EURING GENERAL MEETING

STRASBOURG 2005

Report of the Norwegian Ringing Centre (Stavanger)

1. Organisation

The Norwegian Ringing Scheme is, since 1987, run by Stavanger Museum. The scheme is part of the activities of the zoological department.

The new (2004) bat ringing scheme is also organized by our museum.

2. Economy

Apart from N.kr. 290 000 (Euro 36 500) from the Directorate for Nature Management, the Norwegian Ringing Scheme is financed by Stavanger Museum.

We have no annual fees, and the ringers do not pay for the rings.

3. Staff

The staff comprises one full-time non-academic (Else Aasland), one full-time academic (Olav Runde), and a 75% volunteer (Morten Kersbergen).

Vidar Bakken has, during the last years, been paid by the Directorate for Nature Management, for making data programs for the scheme. His office is located at the Zoological Museum in Oslo.

4. Ringers and ringing courses

Almost all our ringers are organized into ringing groups or ornithological stations. The ringers have to pass a general ringing course to get a license for ringing pulli, and a specialized course to get a license for using mist-nets.

The licences are issued by the Directorate for Nature Management after recomendation from the ringing scheme. At the moment approximately 350 ringers are licensed.

5. Rings

We buy all our rings from I \ddot{O} Mekaniska. We have 16 different sizes (1.8 – 25 mm). The two smallest, 1.8 and 2.3, are made of aluminium, the sizes from 2.5 to 4.2 are made in both aluminium and stainless steel, and the sizes 5.0 to 25 are made only in stainless steel.

6. Ringing and recoveries

In 2002 we ringed 241 089 birds, and 2695 new recoveries and recaptures were added to the files. The figures for 2003 were 270 961 and 2744 respectively.

All our recoveries are computerised. We get appr. 80% of the new ringings on floppy or e-mail.

7. Ringing projects

EURING Swallow: Catching at roosting places, and to a lesser degree ringing of pulli. Colour ringing: Gulls, waders, Grey heron, White-tailed Eagle, Cormorant, Dipper CES: unfortunately only one.

8. Data management

All our recoveries have been computerised according to the New EURING Code. Beginning January 1st 2006, all recoveries will be computerised according to EURING 2000.

All our programs are distributed free, and are found at (at the moment only in Norwegian)

http://www.toyen.uio.no/ringmerking/index.html

9. Publications

The first volum of our Bird Ringing Atlas was publishes in the autumn of 2003. The second (and last) will be published in the autumn of 2005. The different schemes will in due time get a free copy.

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