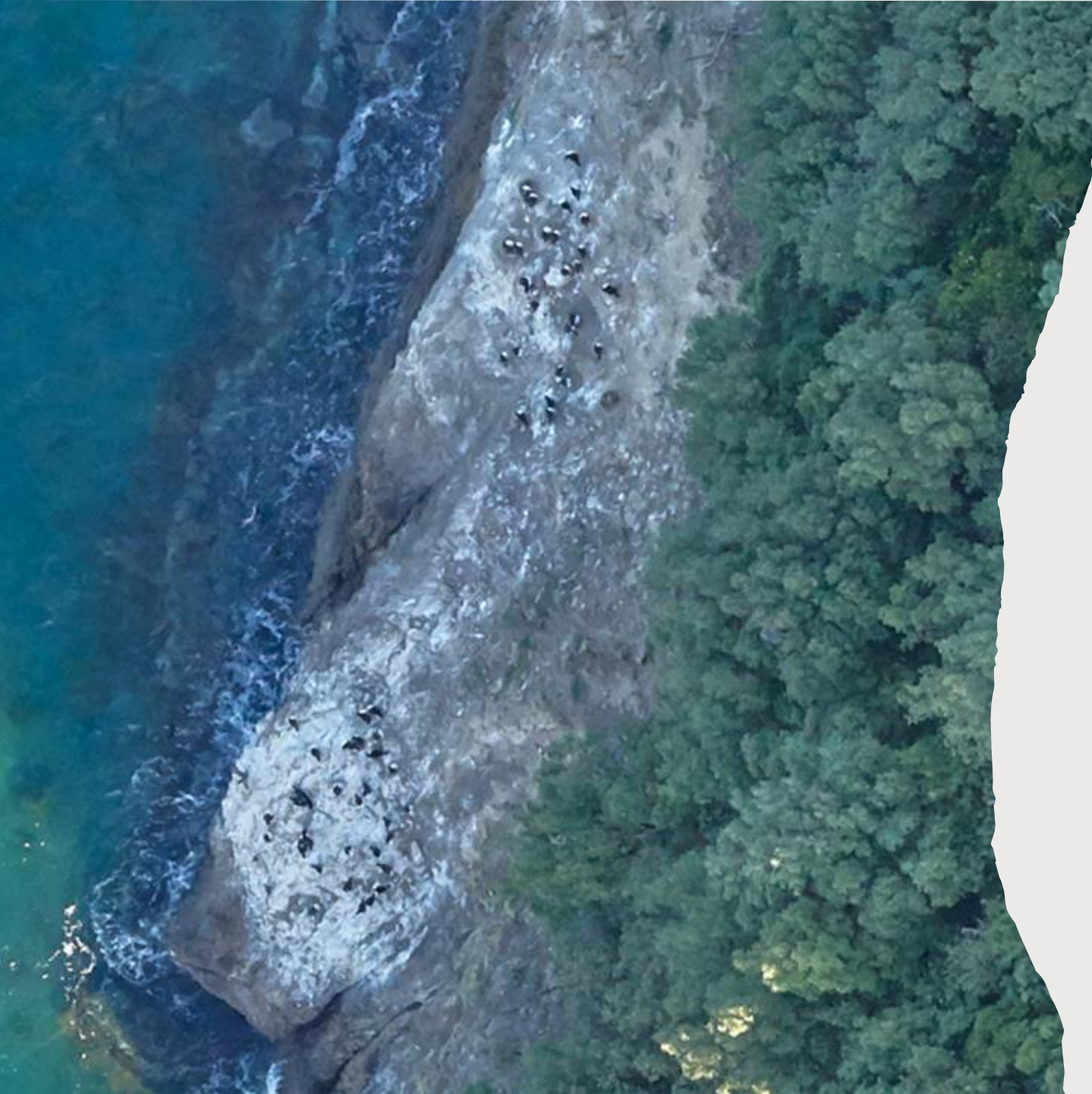




King Shag non-breeding season population census 2024



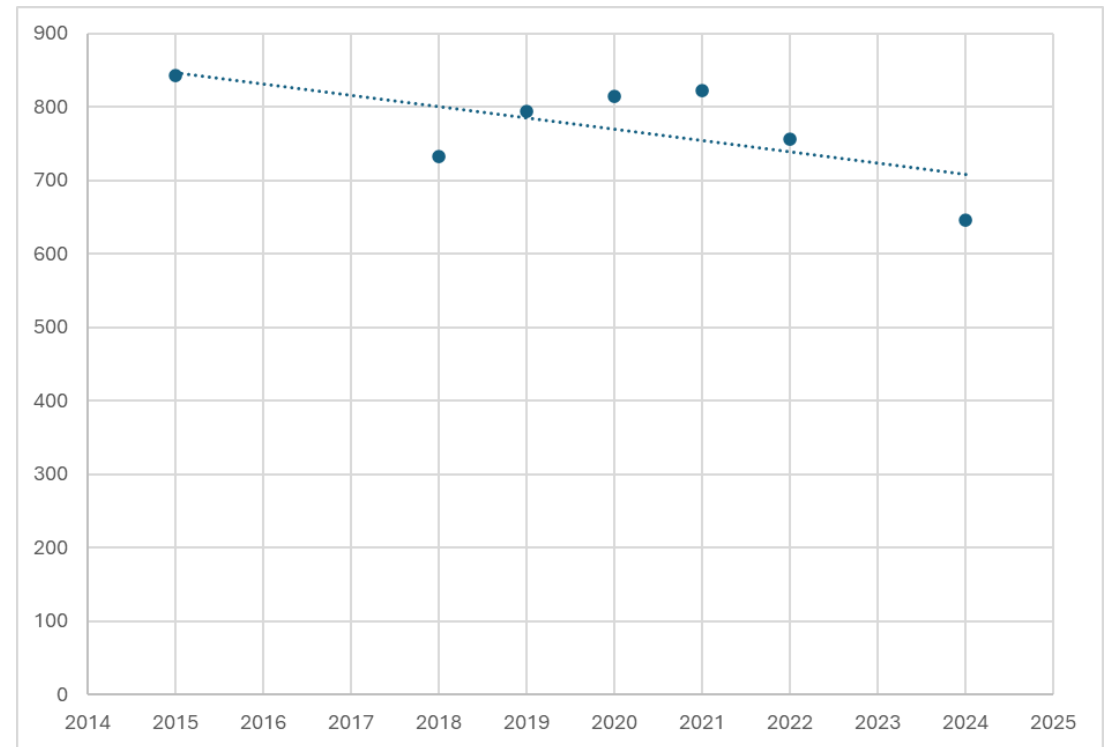


Methods

- Similar to methods used since 2015.
- First light aerial survey of all known roosting sites.

Results

- 646 birds from 12 roost sites.
- Lowest number of King Shag recorded within last decade.
- Decline of @20% since 2019-2021
- Likely driver poor breeding success 2021, 2022 and 2023 resulting in few immature birds in the population





Recommendations

- Continue annual non-breeding season population surveys.
- Continue breeding season population counts, and determining productivity.
- Both of these currently being funded by Waitohi/ Picton Area Office