

Complete the notes below.

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.

The Atlantic puffin population of the Farne Islands, UK

The Farne Islands seabird population lives off the north-eastern coast of England.

Species details

Atlantic puffin reaches a height of approximately 25 cm and weigh about 450 g.

It is the smallest of three puffin species.

The puffin lives mainly at sea but returns to land in the (31) to breed.

Chicks are raised in the same colony that their parents were born in.

Tracking and disasters

Conservationists confirm that the puffin is not in immediate danger of (32)

Puffins have been counted on the islands since 1939.

In 2008, numbers drastically fell and rangers were worried about a (33)

Rangers could not confirm what had happened to the puffin population.

In 2013 thousands more puffins died in what is called a (34)

(35) caused by storms could have been one reason for the disaster.

The puffin burrows were also affected by (36) occurring as a result of bad weather in the summer.

Counting puffins

Rangers look for signs of occupation in a burrow.

(37) grass and feathers indicate that a breeding pair is living in a burrow.

A ranger may have to put his arm into a burrow to check whether it is occupied.

There is such a high number of burrows that they are (38) and put on a grid.

This ensures that each burrow is only counted once.

The 2013 census indicated a recovery of the puffin population on the islands.

Puffin research

Rangers keep records of the birds' (39) taken during biometric tests.

Rangers on the Farne Islands have recently acquired a (40) which can access burrows during the breeding season.