apparent natural survival

### Harvest

- Bag totals
- Wing returns

100

50

150

200 km

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### Count

- Flyway 5 year census
- Islay annual

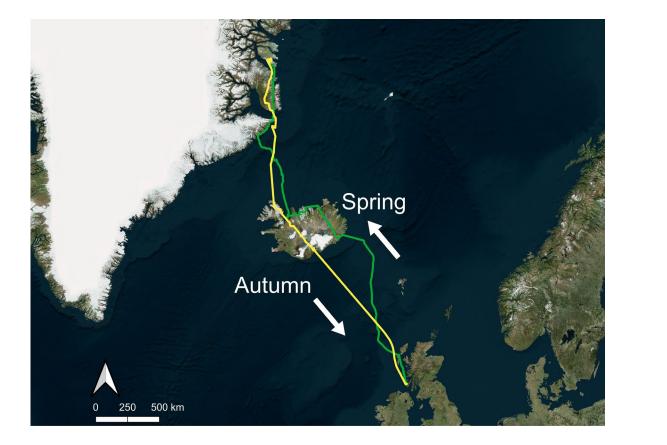
### Productivity

• Autumn juvenile proportion

# Data

Islay

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### Harvest

- Iceland harvest bag
- Scotland harvest bag
- Iceland wing
- Scottish wing
- Pink-feet vulnerability

### Survival

Svalbard barnacle geese Apparent natural survival



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# **Key Model Parameters**

### Count

N = Flyway population size in March  $p^{Islay} =$  Proportion flyway wintering on Islay  $N^{islay} =$  Islay March population size

### Productivity

 $\psi$  = Autumn juvenile proportion

r = Pre-season age ratio

### Survival

 $\theta$  = Apparent natural survival

 $s^{a}$  = Adult survival rate

 $s^{j}$  = Juvenile survival rate

### Harvest

- $H^{I}$  = Iceland harvest bag
- $h^{i}$  = Harvest rate Iceland
- $H^{S}$  Scotland harvest bag
- $h^{s}$  = Harvest rate Scotland
- $h^{a}$  = Adult harvest rate
- $h^{j}$  = Juvenile harvest rate
- $v^{s}$  = Differential vulnerability Scotland
- $v^{i}$  = Differential vulnerability Iceland

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# **Model Assumptions**

- March annual cycle
- Annual survival rate
- Shooting mortality is additive to natural mortality
- Juvenile vulnerability is fixed by site
- Shooting takes place sequentially

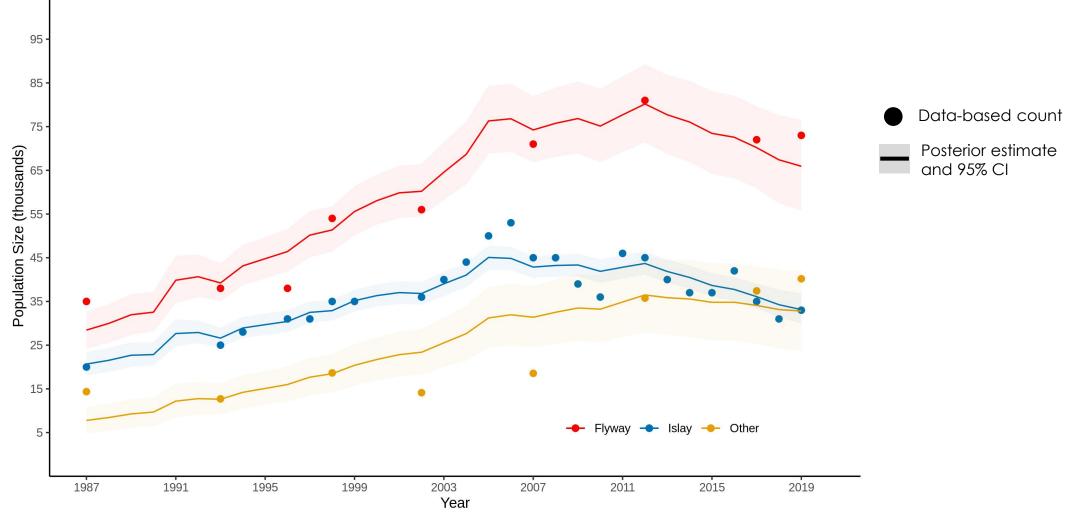


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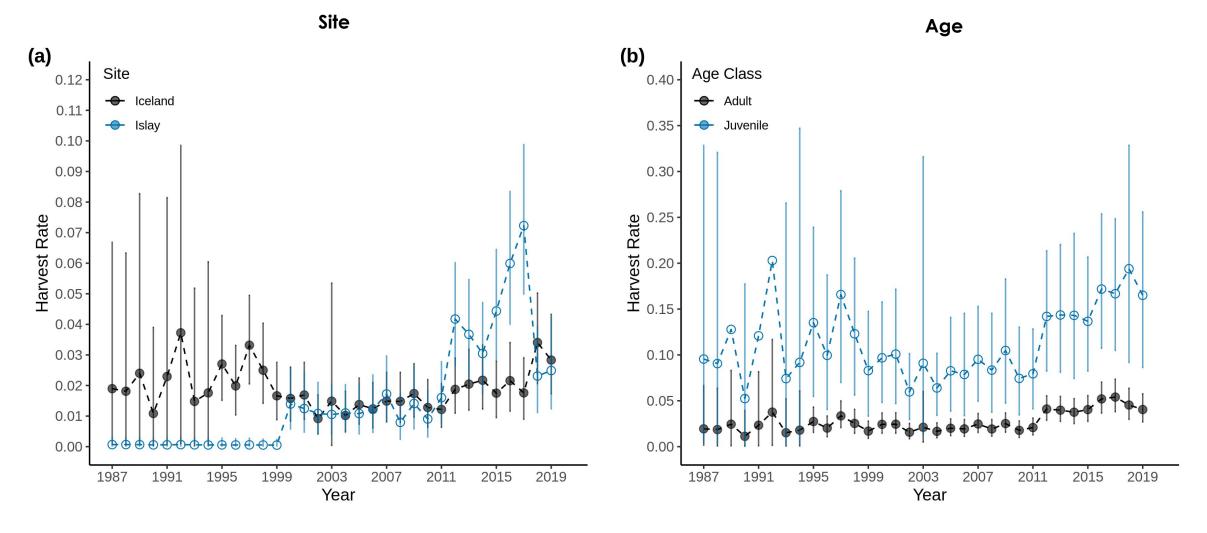


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# Harvest Rate

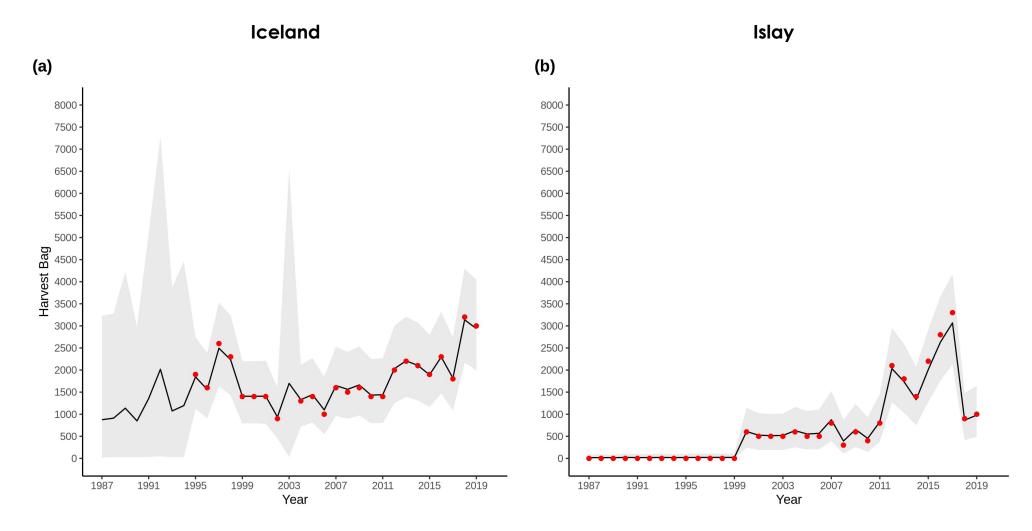


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# Harvest Bag

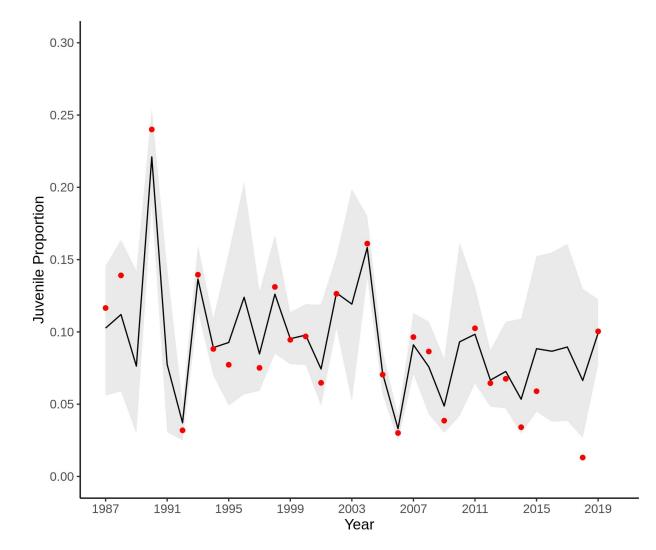


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# **Productivity – Juvenile Proportion**

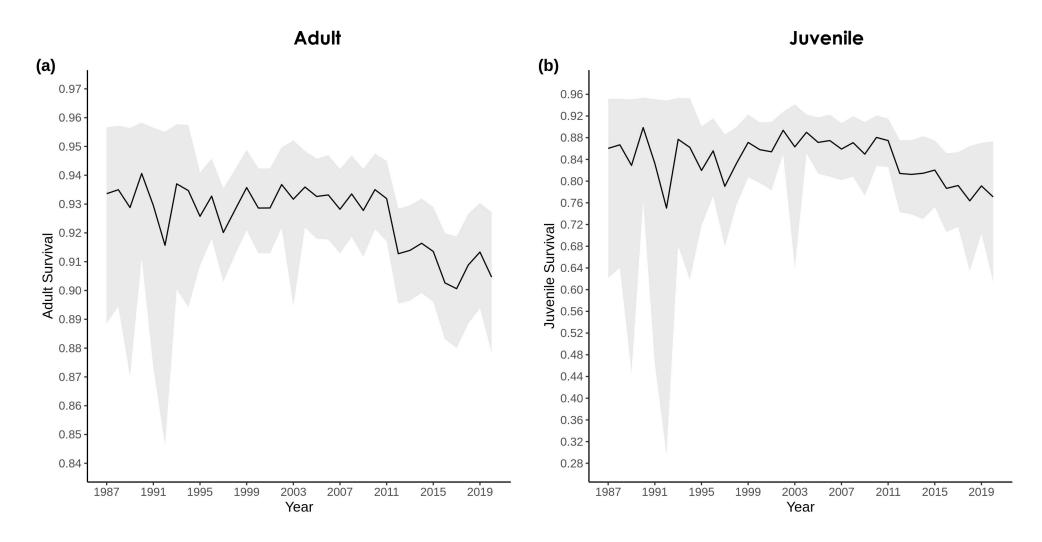


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# **Survival Rate**







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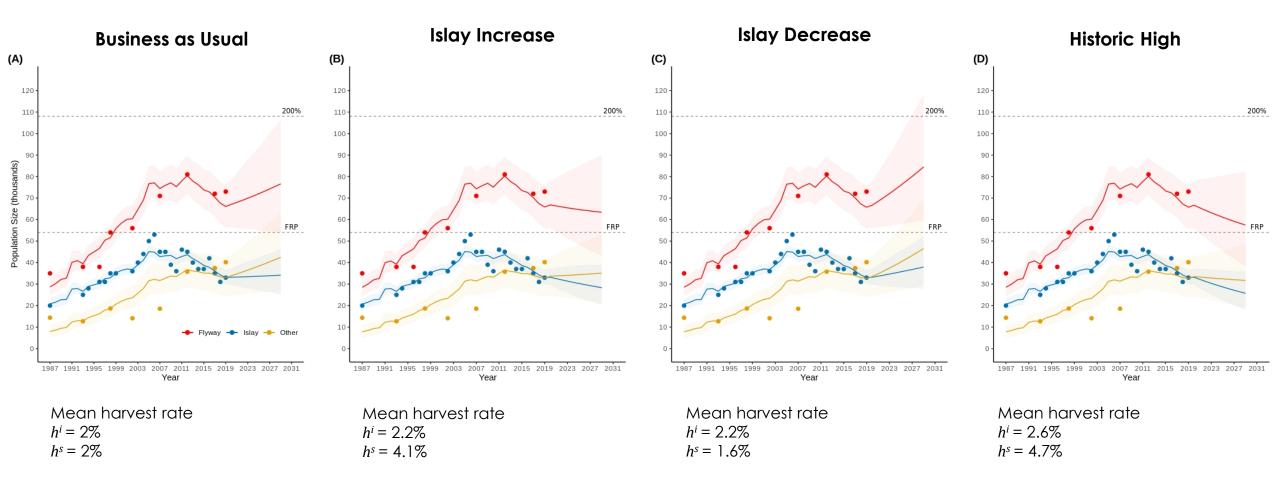
# **Population Projections**

Scenario	Description	Mean harvest rate
Business as usual	Harvest rate continues at current rate in Iceland and Islay	$h^i = 0.02$ $h^s = 0.02$
Islay increase	Iceland continues at current rate, Islay increases	$h^i = 0.022$ $h^s = 0.041$
Islay decrease	Iceland continues at current rate, Islay reduced	$h^i = 0.022$ $h^s = 0.016$
Combined historic high	Increase harvest rate in Iceland and Islay using mean historic peak	$h^i = 0.026$ $h^s = 0.047$



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# **Results – Future Offtake**





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# **Conclusions and Next Steps**

- Decline flyway since 2012
- Scottish/Islay harvest = key
- Alternative sites increasingly important
- Other projections
- Consider alternative data sources





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