

National Report VOGELWARTE HELGOLAND

EURING GENERAL MEETING, CHEMNITZ, AUGUST 2003

Scheme

- The Bird Ringing Centre is a unit of the Institut für Vogelforschung.
- The institute is a governmental authority.
- The systematic scientific bird ringing was started in 1909 on the island of Helgoland.

Staff

- 0.5 (Scientist), 3.5 (Clerical, non-academic).

Ringers

- Number of ringers: In 2003 a total of 271 Helgoland ringers are licensed.
- Ringing permits are issued in the autonomous regions by the competent local authorities.
- Ringing courses: yes (training at a ringing station).

Ringings/Recoveries

- Average number of birds ringed/year: 100.000 - 110.000
- Average number of species ringed/year: 230
- Average number of recoveries/year; 2000 own 500 foreign recoveries

Ringing Reports

- Annual EURING ringing reports since 1975.

Rings

- Aluminium and steel rings; 15 different sizes.
- Special rings for White Stork(ELSA-Ring), Guillemot, Kingfisher, Collared Dove.
- Rings are imported from Sweden (Mekaniska). ELSA-Ring made by Fraunhofer Institut
- Ringers do not pay for the rings.

Colour-ringing and other marks

- Colour-ringing and use of other marks is partly co-ordinated by the ringing scheme.
- The scheme has regular contacts with the international co-ordinators for the different groups of species.
- For a special project on Common Terns micro-chips (transponder) are in use.

Computers

- All Helgoland recoveries since 1909 are computerised.
- Ringing data (coded in EURING 2000) are computerised since spring 2001 (271.800 data).

Projects

- A variety of different ringing projects are offered to ringers who do not perform own projects.
- National projects in collaboration with the schemes of Hiddensee and Radolfzell.
- EURING Swallow Projekt (ESP), Constant-effort-site project (CES).

Birds ringed

			recovered (Helgoland rings only)
Annual total	2000	90.033	2.394
	2001	95.500	3.636
Grand total	1909-2001	8.263.374 millions	140.184