

## EURING GENERAL MEETING (2001)

### REPORT OF THE UKRAINIAN BIRD RINGING CENTRE

#### “KIEV”

Ukrainian Bird Ringing Centre was found in the Institute of Zoology (National Academy of Sciences) in May of 1992. Staff of the office consists of five persons. 4 non-academic and 1 academic full-time are employed.

Since 1994 Ukrainian ornithologists had begin to use Ukrainian rings with inscription “Kiev”. During 1994-2000 more than 92 500 birds of 170 species get Ukrainian rings. The rings of other Schemes were used in Ukraine. A lot of our ornithologists continue to use the old reserves of rings “Moskwa”. Azov-Black Sea Ornithological Station besides Ukrainian rings uses Helgoland’s rings. Ukrainian White Storks get rings from Heddensee. Now each year from 20.000 to 30.000 birds are ringed in Ukraine.

#### Number of birds ringed with rings “KIEV”

Year	Number of birds ringed			Kiev rings found *
	Pullus	Full-Grown	Total	
1994	625	8532	9157	0
1995	843	11669	12512	3
1996	528	12268	12796	2
1997	1641	16364	18005	8
1998	2373	16267	18640	14
1999	1499	7591	9090	23
2000	3290	9040	12330	27
Total	10799	81731	92530	77

\* - only long-distance recoveries

**Rings situation.** The enough number of rings was the critical problem for our Scheme always. Thanks to our colleagues from Heddensee and Gdansk, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands, Royal Netherlands Embassy in Ukraine the situation is better – Ukrainian rings should suffice on a season of 2002. Since 2003 this problem again to become aggravated, if not the financial sources for manufacturing rings will be found. Rings are imported from Poland (Aranea) as required. Ringers don't have to pay for the rings. There are 14 different sizes of Ukrainian rings in use.

All ringing data (for rings “Kiev”) are computerised. Our database of the recoveries include 3782 records.

**The problems of Ukrainian Ringing Centre** are caused by lack of funds for its functioning:

a) During last years we can't solve our computer problem. The office has only one very slow computer (processor 286). Therefore we put only current recoveries using computer outside the office. Our Centre has not copier, printer, fax, scanner etc.

b) The problem of lack of rings will arise again with 2003.

**Support of EURING for Ukrainian Ringing Centre.** During action of this project our Centre has received the help at a rate of about **3500 \$**: participation in the Tulcea and Helgoland meetings (1998, 1999) and payment of manufacturing Ukrainian rings in Poland (2001; 2065 \$).

Ukrainian Bird Ringing Schemes will not participate in work the General Assembly of EURING-2001.