

Manx shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*) rafting behaviour revealed by GPS tracking and behavioural observations

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THE MANX SHEARWATER



A small 400 g tubenose seabird

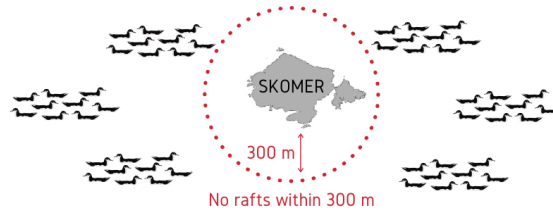
WHAT IS A RAFT?



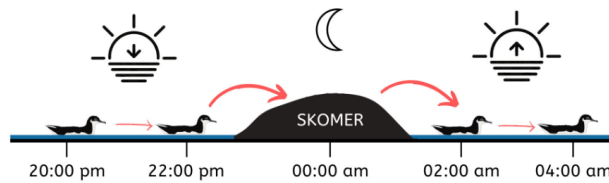
A group of birds sitting on the water

DISTINCT DAY-NIGHT CYCLES OF RAFTING DISTRIBUTIONS WHICH MAY REDUCE PREDATION THREAT

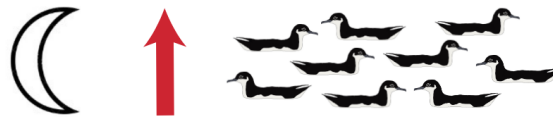
1 MANX SHEARWATERS FORM HALOS AROUND SKOMER AT DAWN AND DUSK



2 RAFTS MOVE CLOSER TO SHORE AT NIGHT AND FURTHER AWAY IN THE MORNING

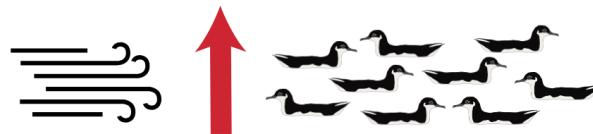


3 MORE BIRDS RAFT IN NEARSHORE WATERS AT NIGHT



VARIABLE RESPONSES OF RAFTING TO WIND CONDITIONS

4 MORE BIRDS IN RAFTS ON WINDIER DAYS



5 WIND DIRECTION DOES NOT INFLUENCE WHERE BIRDS RAFT

