

Rouzic Island



IBA Code	FR002
Marine Area	40,3 km²
Legal Protection	SPA Côte de Granit Rose-Sept Iles (FR5310011)

Species	Year	Population	Reliability	Criteria
Northern Gannet <i>Morus bassanus</i>	2010	21880 pairs	A	A4ii, B1ii, B2, C3

IBA Description

The only Northern Gannet colony is on Rouzic Island, in the natural reserve “les Sept-îles”. Since the first birds came in 1939, there are more than 20 000 breeding pairs (2012). This colony is the south limit of the Gannet breeding area.

From 2005 to 2012, several methods have been deployed to assess Gannets behaviour during the breeding period but also during migration : video monitoring, telemetric devices (GPS, GLS, PTT Argos, Time-depth recorder), diet surveys, blood and feathers sample. The aim is a better understanding of the breeding Northern Gannets foraging behavior.

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