

# BELGIAN RINGING SCHEME

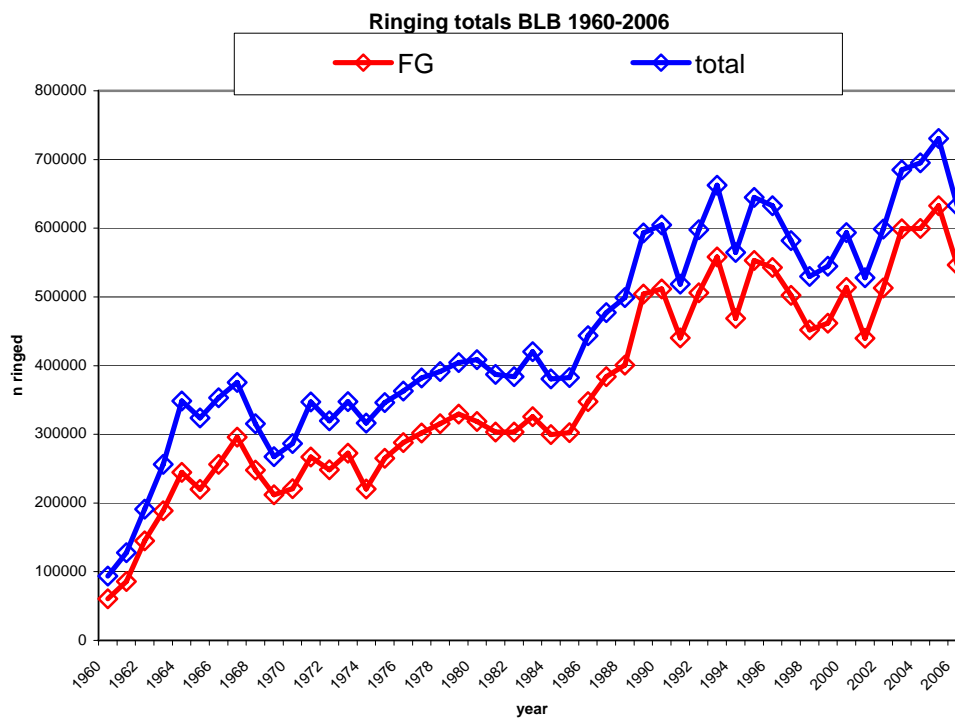
## Report at the EURING General Assembly Fertöüjlak 30-31 August 2007

**Organisation:** Since 1927 (start of ringing in Belgium), the Belgian Ringing Scheme is part of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences.

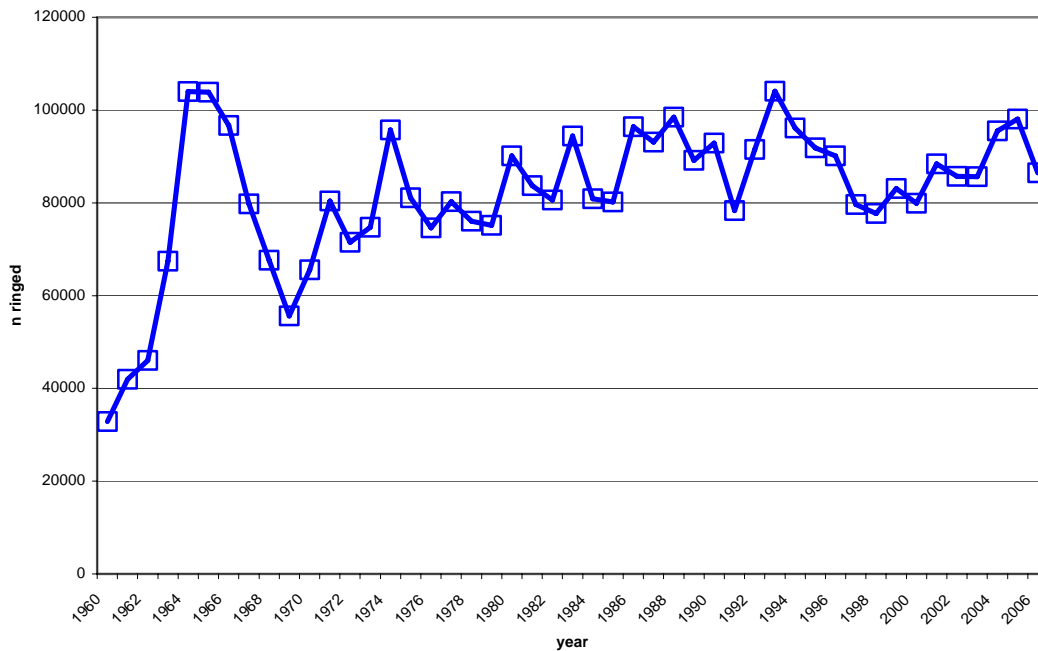
**Staff:** one academic (Full time) and one non academic part time. The last months, two part time non academic staff members retired and were not replaced. The head of scheme will retire at the end of this year and it is not known yet when there will be a new one appointed. This means that there is already a big problem on the administrative side of the scheme now and that there will possibly be one at the management side in 2008.

**Ringers:** the Brussels Scheme has 373 licensed ringers

**Ringing and recoveries:** in 2005, a total of 730.520 birds were ringed (98.033 pulli, 632.520 full grown); in 2006 633.091 birds were ringed (86.443 pulli, 546.648 full grown)



ringing total pulli BLB 1960-2006



**Data management:** From 2000 on, most ringers enter ringing and recovery data by Papageno, an Access-based program, written by Paul Vandenbulcke, that is distributed free. Thanks to the encoding of older data by some ringers, 6.203.878 records with ringing data are now in the database. The database with the recoveries totals now 420.400 recoveries, but here many of controls (birds retrapped by the ringer himself) are still missing.

**Finance:** ringers pay an annual fee (125 €). The rest of the budget is covered by the general budget of the Institute.

**Rings:** all rings are supplied by Mekaniska AB, Sweden. The scheme has 14 sizes of alloy rings and 4 sizes of stainless steel rings.

**Nets:** nets are imported by the Ringing Scheme. Our only supplier is Bonardi, Italy.

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