



EURING GENERAL MEETING - Kollumeroord 2001

Report of the Hiddensee Ringing Centre

New address!! (see below)

1. Organisation

The official status of the ringing centre is that of a department of the Agency for Environment & Nature Conservation and Geology of the German federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Annual funds are provided jointly by five East German federal state nature conservation authorities.

As federal states after seven years of unchanged budget did not agree to raise financial contributions at least by annual inflation rates the centre is faced to serious financial problems from next year on. Alternative sources are discussed.

2. Staff

As before, 3 non-academic (Eva Fredrich, Simone Scheil, Harry Schröder) and 1 academic full-time (Ulrich Köppen). No part-time clerks are currently employed.

3. Ringers & ringing courses, licenses

Four-days-ringers' courses are held annually. In 1999, 12 and in 2000 25 participants got a certificate for having successfully passed the a ringers course which is a precondition to apply for ringer's licenses. Licenses are issued by nature conservation authorities of the five East German federal states valid generally for five years. Currently, 303 ringers are licensed.

4. Rings

Rings are imported from Mekaniska (Sweden). Ringers don't have to pay for the rings. There are 17 different sizes of Hiddensee rings in use. Ring sizes to use for every single bird species are recommended by the ringing centre.

5. Ringing projects

A large variety of different ringing projects is offered to those ringers who do not use the ringing method for their own scientific purposes. Contribution of ringers to large-scale ringing programmes is preferably supported to be licensed by the nature conservation authorities of the federal states.

International projects:

- EURING Swallow: 18 sites (Germany + Austria), appr. 5,700 ind.ringed,
- White-tailed Eagle cr-programme: 6 ringers, ca.95 nestlings ringed/year,
- Wader-Wetland-Inland: 7 trapping sites in Germany, Poland, Belarus, Ukraina,
- Peregrine falcon: 4 ringers, 115 nestlings ringed, 10 resighted in 2000,
- Common Crane: 4 ringers, 66 indiv. ringed, 325 resightings/recov. in 2000,
- International Monitoring of Raptors& Owls: about 50 sites, ca. 10.000 ind. ringed/a,

national projects (selection):

- Integrated Monitoring Songbird-populations=CES-project: 15 sites in eastern Germany with 3.400 ringed indiv. of 53 species.
- Osprey cr-programme, 1999: 544, 2000: 519 nestlings ringed, 66/135 reports,