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130 Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

IUCN Status Least Concern
IUCN (2019-2)

male mass = 1400 g
female mass = 1600 g
mean mass = 1500 g

area requirement (of pair/2.2 individuals) = 32.4 km²

from Newton (1979) figure 10: area km² = 0.4 + (0.02 * female mass g)

replaced by direct measurement of field density where we have data

this figure is used for estimating density of breeding individuals and offspring in good habitat
we assume twice the area requirement in suboptimal habitat
and half the area requirement in optimal habitat
breeding population estimates represent theoretical maxima where habitat is saturated
nest-site limitation and the floating / non-breeding population are not yet fully accounted for

HABITAT SPACE ANALYSIS

	extent (km ²)	individuals	pairs
suboptimal 25-50% suitable	1035740	35164	0
good habitat 50-70% suitable	230732	15667	0
optimal habitat 70-100% suitable	71544	9716	0
total habitat 25-100% suitable	1338016	60547	0

reporting rate from mobile app survey data

2014 (26724 km) : 0.01871 birds per 100 km
2015 (87188 km) : 0.024086 birds per 100 km
2016 (81150 km) : 0.024646 birds per 100 km
2017 (57721 km) : 0.010395 birds per 100 km
2018 (19798 km) : 0.020205 birds per 100 km

