

EURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Chemnitz 2003
Report of the Zagreb Ringing Centre

Organization:

Zagreb Ringing Centre is situated at Institute of Ornithology, Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

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Ringers:

We have 37 active ringers in June 2003. New ringers have to pass ringing exam, but there are no organized ringing courses. The practice is that potential ringers take part in spring or summer ringing camps before acquire ringing licence. Licences are issued by the Institute of Ornithology, with permission of Croatian Ministry for Nature Protection and Physical Planning and Croatian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Rings:

Zagreb Ringing Centre use rings produced in Sweden and Poland. There are 15 different sizes of rings in use. Ringers don't have to pay for the rings. Finding the funds for rings is one of the greater problems of Zagreb Ringing Center.

Colour-ringing project:

There are five colour-ringing projects currently going in Croatia:

- wing-tagging of the Griffon Vulture (*Gyps fulvus*) from 1990. A total of 380 birds were marked. In recent years, additional green plastic rings with first letter **C** are used.
- colour-ringing of the Yellow-legged Gulls (*Larus cachinnans michahelis*). It is a joint project with «Voorne Bird Observatory», The Netherlands, started in 1999. Yellow, red and blue plastic rings were used with combination of letters and digits, first code is always **S**. A total of 5522 gulls were ringed and more than 1100 resights received.
- colour-ringing of the White Stork (*Ciconia ciconia*) with yellow rings, first letter **T**. Project started in 2002 and 327 storks were ringed.

- colour-ringing project of the Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*). It is a join project with «Workinggroup for Spoonbills International», started in 2003.
- colour-ringing project of the Audouin's Gull (*Larus audouinii*), using yellow rings with two digits. Project started in 2003, with only 6 pulli ringed

Data management:

All recovery data except short-term (less then 30 days) retraps at the ringing site are computerised. Ringing data are computerised since 1996. All recovery data (since 1910) are computerised, but we are trying to improve our database which would, among other improvements, include coding with new EURING 2001 codes. The lack of adequate software is the greatest problem of Zagreb Ringing Scheme.

Ringing and recoveries:

	Ringed	Recovered (Zagreb rings only)
2001	26.944	519
2002	36.365*	533

* Data for 2002. are not complete yet.