



**Centre for Animal Marking
Natural History Museum Belgrade**

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Organisation:

The Bird Ringing Centre is a small unit organised within the Department of Biology at Natural History Museum Belgrade, Serbia.

Staff:

Two persons are employed on a permanent basis.

Annual fee:

There is no fee for the ringers.

Ringers (2011):

51 ringers with personal licenses, but only 35 regularly active.

Ringing courses:

In 2011 one ringing course with 30 participants was held.

Birds ringed:

4.970 birds were ringed in 2009 of 116 species and 2.711 birds of 95 species were ringed in 2010. Since 1993 nearly 190.000 birds of 243 species have been ringed.

Data management:

Ringing data from 2004 are computerized (*Access base*), but unfortunately huge quantity of information before 2004 are still handled manually.

CES-project:

Started in 2005 at 4 sites.

Colour-ringing projects:

There are several colour-ringing projects currently running in Serbia:

-wing-tagging of the Griffon Vulture *Gyps fulvus*;
-colour-ringing of the White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*, Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*, Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*, Pygmy Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pygmeus*, Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*, Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*, Great White Egret *Egretta alba*, Mediterranean gull *Larus melanocephalus*, Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*, White-tailed Sea-eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* and Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*.

Recoveries:

All recoveries of birds ringed in Serbia are computerised and the total number of recoveries between 1993 and 2010 was 1244 (the ringers own recoveries not included). In 2009 and 2010 total number of Serbian recoveries was 145. A totals of 100 recoveries were received from abroad

in 2009 and 2010. Total number of recoveries of birds ringed abroad and found in Serbia passed on to other ringing Schemes between 1993 and 2010 was 813.

Rings:

14 different sizes (most in aluminium) of rings are in use. The rings are bought both from Mekaniska AB (Sweden) and Aranea (Poland). The rings are given for free to the ringers.

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