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## Report of the Hiddensee Ringing Centre

### **1. Organisation**

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

Since 2003 funds were further reduced because the donors did not agree in an annual dynamisation according to the minimal costs of the centre. Personal costs were strictly reduced by freezing one of the four personal positions from 2004 on.

### **2. Staff**

Since January 2004 the staff comprises only 2 non-academic (Eva Friedrich, Simone Scheil) and 1 academic full-time positions (Ulrich Köppen). Part-time clerks were temporarily employed.

### **3. Ringers & ringing courses**

Four-day-ringers' courses are held annually. In 2004, 15 participants got their special certificate for having successfully passed the course which is a precondition to apply for ringer's licenses. Licenses are issued by nature conservation offices of the federal states. Currently, 293 Hiddensee ringers are licensed.

### **4. Rings**

Rings are imported from Mekaniska AB, Sweden. Ringers don't have to pay for the rings. There are 17 different sizes of Hiddensee rings in use.

### **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 by the nature conservation authorities of the federal states.

### international:

- EURING Swallow: 21 sites (whole Germany), appr. 8.000 ind.ringed,
- White-tailed Eagle cr-programme: 152 nestlings ringed in 2004,
- Wader-Wetland-Inland: 7 catching sites run, 578 Common Snipes ringed in 2004,
- EURING-target species, e.g. 241 Red-winged Thrush ringed in 2004,
- Peregrine Falcon: 192 nestlings ringed in 2004,
- Common Crane: ~ 70 ind. ringed / a,
- International Monitoring of Raptors& Owls: about 50 sites, ca. 10.000 ind. ringed/a,

### national (selected):

- Integrated Monitoring Songbird-Populations= German CES-project : 29 sites in 2004 elaborated, 9.752 "first catches",
- Osprey cr-programme, 2004: 682 nestlings ringed,
- White Stork Integrated Monitoring , 2004: 1.318 nestlings ringed,
- Bearded Tit, 2004: 2.478 ind. ringed

### regional, local:

more than 50 projects dealing with certain species or special phenomena at different spatial and time scales.

## **6. Ringing & recoveries**

### a) Annual numbers of ringed birds, recoveries and totals

	ringed	recoveries*	Grand totals	
			ringed**	recoveries*
2002	119.879	32.405	4.094.297	354.452
2003	117.978	23.911	4.212.275	378.363
2004	129.657	31.481	4.341.932	409.844

\*) short term retraps included \*\*\*) 412 species; since 1964

### b) Annual numbers of (finally elaborated) reports of foreign ringed birds:

2002: 3.185

2003: 1.444

2004: 1.418

## **7. Data management**

A computer programme is freely distributed to the ringers enabling them to put ringing data and recoveries/retraps directly into computer files. In 2004 again about 80% of the years' data were delivered at floppy disks. Both ringing and

recovery data of the year are entirely filed at computers at the ringing centre since 1977. Beginning in 1993 all data of foreign ringed birds are computerised as well. Computerisation of older data of Hiddensee and foreign rings is still on the way.

**8. Address            New since January 2004 !!**

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