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The European Union for Bird Ringing

Report of the Hiddensee Ringing Centre (DEH)

1. Organisation

The Hiddensee bird ringing scheme was founded in 1964 for organizing scientific bird ringing in the eastern part of Germany (former G.D.R.). Since 1993 the ringing centre is a branch of the Office for Environment & Nature Conservation and Geology of the federal state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The annual budget of the centre is jointly provided by the five east German federal states Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt, Saxony and Thuringia (black at the map) where at present bird ringing is organized by the Hiddensee centre.



2. Staff

The staff comprises 2 non-academic (Simone Scheil, Bernd Ziese) and 1 academic full-time positions (Ulrich Köppen). Part-time clerks are employed temporarily. In 2010 a further permanent half-time position will be established

3. Ringers & ringing courses

Four-day-ringers' courses are held annually. In 2009, 14 participants got a special certificate after successfully passing the course which is a precondition to apply for ringer's licenses in Germany. In the five eastern states licenses are issued by nature conservation offices of the federal states. Currently, 284 Hiddensee ringers are licensed.

4. Rings

Rings are imported from Mekaniska AB, Sweden. Ringers don't have to pay for the rings. There are 17 different sizes of Hiddensee rings in use.

5. Ringing projects

It is strongly recommended to all ringers to participate in large-scale and long-term ringing programmes organised by the Hiddensee Ringing Centre and other institutions collaborating with the centre. For ringers who do not use the ringing

method for their own scientific purposes a large variety of different ringing programmes is offered. The nature conservation authorities of the federal states preferably support contributions of ringers to the following large-scale ringing programmes:

International scale (selection):

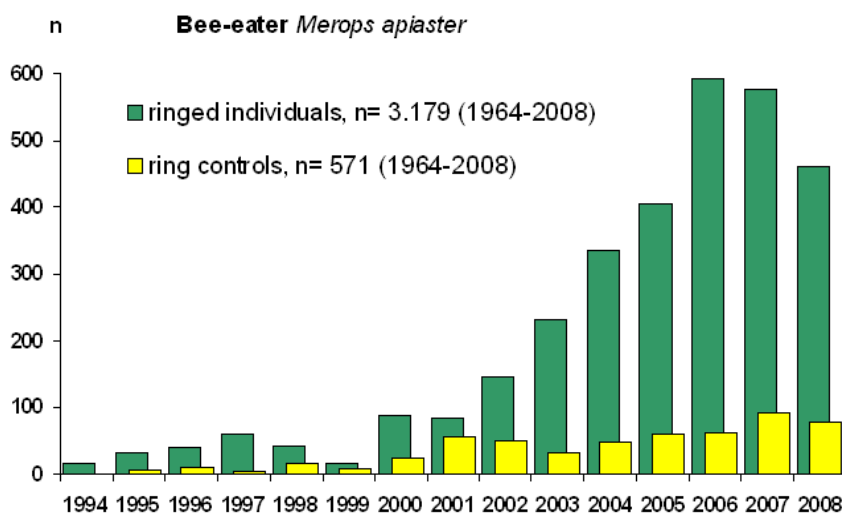
- EURING Swallow: 22 sites (whole Germany), Hiddensee: 7.713 ind. ringed, 318 recoveries (2008),
- White-tailed Eagle cr-programme: 180 nestlings ringed, 101 reports / resightings (2008),
- EURING-target species, e.g. 297 Red-winged Thrushes (2008),
- Peregrine Falcon: 181 nestlings ringed (2008),
- Common Crane: 88 ind. ringed (2008),
- International Monitoring of Raptors & Owls: about 50 sites, ca. 10.000 ind. ringed p.a.,

National scale (selection):

- Integrated Monitoring of Songbird Populations = German CES-project in 2008: 34 sites in work, 10.005 "first catches", 1.362 retraps.
- Grey heron cr-programme, 2008: 346 colour-marked, 48 reports,
- Osprey cr-programme, 2008: 521 nestlings (cr) ringed, 351 reports,
- Integrated Monitoring White Stork, 2008: 1,242 nestlings ringed, 1.316 reports.
- Bearded Tit, 2008: 2.789 ind. ringed, 850 retraps.

Regional, local scale:

more than 50 projects dealing with certain species or particular phenomena at different spatial and time scales, e.g.



6. Ringing & recoveries

a) Annual numbers of ringed birds, recoveries and totals

	ringed	recoveries*	Grand totals ringed**	recoveries*
2004	129.657	31.481	4.341.932	409.844
2005	125.404	56.005	4.472.288	465.849
2006	102.979	22.340	4.575.267	488.189
2007	110.367	14.217	4.685.634	502.406
2008	122.601	22.555	4.808.234	524961

*) short term retraps included ***) 412 species; since 1964

b) Annual numbers of (finally processed) reports of foreign ringed birds:

2003: 1.495, 2004: 1.431, 2005: 1.320, 2006: 1.362, 2007: 723, 2008: 763

7. Data management

Ringing and recovery data of the year are both entirely filed at computers at the ringing centre already since 1977. A computer programme is freely distributed to the ringers enabling them to put ringing data and recoveries/retraps directly into computer files and send it to the ringing centre. In 2009 again more than of the years' data will be delivered via internet. Beginning in 1993 all data of foreign ringed birds found in eastern Germany are computerised as well. Computerisation of older data of Hiddensee and foreign rings is still on the way. Unfortunately, due to serious problems with a newly established software package at the ringing centre there are currently delays in processing incoming recoveries. We do our best to reach again an up-to-date processing of any recovery information as used in the years before.

8. Address

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