

# BEACH STONE-CURLEW



# Beach Stone-curlew, Esacus magnirostris

# **Head and Body**

560mm

## Weight

900-1100g

#### Identification

Beach Stone-curlews are large, ground-dwelling birds with massive uptilted bills, large yellow eye, upper body is predominately grey-brown with distinctive black and white patterning on the face and shoulder and stout legs.

## **Behaviour**

It is less nocturnal than most stone-curlews, and can be seen foraging in daylight, moving slowly and deliberately. Birds tend to head bob when agitated. They stalk prey in the shallows or around rocks.

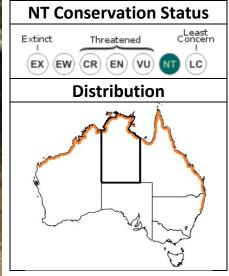
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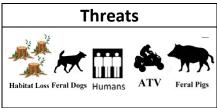
A single egg is laid directly onto the sand in a shallow scrape. The chick will stay with the parents for 18months and help raise the following years chick.

#### Habitat

Prefers sandy shores and rocky areas along coastal and mangrove mudflats.















Habitat

**Disturbance** 

**Foot Prints** 

Egg