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EURING GENERAL MEETING 2011

Mount Saint Joseph, Malta

Report of the Gdańsk Ringing Scheme (Poland)

Organization

The Gdańsk Bird Ringing Centre is a department of the Museum of Zoology Polish Academy of Sciences. The Ringing Centre is financed by the state budget.

Staff

In 2011, the staff includes one scientific (Tomasz Mokwa) and two assistant (Anna Zawadzka, Magdalena Nowakowska) full-time positions.

Ringers

At present, the Gdańsk Ringing Centre has 394 ringers.

Annual fee

There is no fee for the ringers.

Catching permits

All ringers are licensed every year by the Ringing Centre on the base of the permission given by the General Directorate for Environmental Protection (protected birds) and Ministry for Environment (game birds). Application procedure is extremely bureaucratic and time-consuming.

Ringing courses

The candidates for ringers for their first license have to pass an exam, including the field test checking the knowledge of bird species, age and sex criteria as well as the attitude of the candidate to living birds kept in hand.

Rings

Gdańsk rings are made by the Polish producer "Aranea". 22 different sizes made of two kinds of material (steel and aluminium) are used. From 2001 year ringers have to pay for rings.

Ringling totals

<i>Year</i>	<i>ringed</i>	<i>recovered</i>
2008	159 475	21 409
2009	147 969	28 649
2010	125 309	24 530

Colour–ringing and other marks

Colour–ringing and marking is coordinated by the ringing scheme, but administration is done by the ringers. There are regular contacts with international coordinators. The colour–ring website of Dirk Reas is used regularly.

Ringling projects

- International Monitoring of Raptors & Owls (White–tailed Eagle, Lesser Spotted Eagle, Spotted Eagle, Eagle Owl),
- Monitoring of Waders during autumn migration (2 sites),
- SE European Network (1 sites).
- Monitoring of the White Stork,
- Wintering Jack Snipe in Poland,
- Monitoring of the breeding population of the Whooper Swan,
- Other species projects (Black Stork, Mute Swan, Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon, Mediterranean Gull, Herring Gull, Yellow–legged Gull, Citrine Wagtail, Dipper and others).

Database

All ringing data have been put into computer since 2001. Ringing details from years 1931–2000 were put into computer partially (only number of ring, species, sex, age and data). All recoveries have been prepared by computer and the total number of recoveries (with retraps) was 301 679 in October 2011. Almost 100 percent of the ringing data from ringers are send in electronic form.