

REPORT FOR THE EURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2013

ORGANISATION

The Aranzadi Ringing Scheme (ESA) is part of the Department of Ornithology of the Aranzadi Society of Sciences. It is financed by the Government of the Basque Country and other local Administrations.

The ringing scheme started to work in 1949. Since then, it has been active without interruptions.

After the crash of the ICONA-Madrid ringing scheme in 2012, the Aranzadi Ringing Scheme started to provide rings to other institutions that, until then, had been ringing with ICONA. These institutions are: Institut Català d'Ornitologia (ICO), Estación Biológica de Doñana (EBD), and Grup Balear d'Ornitologia (GOB). Overall, the Aranzadi Ringing Scheme manages today (2013) about 200,000 ringings per year.

STAFF

- 1 part- time Scientific.
- 2 part-time Assistances

Collaboration with other scientific organisations that also ring with Aranzadi:

- 2 part time Assistances from Estación Biológica de Doñana and Institut Català d'Ornitologia
- 1 part-time computer specialist from Institut Català d'Ornitologia

ANNUAL FEE

There is no fee for ringers.

RINGERS

In 2012 there were 51 ringers (10 specific ringers and 41 expert ringers).

In 2013, due to the incorporation of the entities shown above, the number of ringers has increased significantly. Currently, there are 295 ringers working with the Aranzadi rings.

Organisation	
Aranzadi	86
Institut Català d'Ornitologia	150
Estación Biológica de Doñana	9
Grup Balear d'Ornitologia	50
TOTAL	295

RINGING COURSES

Once a year at least one course with a number of 20-30 participants is organised.

On the other hand, there were organized 5 seminars about ringing studies.

BIRDS RINGED

19.633 birds of 146 species were ringed in 2012. Since 1949 more than 303.532 birds have been ringed using the Aranzadi rings.

RECOVERIES:

In 2012, 957 recoveries of Aranzadi-rings and 94 recoveries of birds marked with other schemes rings were answered. Since 1949, 4.731 recoveries have been registered.

COMPUTER

All recoveries, retraps, resightings (of birds ringed with Aranzadi rings as well as of foreign ringed birds recovered, retrapped or resighted) are computerized since 1949. All ringing data of Aranzadi since 1980 is computerized.

RINGS

Aranzadi metal rings are made by "Aranea" and "Mekaniska" producers. There are 29 sizes/types of rings (16 in steel and 13 in aluminium). Nowadays models of rings are being supervised to improve the fit of the rings to all species and 5 new types will now be used.

CES-PROJECT

In 2012 there were 9 CES but this year 2 new sites have been added.

Institut Català d'Ornitologia runs 32 CES, Grup Balear d'Ornitologia 8 and Estación Biológica de Doñana one.

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