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**Report of the LATVIA RINGING CENTRE**

**Organization**

Ringing in Latvia started in 1925. Since 1992 Ringing Centre is a unit of the Institute of Biology, University of Latvia, financed by the state budget and partly by the grants of the Laboratory of Ornithology.

**Staff**

Two persons are employed in Ringing Centre – Juris Kazubiernis (Head of Scheme) and Mara Kazubierne (Sc.asistent).

**Ringers**

About 50 ringers and one ringing group are active in the last years. Bird and bat ringing station „Pape” operating in autumn period since 1962.

Beginners must have a recommendation of an experienced ringer or have to join training at a ringing station. The Ringing Centre issues ringing licenses and Nature Conservation Agency – licenses for obtaining non-game animal and bird individuals. There is no annual fee for the ringers.

**Rings**

Rings are imported from Aranea Poland. There are 17 different aluminium and steel sizes of LATVIA RIGA rings in use. We have special steel rings with plasticine lining for ringing one-day old ducklings. Additionally in use two different ring sizes for bats. Ringers do not pay for rings. Rings are paid from the ringing projects and some sponsors.

## Ringling projects

Mallard - ringling one-day old ducklings in artificial nests (in the period ringed 1.500 pullus and 43 females).

Actual color ringling projects are Wooper swan, Mute Swan (neck collars). Black Stork, White-tailed Eagle, Osprey, Common Roller (cr-projects).

## Ringling & Recoveries

	ringed	recoveries
Annual totals 2009	16768	640
2010	19038	520
Grand total 1925 – 2010	1.620483	approx. 30000

## Computerization

Recovery data of all Latvia ringed birds (except short term recapture at the ringling site) and all foreign ringed birds since 1986 are coded in EURING (1979) and have been computerized. Computerization of older data of Latvia rings is still in the process. FoxPro data base holds 27500 recoveries. Approximately 2500 recoveries are still on paper files. Ringling data are not computerized yet. It is a highest priority to improve a computer program for handling ringling and all recovery data electronically.

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