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About

PhD Title: The impact of an apex predator species, the Great Black-backed Gull Larus marinus, on an island's seabird community structure

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I am investigating the impact of an apex predator, the Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*, on the seabird community structure of Ireland's Eye, an island in the Irish Sea.

Qualifications

B. Comm., H.Dip.Ed. (University College Galway), Dip. Field Ecol. (University College Cork), M.Sc. Ornithology (University of Birmingham).

Biography

Chris Honan studied Ornithology at the University of Birmingham when he investigated mercury accumulation in the feathers of an apex avian predator as a bio-indicator of mercury in marine systems. He now continues the work on the same species but now turning his attention to its fundamental importance in the ecology of a marine community on an island close to the city of Dublin.

Research

Seabird ecology and especially the responses of seabird communities to environmental change.

Other activities

Chris Honan holds a British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) 'A' permit and has been ringing seabirds for 18 years. His main involvement in ornithology and applied conservation has been through such ringing activities. Chris enjoys the places to which sea-kayaking gives him access.

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