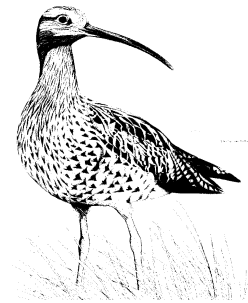
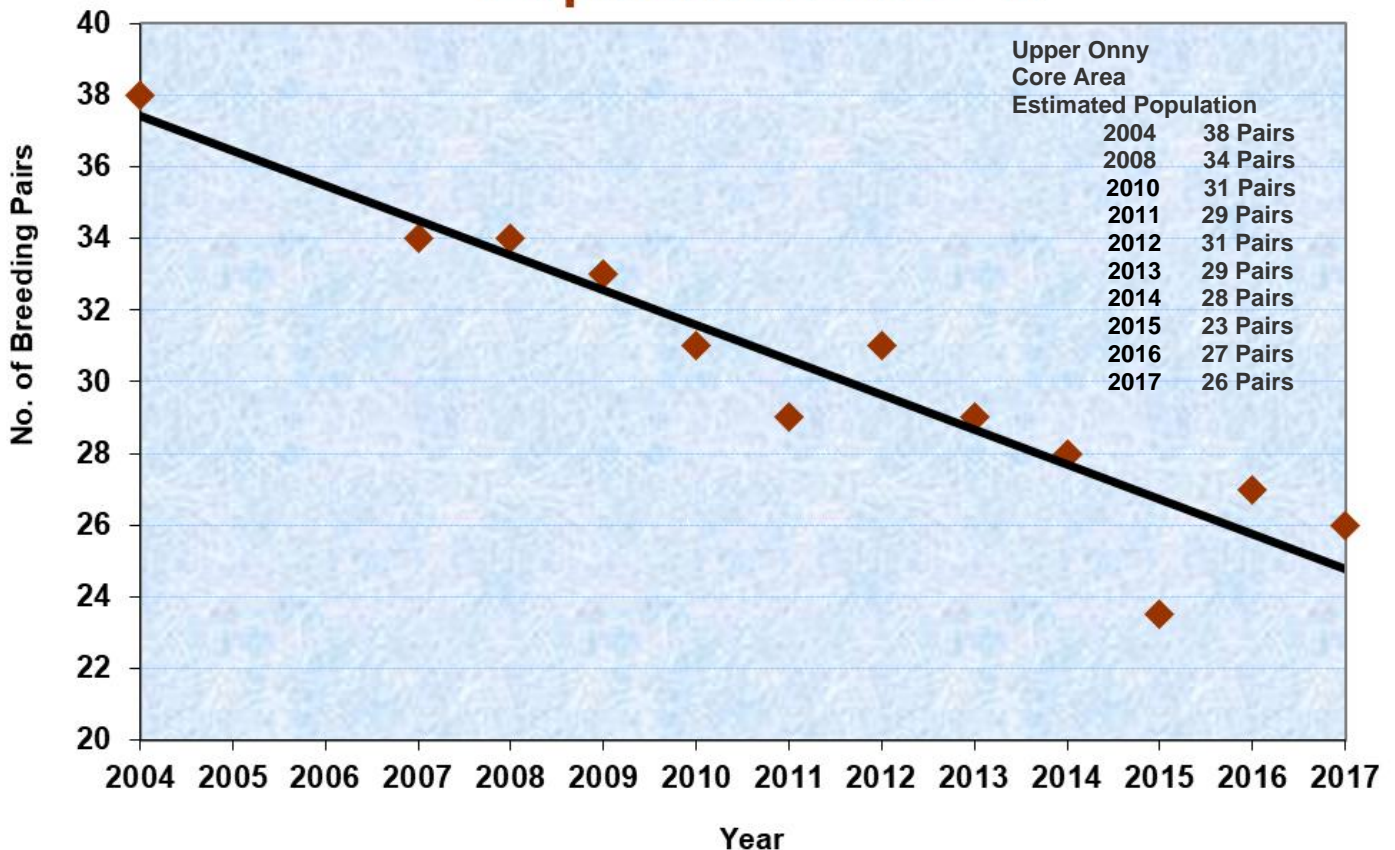


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Decline in the Upper Onny area Curlew Population 2004 - 17



The Curlew population declined by an estimated 10 pairs over 10 years (26%), one pair per year, between 2004 and 2014.

The rate of decline apparently accelerated in 2015, with a loss of a further 3 – 4 pairs in only one year. However, spring was dry and cold, and some pairs may not have attempted to breed.

The slight recovery in 2016 was expected, as several young that fledged in 2014 will have returned to their natal area to breed. As no young fledged in 2015 or 2016, the recovery is not expected to continue.

The decline 2004 – 2017 is now almost one-third (32%) in 13 Years