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Helgoland Ringing Centre



## National Report VOGELWARTE HELGOLAND

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### 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 2001 a total of 290 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: 200
- 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, Guillemot, Kingfisher, Collared Dove.
- Rings are imported from Sweden (Mekaniska).
- Ringers do not pay for the rings.

### Colour-ringing and other marks

- Colour-ringing and marking is 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 (transponders) are in use.

### Computers

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

### 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

- annual total 1999 103.188

- grand total 1909-1999 **8.077841 millions**

### recoveries (Helgoland rings only)

2.624

**134.154**