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Introduction:

Dear colleagues,
This newsletter will inform you about progress, but also some setbacks in the development of the programme. The main thing is that the network is gradually growing in contacts, involvement and thus in strength!
Besides the news from the wetland centres, you will be informed about the workshop in Belgium, excellently hosted by our colleagues from Natuurpunt. And naturally also the minutes of our latest meeting.

We are very pleased to announce that our colleagues at the West-African wetland centres have expressed their interest in joining the "Migratory Birds for People"-network!
You also may notice that there are some changes in the core group.

We wish you pleasant reading and also good preparations for the coming spring-season!

On behalf of the steering group,

Roelof Heringa

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News from the network:

Finland : **Liminganlahti conservation area:**

No message received.

Sweden: Naturum Lake Tåkern

In February Ellen Hulman received the keys to the new built Naturum Lake Tåkern.

She wrote*: It was a wonderful feeling! Putting my key into the locks for the first time! And such a beautiful building! All of our colleagues at HQ (Naturvardsenheten at Lansstyrelsen) came for a first look.*
The picture shows Anders Bergqvist from Naturvårdsverket (Swedish Environmental Protection Agency), now owner of the building, shaking hands with Anders Härnman, head of the building company Skanska who are now leaving the workplace proud of their work!

Now the next phase of the project has started: the realisation of the exhibition in the new centre. The financial help of sponsors is requested on the website and donations over 500, - SKR will be mentioned on a plaque in the centre.
The wetland centre will be opened on the 25th of May this year. So, for Ellen and her crew busy weeks ahead!

Lake Tåkern also has a webcam in place:
http://webbkameror.se/flash/lstostergotland/lstostergotland_2.swf

Ellen wrote: " *The webcam shows a dead moose which we hope the white-tailed eagles will eat up some day. So far this winter, they've preferred to go fishing in the lake. The picture shows 13 eagles sitting on the ice by a water hole last Sunday."*

(Roelof Heringa)

Lithuania: Nemunas Delta

Contact: Saulius Svazav [Institute of Ecology of Vilnius University]

No message received.

Russia: CEPA , St. Petersburg

On 5th February our office took part in celebration of World Wetlands Day. The activity was organized in Centre of Environmental Education. The event itself included two short workshops and 5 interactive quizzes for school students.

While children guessed quizzes, their teachers had an opportunity to take part in the activities as separate team and could learn methodical approaches used to prepare the event.

Two 15-minute workshops provided an opportunity to learn the geography of protected wetland areas surrounding St. Petersburg, estimate the area of lake's watershed upon a topographic map, observe features of peat moss, and identify diving beetles and dragonfly nymphs and more.

To attend the event, school teams had designed posters about their local wetlands. Best of them were included in the exhibition.

One of the posters for the exhibition

Evgeny Genelt-Yanovskiy and Yulia Danilova
Baltic Fund for Nature Of St.Petersburg Naturalists Society
Universitetskaya emb. 7/9-11
Saint-Petersburg

Denmark: Nature Centre Vestamager

At the Nature center of Vestamager - close to Copenhaven - we have just opened the exhibition of the year.
This years exhibition is about 2 themes:

One is about the grazing sheep, who do an important job keeping the grass low and comfortable for the birds.

In March we offer guided walks and activities about migrating birds. It is very "hands on", when we try to explain this to smaller children by giving them feathers in their hands and asking them to run in a row. They have to imagine how they fly up in the sky, crossing different countries and meeting different hazards.

Another theme is about the future of the nature area. We try to give basic information about how nature is protected in many ways and also how we try to give different opportunities for recreational activities. As part of the activities we invite people to give personal ideas to develop both nature and recreational facilities. You are most welcome to visit us, if you visit Copenhagen some time.

Here you will find 2 different nature schools -one for each of the local municipalities-, an exhibition building, a restaurant, a building for information and renting out bicycles and equipment for open air activities, and a social project which helps us keeping up with a lot of practical tasks.

Contact: Stella Blichfeldt: stb@nst.dk / mob. +45 23730260

Germany : Nationalpark - Haus Husum

No real news about our visitor centre. However, the Wadden Sea became ice covered very late during this winter, and quite severe. So we faced the third "ice winter" in a row, after a long series of winters with very few ice in the Wadden Sea. The photo shows the harbour of Husum just outside our Nationalpark-Haus, the ice there being almost melted."

Kind regards,
Hans-Ulrich

Dr. Hans-Ulrich Rösner
Head of Wadden Sea Office, WWF Germany

United Kingdom:

WWT are nominating their Slimbridge centre as the key point of contact for MBP.
As a network of 9 centres, it is hard to choose which one should be the UK focal point – they are all great! But Slimbridge is the technical 'HQ' and where Chris Rostron, head of WLI, is based, so it makes sense to nominate it.

(Chris Rostron)

The wetland centre and WWT & WLI headquarters In Slimbridge (photo by courtesy of R. Taylor-Jones)

the Netherlands : Oostvaardersplassen

The first two weeks of February the theme was the joy of skating in the Oostvaardersplassen. For a moment not information but 'koek and zopie' played the first fiddle. *(koek and zopie = brown cake and hot chocolate milk).*

Thousands skaters enjoyed from the ice the beautiful Oostvaardersplassen in front of the wetland centre.

Also the lake in front of the centre was open to the skaters to avoid disturbance in the rest of the reserve.

Sweeping the skating track under surveillance of Konik horses
[Photo by courtesy of Nico Reinders]

The water rail (Rallus aquaticus) was spotted regularly by experts, but most skaters were happy to enjoy the Konik horses , Red deer and Heck cattle from the ice.

Wenda Kloen,

Wetland centre "Oostvaardersplassen"

= Natuurpunt : visitor centre 'Uitkerkse Polder'.

No message received

= Visitor centre "het Zwin"

"First of all: a big thank you to you all for attending and/or organising the conference at Uitkerkse Polder / The Zwin. For me it has been a source of mental refreshment (singing the song "You're not alone" while typing). Even our superiors, who where at first a bit sceptic, have by now completely understood the importance of a network of similar nature centres. Speaking of which: we have finalised stage 1 (program phase) of the design process! Up to the preliminary design phase (to be finished by the end of May)! Some minor changes have been made to the concept (e.g. more space for temporary exhibitions, no more dedicated restaurant), followed by a major change: no walkthrough bird cages. This of course has a serious impact – both on the existing collection of birds and on the entire concept of the new visitor centre. Luckily a part of the sum originally intended for the bird cages will be repurposed for the exhibition and visitor engagement installations. To be continued…

Questions to the partnership:

- We're putting together a volunteer exchange program with a French partner (in order to promote bilingual guides) – anybody interested in participating?

- Between now and 2015 we have to find a new location for the existing bird collection – if you have any suggestions: please contact Kris (kris.struyf@west-vlaanderen.be)

- Temporary exhibitions: anybody interested in developing and/or exchanging and/or suggesting good temporary exhibitions? We are currently displaying exhibitions e.g."biodiversity – everything hangs together" (seehttp://www.west-vlaanderen.be/kwaliteit/Leefomgeving/natuur/campagnes/Pages/biodiversiteit.aspx), "under the same roof" or "Sleeper". I'll try to put together by the next meeting a detailed catalogue.

Wim De Roo
projectcoördinator REECZ en Natura People

France: Baie de Somme

Hello ,
I am pleased to send you a link to download the manual study and management of birds and their habitats in coastal areas. The CD-version is also available. If necessary we can send this to you.
Happy reading,

http://dl.dropbox.com/u/42831955/gestion%20littorale.pdf

-- Patrick
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80100 Abbeville
Benoît Marsal & Patrick Triplet,
Syndicat mixte Baie de Somme, Grand Littoral Picard

France: Camargue Gardoise / Centre de découverte du Scamandre,

No message received.

Spain: Aiguamolls de l'Emporda

No message received.

Spain: Ebro Delta

The installation of a new exhibition in the wetland centre in Ebro Delta is in full swing and to be opened this spring.

Part of the wetland reserve in Ebro Delta
(Photo: Roelof Heringa)

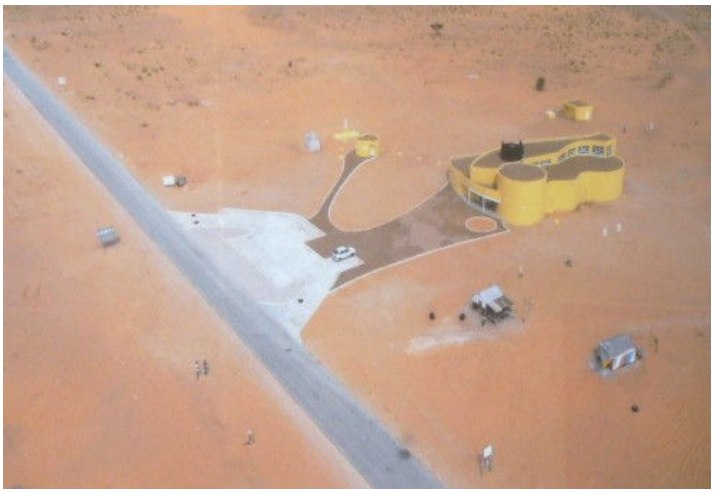
Spain: las Salinas y Arenales de San Pedro del Pinatar

No message received.

Mauretania
Senegal
Guinea Bissau

Adboulaye Ndiaye and colleagues from Wetlands International West Africa have been working hard to promote the Migratory Birds for People-programme to their colleagues in the three wetland centres at Djoudj (Senegal), Bijagos (Guinea Bissau) and Banc D'Arguin (Mauretania). All three centres are keen to take part, and have now completed WLI member profiles, which will appear on the new website.

Chris Rostron



The new wetland centre in Banc d'Arguin

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News from the Steering group ---- period January - February 2012

Migratory Birds for People: Annual meeting in Bruges, Belgium, January 25 - 28, 2012

This workshop was hosted and organised by Natuurpunt in Belgium and financially supported by the Ministry of West-Flanders. We will express our thanks and gratitude to the colleagues of both organisations for their efforts and (financial) input to make this workshop a success. A special word of thanks should go to the volunteers from Natuurpunt who gave their time to assist with excursions, logistics and food and beverages. We are also grateful to Prof. Eckahrt Kuijken and Christine Kuijken-Verscheure for their contribution to the workshop with an excursion to the Uitkerkse Polder. In a presentation Eckhart Kuijken presented the result of more then 50 years monitoring geese-populations in the Uitkerkse Polder.

Eckhart and Christine Kuijken

Migratory Birds for People Meeting, Uitkerkse Polder Visitor Centre, Belgium
26th and 27th January 2012

Present:
Ellen Hutlman
Linda Eklund
Patrick Triplet
Benoit Marsall
Roelof Heringa
Theo de Bruin
Leo de Clerc
Liesbet Cleynhans
Bob Vandendriesche
Julia Danilova
Eugene Genelt-Yanovsky
Jeremiah Petit
Wim de Roo
Chris Struyf

Apologies:
Taej Mundkhur
Abdoulaye Ndiaye

Update from MBP meeting at Uitkerkse polder, Belgium, 25/26 January 2012

Kindly hosted by Natuurpunt and Het Zwin, the MBP group was given the opportunity to get together at the Uitkerksepolder visitor centre in Flanders, Belgium. The centre is one of Natuurpunts' many, and provides a great forum in the heart of wetland country for the public and schools to experience wetland wildlife.
14 of us attended over the two days, with the objectives of agreeing the strategy plan, sharing updates and experience, discussing forthcoming projects and identifying opportunities to work together across the partnership. An initial update session showed the great work that is being carried out across our wetland centre partners, including the new centre being launched at Takern, the innovative work being carried out at Het Zwin around the economics of visitors centres, and ambitious plans for the Baie de Somme visitor centre. For more information, check out the MBP site to see the presentations.
The Strategy plan was also discussed extensively and updated, with work groups feeding back on their progress. The updates included:

- A decision that we should aim to strengthen relationships between existing MBP partners and strategic new centres, rather than try to just grow the numbers.
- Simplifying the 'interpretation' aspect, including a 'linking nature to people' section.
- Working harder to involve those stakeholders around the visitor centres, for example through developing tourism packages to the site.

- Work still needed on the funding development process s – to be discussed during forthcoming skype meetings. A visit from a Belgian LIFE 'expert' gave us a better understanding of the programme.

Finally, a trip to Het Zwin included a tour of the existing centre, presentation on the new plans for the site as part of their INTERREG-project, and discussions on how their approach related to MBP. The plans are very exciting, aiming to create a new visitor centre based on the 'bird airport' theme, linking up with other centres along the East Atlantic Flyway, do habitat creation work, and create a new viewing platform in the dyke itself.
The two-day meetings was a great success, with members making the most of their time together to share experiences, discuss solutions to common issues, refine the MBP approach and get out to look at some wetland centres in the flesh.

EACEA
As agreed at the meeting Chris agreed to develop some work for a possible bid proposal to the EACEA (Education, Audio-visual and Culture Executive Agency of the EU). With the help of a Dutch EACEA advisor, we got a bid together in a very short time, but had some issues with match funding that meant the bid was not ultimately submitted. Thanks to all those who provided information, input and motivation for this. The idea of creating exchange visits for staff and volunteers between our centres is still a great one, and will be resurrected as part of future project development.

Chris Rostron, February, 2012

Impressions of the workshop in pictures.

The participants of the workshop together with the MBP – banner !

Impressions from the workshop meeting

Spotted: Red-breasted Goose !
(Branta ruficollis)

Large numbers of geese in the Uitkerkse Polder near Blankenberge:

Greylag Goose	*Anser anser*
Pink Footed Goose	*Anser brachyrrhynchus*
White-fronted Goose	*Anser albifrons*
Red breasted Goose	*Branta ruficollis*
Brent Goose	*Branta bernicla*
Canada Goose	*Branta canadensis*
Barnacle Goose	*Branta leucopsis*

And… also (biological / organica l/ slow) food, drinks and music….(folk and other…)

Of course we also saw a lot of birds …(79 species in total) Ponç Feliu kindly sent us this list:

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*
Greylag Goose *Anser anser*
Pink Footed Goose *Anser brachyrrhynchus*
White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*
Red breasted Goose *Branta ruficollis*
Brent Goose *Branta bernicla*
Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*
Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*
Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*
Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
Teal *Anas crecca*
Gadwall *Anas strepera*
Wigeon *Anas penelope*
Pintail *Anas acuta*
Mallard *Anas platyrrhynchos*
Nile's (or Egyptian) Goose *Alopochen aegyptiacus*
Merganser *Mergus merganser*
Smew *Mergus albellus*
Pochard *Aythya ferina*
Greater Scaup *Aythya ferina*
Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*
Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*
Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*
Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*
Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*
Partridge *Perdix perdix*
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
Buzzard *Buteo buteo*
Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*
Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*
Coot *Fulica atra*
Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*
Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*
Curlew *Numenius arquata*
Bar tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
Redshank *Tringa tetanus*
Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*
Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
Little Stint *Calidris minuta*
Knot *Calidris canutus*
Common Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*
Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*
Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*
Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*
Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*
Common Gull *Larus canus*
Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*
Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*
Stock Dove *Columa oenas*
Wood Pigeon *Columba palumbus*
Pigeon *Columba livia*
Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*

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Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major*
Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*
Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*
Robin *Erithacus rubecula*
Blackbird *Turdus merula*
Great Tit *Parus major*
Marsh Tit *Parus palustris*
Blue Tit *Parus caeruleus*
Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*
Treecreaper *Certhia brachydactyla*
Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*
Jay *Garrulus glandarius*
Magpie *Pica pica*
Jackdow *Corvus monedula*
Carrion crow *Corvus corone*
Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*
Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

Notes of the Skype-meeting 6th of March 2012:

Migratory Birds for People – Project planning meeting
Skype
Tuesday 6th March 2012, 10.30-11.30 CET

Attendees:
Chris Rostron, WLI, WWT
Liesbet Cleynhens, Natuurpunt
Roelof Heringa, Staatsbosbeheer
Taej Mundkur, Wetlands International, Netherlands
Theo de Bruin, Staatsbosbeheer
Ellen Hultman, Lake Tåkern
Abdoulaye Ndiaye, Wetlands International West Africa (!)

Apologies:
Bob van den Driessche, Natuurpunt
Aida, Friends of Aiguamolls
Szabolcs Nagy, WI
Neil MacIntosh, Eurosite
Benoit Marsall, Baie de Somme
Ponc Feliu, Aiguamolls

1. Introductions and catch up: Welcome to everybody and especial Abdoulaye. He is in contact with the proposed wetland centres in West-Africa. They are all in favour to join the MBP-network! This is really good news.

   RH has completed the draft newsletter and will send out at the end of the week. AN has discussed future work for the West African Wetland Centres as part of the MBP programme, and they are very enthusiastic (Banc d'Arguin, Djoudj and Bijagos).
   EH – the new Takern centre will open on the 25th of May. EH now has another full time staff member, plus seasonal staff to help run it.

2. Workplan: Changes were discussed – please see updated version of the strategy plan attached. **RH to provide maps** of Europe and Africa for inclusion. **CR to alter the miradi flowcharts** to be more positively approaching the challenges that we face.

3. New members / better contact with existing members. Some members are not very communicative, and do not have much interaction between each other or with the committee. But, no-one keen to remove members. Instead we should work harder to include them. **RH to contact Spanish Ebro Delta and Lithuanian members again**. Ask for completed WLI membership forms at least. Lithuania possible planning a meeting this spring? **RH to check**.

4. Funding strategy; Previous attempts at funding have not been successful, although have resulted in good ideas and approaches, and increase the amount of joint work that partners are carrying out. For future funding work, we need to look at some key issues:

   - Make sure the lead organization is aware of the responsibilities and workload involved in putting in a bid. These must meet the lead bodies interests and needs.
   - Leave enough time for development of the bid. Ensure that we plan for upcoming bid deadlines and structure the timetable to avoid any likely difficulties.
   - Work with third parties, that already run bids or are developing their own. This can bring in some smaller funding / resources that could be useful for us.

- Crucially, spend more time on developing ideas and relations between centres, so that we are in a good position to put forward strong, deliverable projects.

We will discuss the funding strategy at our next meeting to fill in some more details on the strategy document.

5. Forthcoming projects and ideas for joint work:

- Theo is discussing LIFE possibilities with the Life+ National Focal Point, maybe to look at a more focused project that could be simpler to deliver.

- CR is redesigning the WLI website after some technical difficulties forced it to shut down! However, this could provide a good opportunity to create a site that is more user-friendly to members. **CR to send around the structure of the website**, and ask for input from MBP partners on the wider site, as well as how to provide useful 'dedicated' pages for MBP. Suggestion that a private area could be created to allow MBP partners to upload and access materials, such as Albertien's work, previous bids, etc. A link to the CSN tool would also be useful.

- Related to the funding, Theo suggested to continue building up the collaboration among the partners along the network. With the internet facilities every centre has access to, it seems useful to me to have an 'MBP-button' on the start page of each individual website. This button links on the individual website to extra pages with information about MBP and with links to the WLI-MBP website as well as to other useful sites like the CSN-tool for instance. Optionally, it also can provide information of the associated centers and their sites. The latter step might double with the information on the WLI-MBP site. That is a matter of judgment whether the information reaches more visitors via each own website or via the WLI-link.

  The MBP-button on the site should - in terms of design - be recognizable from and/or having the same lay-out as the MBP-poster already hanging in each centre (?).

  In order to do so, we have to sent around footages and information via WLI about each of our sites, actively, so everyone can use this information to build up and place this in each individual website.

  - All agreed that we should try using drop box to share documents and resources. To join, simply go to http://db.tt/PMgP7Ces and follow the instructions – it's free to join, and can be used from your computer, phone or anywhere with internet access.

6. Date of next meeting: **4th of April at 10.30 CET**

(minutes by Chris Rostron)

Any other network news

- **Kind request for footage**.

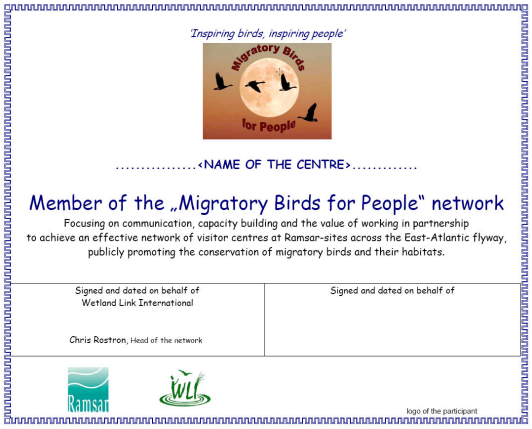
Wetlands International are in the process of making a film on migratory birds and wetlands, which could also form a resource for each wetland centre as a movie in digital format with images that could be used for a "Migratory Birds for People"- presentation. We hope for your positive response and will of course discuss with you the conditions under which you would be willing to share this material with us.

- **"Migratory Birds for People" certificate**

The steering group decided to develop a certificate by which the participating visitor centre can show that they are a member of the Migratory Birds for People- network.

During the MBP-workshop in Belgium a number of certificates were signed by Chris Rostron and received by the participants.

This certificate can still be obtained for free.
Just write an email to r.heringa@staatsbosbeheer.nl and we will send you a certificate.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Migratory Birds for People

.....<NAME OF THE CENTRE>.....

Member of the „Migratory Birds for People" network

Focusing on communication, capacity building and the value of working in partnership to achieve an effective network of visitor centres at Ramsar-sites across the East-Atlantic flyway, publicly promoting the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

Signed and dated on behalf of Wetland Link International

Chris Rostron, Head of the network

Signed and dated on behalf of

Ramsar WLI

logo of the participant

Water & Wetlands in the Mediterranean
From Grado to Agadir the next 20 years

International Symposium on Water and Wetlands in the Mediterranean
'From Grado to Agadir: The next twentv vears'

Chris Rostron attended the MedWet conference in Agadir in early February.
A great opportunity to meet lots of good wetland contacts from the region, and to promote WLI and MBP at the same time. Posters on WLI and MBP were exhibited, the new WLI leaflet was distributed, and CR was on hand to answer questions. WWT are also helping colleagues in Algeria to design a new wetland centre, which once up and running could be a new MBP partner for the country. The conference highlighted many problems share by Mediterranean countries; with nearly a third of global tourism focussed here, development pressure and particularly pressure on water resources are reaching critical proportions. One of the ways to tackle this is improved education and awareness-raising, exactly what we are doing at all our MBP and WLI member centres.

MBP-poster at the conference

World Migratory Bird Day 2012

World Migratory Bird Day was initiated in 2006 and is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the protection of migratory birds and their habitats. World Migratory Bird Day is organized by the Secretariats of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) – two international wildlife treaties administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – and a growing number of partners.

World Migratory Bird Day 2012 and this year's theme "Migratory birds and people - together through time" will stress the indispensible relationship between birds and people.

For information updates about this year's 2012 World Migratory Bird Day and to view the WMBD Trailer on our information page, please visit us at:

www.worldmigratorybirdday.org / www.facebook.com/worldmigratorybirdday

www.twitter.com/worldmigratorybirdday / or contact us at: contact@worldmigratorybirdday.org

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Habitat Restoration in Natura 2000 sites in Krkonoše National Park and Europe

This classic Eurosite workshop will demonstrate the value of learning from sharing and comparing 'on the ground' site management experiences. The workshop will demonstrate management approaches being developed and applied across Krkonoše's 29 diverse habitat types by the National Park's management team, in particular focussing on the vast expanses of grassland and forest habitats. Site managers from across Europe will have the opportunity to network and share their practical experience of approaches to restoration in diverse habitats. In addition, the workshop provides valuable opportunities to discuss information about relevant EU policy developments that affect management development and implementation plans. Transboundary management issues will also be discussed through links with EUROPARC and Karkonosze National Park in Poland. At the same time, we will also discuss ways to engage and involve local stakeholders in the implementation process required for Natura 2000 management.

The workshop's focus on practical experience is an ideal opportunity to celebrate 20 years of the Habitats Directive, 'in the field', where it matters most. Together with colleagues from all over Europe, management approaches for habitat restoration and conservation improvement will be show-cased and frankly discussed: attention will be given to the successes, as well as the practical management challenges, involved in implementing the Habitats Directive, especially in a changing climate. Our

collective aim will be to generate results from the workshop, which will be useful for strengthening this core legislation for the next 20 years and beyond.

For more information, please download the draft programme below.

FEE This three-day Eurosite workshop is organised by the network for the benefit of members and delegates from other organisations participating. It is generously supported by our local hosts, Eurosite network member, Krkonoše National Park. The all-inclusive fee is 295 euro - this covers three-nights bed and breakfast accommodation, all meals and materials for the workshop.

REGISTRATION To register for this unique workshop, please send an email to info@eurosite.org by 30 April 2012 – this should state your name, employing organisation, job title and the dates you expect to arrive & depart – we will reserve your accommodation directly with the hotel.

Download(s)

http://www.eurosite.org/files/Krkonose_NP_workshop_-_draft_prog_v6_-_020312.pdf

The "Migratory Birds for People"- network likes also to involve wetland centres in the Baltic states…

SUPPLEMENT: List of participants in Europe and West-Africa

Participating visitor centres (Europe)
(February 2012)

1. Finland: Liminganlahti
2. Russia : St. Petersburg [CEPA-team]
3. Lithuania: Nemunas Delta (proposed)
4. Sweden: Lake Tåkern
5. Sweden: Getterön
6. Denmark: Vestamager
7. Germany: Husum
8. Netherlands: Oostvaardersland
9. Belgium: Het Zwin
10. Belgium: Uitkerkse Polder
11. United Kingdom: WWT, HQ, Slimbridge
12. France: Baie de Somme
13. France: Camargue Gardoise
14. Spain: Aiguamolls de L'Emporda
15. Spain: Ebro Delta
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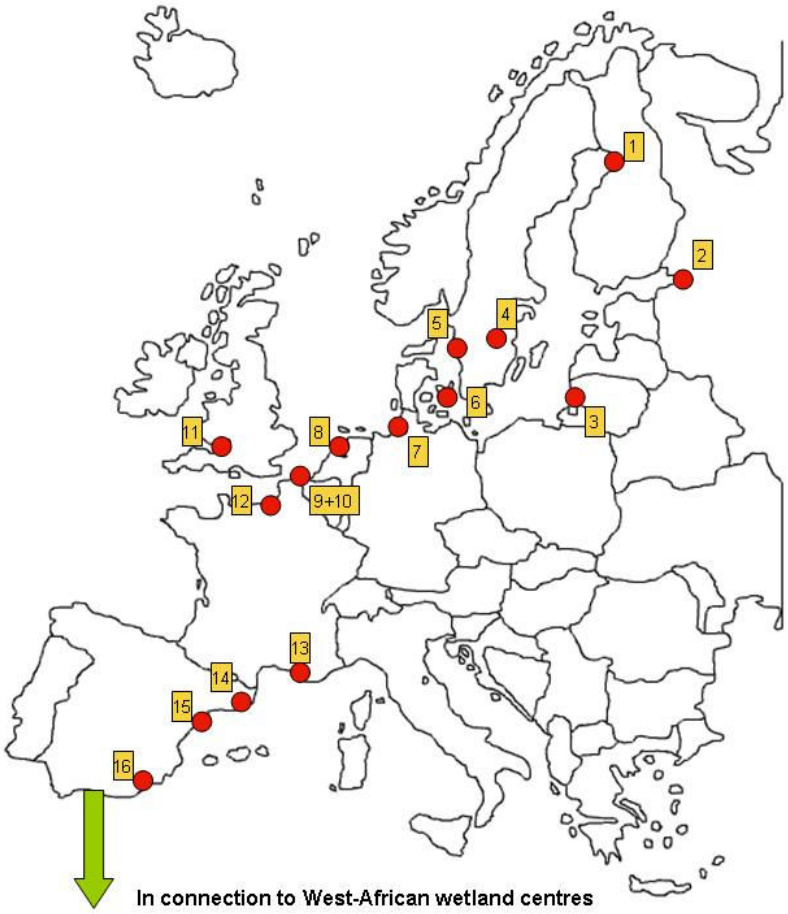

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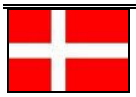

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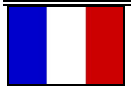 **France:**

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The wetlands we aim to connect are the **Banc D'Arguin** in Mauritania, the **Djoudj** in Northern Senegal and the **Bijagós Archipelago** in Guinea Bissau.

Banc d'Arguin, Mauretania

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Bijagós Archipelago, Guinea Bissau

The individual centres have now confirmed their interest in joining the network.

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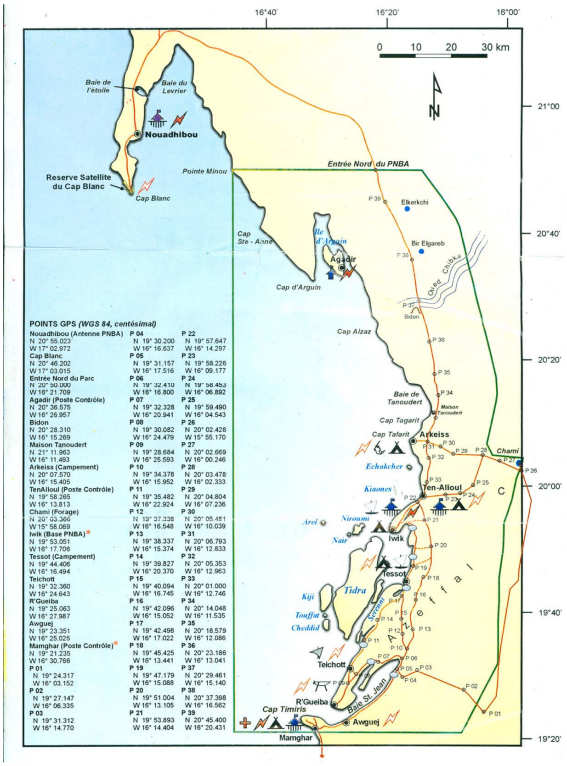
(in our previous newsletters we highlighted Bijagós Archipelago and Parc National des Oiseaux du Djoudj)

The new wetland centre Banc d'Arguin



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