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Introduction:

Dear colleagues,
Just before most of us will enjoy another summer holidays, we are pleased to present you the 23rd MBP- Newsletter.
Please, notice the registration form for our Annual Meeting in Copenhagen in September.
And furthermore many stories from your colleagues in the MBP-network and about on-going projects.

Have a nice summertime and hope to meet you in Copenhagen!

On behalf of the core-group Migratory Birds for People-network,

Roelof Heringa

Check also our website: **www.migratorybirdsforpeople.org**

MBP is also on FACEBOOK : www.facebook.com/migratorybirdsforpeople

Our MISSION can also be found on: www.facebook.com/migratorybirdsforpeople

P.S.: your feedback is always welcome! / vos commentaires sont toujours bienvenus!

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News from the "Migratory Birds for People"- core group

Statement regarding the UK vote for Brexit:

'We would like to reassure everyone that the recent referendum result from the UK, voting to leave the EU, will not impact on our MBP network in the short to medium term.
WWT still strongly supports an international, cooperative approach, which we consider essential for effective wetland conservation.
It remains to be seen how 'Brexit' will affect the UK's ongoing relationship with Europe, but we anticipate that that we will still have similar legislation and requirements, even though we may no longer be eligible for EU grants and other initiatives, and will still work closely with partners throughout Europe.

Environmental conservation in the UK has certainly benefitted from being part of the EU over the last decades, with the Birds and Habitats directives and the Natura 2000 network being a case in point, and we hope that we will continue to cooperate with the EU on many aspects of wetland conservation work. WWT will carry on taking a lead role for MBP which we hope will continue to grow and be more active over the coming years.'

Chris Rostron (Head of Wetland Link International)

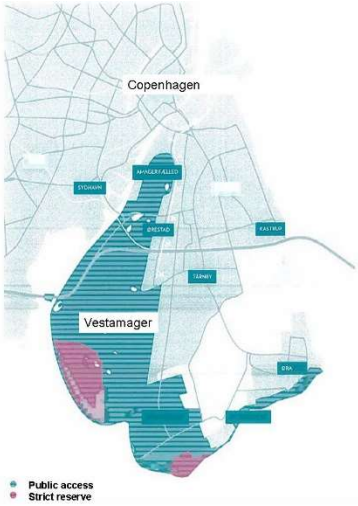
ANNUAL MEETING "Migratory Birds for People" , 11-14 September

Theme: "Successful international working practices"

Venue: Naturcentre Amager, Vestamager, Copenhagen, Denmark

Our colleagues in Denmark have kindly offered to host this years' MBP-annual meeting.
In the coming months the core group will discuss the programme for this meeting. A draft for this years' programme is on the next page.
In the meantime you all are invited to prepare yourself for this meeting by seeking permission to attend and looking for travel arrangements.
The Amager-reserve is very close to the international airport of Copenhagen (see map).

We will discuss the various projects within our MBP-network and the new bid for EU-Life.
Another important item will the international cooperation in the World Heritage Wadden Sea area (NL, G, and DK).



Registration – please send in the registration form **(at page** and send this to the Head of WLI, Chris Rostron (chris.rostron@wwt.org.uk) , to register your interest.

Arrival - aim to arrive on the evening of Sunday the 11th September, getting in to Copenhagen airport, from where transport will be provided. The centre is not far from the airport.

Departure – you can depart on the 14th of September after the core meeting, or if you would like to visit **Vadehavet**, we will arrange transport, returning to Copenhagen on the 16th September.

Accommodation : Vestamagar is offering basic accommodation, staying in their education centre. This will involve sharing a large room and sleeping on the floor. Alternatively, there are relatively cheap hotels nearby. At Vadehavet, hostel accommodation is available on site.

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And finally…. Please, in case you play a musical instrument, don't hesitate to bring it along!

PROGRAMME

	11th September - Sunday: Arrival in Copenhagen; collected and taken directly to Vestamagar
20.00	Dinner
	12th September - Monday
7:30	Breakfast
	Annual Meeting, Session 1: introduction
8.30	• Welcome from Copenhagen officials and Vestamagar (20 minutes) • Introduction on MBP progress and aims of meeting (Chris Rostron) • Vestamagar centre (tour of the centre) • Case studies from members (maximum 20 minutes each)
12.00-14.00	Lunch
14:30	***Annual Meeting, Session 2: Effective international working***
14.30	- Waddensee Secretariat (Urdaibai) - Building strong partnerships - Communications work (communications group) - Developing projects internationally
17.00-17.30	Snack
17.30 – 7.30	Final session – to be confirmed
20.30	Dinner
	13th September – Tuesday
	Annual Meeting, Session 3:
8.30 – 11.00	EU funding possibilities (Theo de Bruin)
11:10	Workshop?
13:00	lunch
14.00-16.00	MBP session – to be confirmed
16:00 – 18.00	Visit local wildlife site/wetland?
18.30 – 19.30	MBP session (if we need it)
Flexible (after 20.00!)	Dinner and Roelof's Euro-Cocktail event
	14th September – Wednesday
7.30am	Breakfast
8.30 – 13.00	Optional trip to Vadehavetcentret, returning on the 16th of September

Registration Form for MBP- annual meeting

11 – 15 September 2016

Please register before 25th of August 2016

Personal information

First name:
Last name:
Organisation:
Job title:
Street address
Postcode:
City:
Country:
Email:
Phone number:

ATTENDANCE

Please indicate which dates you will be attending
Sunday 11 September
Monday 12 September
Tuesday 13 September
Wednesday 14 September

- Will you also be visiting the new wetland centre VADEHAVS CENTRET, RIBE on Wednesday ?
  Yes / no
- **The newly built centre "Vadehavs centret" will be open in October. There is a four hour drive to the centre, so we aim to leave on Wednesday, spend Thursday there and return on Thursday night.**

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Day & date of arrival:		Date & day of departure:	
Airport:		Airport:	
Flight number:		Flight number:	
Arrival time at airport:	h	Departure time from airport:	h
Or arrival time in Copenhagen if not flying	h		

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Do you have any dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, allergies)?

Do you have any special requirements (e.g. concerning mobility)?

Your name, organisation and country will be stated in the delegates list. Please tick the box if you do not want your email address to be stated in the delegates list.

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Photographs will be taken during the workshop. Please tick the box below if you do not want your photograph to be published online (e.g. website, newsletter) and in meeting documents (e.g. final report).

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Please, copy and send this information to :

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PROJECTS:

Life project Awareness Campaign about the relevance of wetlands for migratory birds

Due to the developments in and around the Oostvaardersplassen, Staatsbosbeheer has expressed a desire to improve the sharing of its findings in the field of research and management with other wetland areas.
Therefore the possibilities to create an LIFE project for this communication with international MBP - Partners were investigated in the last few months.
First step has been an inventory of problems in the natural areas around the MBP visitor centres.
The focus was on problems that can be solved by a communication intervention approach.

Different topics were put forward:

- ✓ Disturbance by tourists
- ✓ Nutrification of water by surrounding agricultural activities
- ✓ Water management

The aforementioned information has been the input for an initial proposal and plan of action. After feedback and discussion with various parties, Staatsbosbeheer has decided to continue with the preparation of a LIFE bid.
First step is to form a project team with those MBP wetland centres that have indicated an interest in partaking in the project.

Please, consider joining this exciting project and send me your interest.

The aim is to submit **the LIFE application in 2017** call.

For more information, please contact: Theo de Bruin; theodebruin@nlrnt.nl

2nd episode : PROJECT: "Follow the swans":

From Russia with swans: woman's first ever paramotor 'migration'

In this project the migration of Bewick Swans will be followed by Mrs. Sacha Dens.

at *Sacha Dench will cross 11 countries across tundra and stop numerous wetlands and Ramsar Sites.*

Latest news:

The Flight of the Swans (FotS) is developing quickly, with partners preparing for events along the Bewick's swan flyway.
Sacha, our intrepid paramotorist, will fly through 11 countries, stopping at wetland centres, conservation sites and schools and community groups to raise awareness of the threats facing the Bewick's swan, whose population has decreased by 40% since the 1990s. She will start in Artic Russia in mid-September.
WWT is preparing a community event toolkit, which will consist of resources, best practice and evaluation guidance, as well as working to link groups between countries, through letter-writing and social media platforms.

Bewick's swans (c) James Lees WWT

For more information, see our website or contact Chris Rostron.'
See also:
https://www.wwt.org.uk/conservation/saving-wetlands-and-wildlife/saving-wildlife/science-and-action/uk-species/bewicks-swan/
and a trailer at: **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v54tA71dZAs**

News from the network:

Finland : Liminganlahti conservation area

News from Liminka Bay

- Metsähallitus, Parks & Wildlife Finland defined a new policy that all guided tours for local schools are free of charge in the Liminka Bay Visitor Center. Guidance for all kindergarten groups is also free. About 2000 children has participated in nature education and guided tours during this spring in Liminka Bay Visitor Center.

- Live camera of Lamunkari shoal will be on again. During the summer live footage from the heart of Liminka Bay wetland can be watched in the Liminka Bay Visitor Center.

- The last Saturday of August is the annual Finnish Nature Day. Celebration of the day in Liminka Bay Visitor Center includes wetland and insect trips for families, building of nesting boxes for birds as well as observation of migratory birds (as part of World Migratory Bird Day, which may be celebrated throughout the year)!

Best regards,
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Sweden: Naturum Lake Tåkern

Sweden: Naturum Getterön

Denmark: Amager, Copenhagen

In Nature reserve Amager we have no less than 4 volunteers "grazing Guilds". Three of them are with cows and one with sheep.
We have got two new grazing guilds just in 2015. And it is the same messages in the entire country that grazing guilds are booming in many nature areas.
A grazing Guilds are volunteer citizens who have their own cows on our meadows.
The cows graze the meadows and stand for nature conservation out here so waders are doing really well. At the same time members of grazing guilds get meat home in the freezer, one time a year when the cows are slaughtered.
Typically, many families are member of grazing guilds, because parents want to give their children some good experiences in the nature and at the same time tell them about where food comes from.

How does it work?
One grazing guilds have 14 cows. Each member of grazing guilds pay for and thereby owns a quarter cow.
With 14 cows the grazing guilds have about 56 members.
The 56 members oversee the cattle. Every day, one member goes out and looks after the animals. If they are well, if they have water and make sure that the fences are in good order.

Each member should check all cows 3-5 times a year.
In October / November all members meet up to capture the cows and send them to a slaughter. After they have been slaughtered, the butcher cuts meat into quarters and every member receives ¼ cow with the mail. It is food for a family for a long time. Food as you can stand in for and that tells a good story.

For us in Nature Agency is a win / win situation. We get tended / grazed our land.
At the same time there are a lot of volunteers who learn to handle animals. They get to learn to now the nature area very well. They understand why the meadows have to be grazed in favor of wading birds. And the stories of Kalvebod Common / Nature Park Amager are to be told of many good dinners throughout the year.

One of our recent grazing guilds has just been in one of our local newspapers with this fine article: http://minby.dk/amagerbladet/fra-fodboldformand-til-cowboy/
And here are links to two of our grazing guilds Websites: www.kkgl.dk and www.sundbyko.dk

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End May, Nikolaj Correl, one of the grazing guilds found "Ridder-gøgeurt" (**Orchis militaris**) at their fold.
In Denmark this is the only known place where there is growing Military Orchid (Orchis militaris). It is eventually found in Denmark in 1981. In Sweden it is more common, so it's probably from here it has come to Nature park Amager.

Rune Kjærgaard Lange
Skovløber og Naturvejleder
Naturcenter Amager

Denmark: Vadehavscentret, Ribe

- **Vadehavscentret has kindly invited us for a visit in follow-up after the MBP-annual meeting 2016 in Vestamager, Copenhagen (15th of Sept.).**

Contact: Klaus Melbye,
Vadehavscentret, Ribe

Germany : Nationalpark - Haus Husum
Nationalpark-Haus Husum, at the World Heritage Site Wadden Sea

No message this time.

Contact: Hans-Ulrich Rösner

Netherlands: Terschelling (Wadden Sea)

Bird wardens of Staatsbosbeheer have found 12 nests in total of the rare Little Tern have been found at the "Noordsvaarder", Terschelling.

This is an area of 650 ha at the west point of the isle of Terschelling and State nature monument since 1924.
It is a valuable nature reserve with pioneer vegetation, moist valleys, dunes and vast sand banks.
Extra protection measurements established via the participation campaign "Echt Terschelling" have resulted in more tranquillity for these birds. This area is a very suitable breeding area for beach birds like Little Tern, Oyster Catcher and Ringed Plover.
In recent years the disturbance by recreationists, resulted in premature departure of the Little Terns. Additional protection in the form of a clear marking of the breeding area with information panels led this year for people to walk around the area. The birds get more rest, with four breeding couples as a result. A colony in a different location, with 8 nests, was also highlighted. Unfortunately this weekend showed that the colony was abandoned, therefore the information signs have been removed again. On the other side of the island, is a breeding area with a total of 22 pairs of Little Terns.

Protection by citizens participation.
These protection measures are realised through the participation of 350 islanders and island guests. Through the participation platform "Real Terschelling ' in April, a survey on the protection of the bird. 60% of participants indicated herein that protecting could best be realised with clear information panels. Through 'Real Terschelling' Staatsbosbeheer sends monthly surveys on issues regarding nature on the island. Anyone can join by logging on through www.echtterschelling.nl. Meanwhile, the platform consists of 690 participants. Staatsbosbeheer is the initiator of this platform, other parties can join in.

Contact: *Joeri Lamers, Staatsbosbeheer, Terschelling*

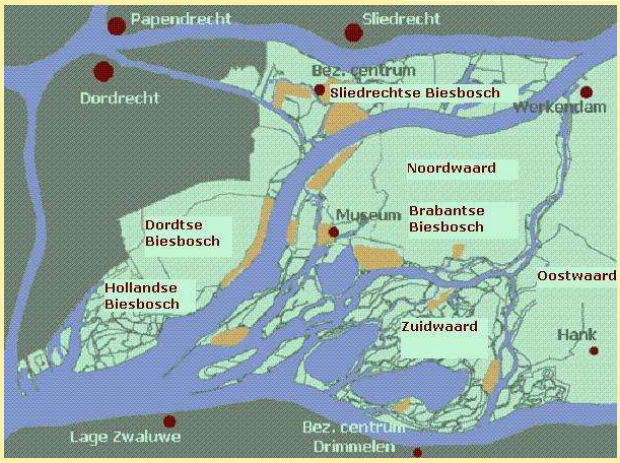
Netherlands: Buitencentrum "Oostvaardersplassen"
Contact: Hans Breeveld; (warden Wetland centre)

Netherlands: Biesbosch

NEW PARTNER!

Nationaal Park De Biesbosch

De Biesbosch National Park - Biesbosch visitor centres



The estuary of the rivers Meuse and Rhine forms a unique wetland in the West of the Netherlands, called "the Biesbosch". It is a fresh water tidal area with willow woods, reed beds and flowery grassland polders of about 100 km2. (Ramsar site and Natura 200 site)

Recent nature development brought new wetland areas which are a paradise for birds. A big part of the world population of Bewick's swans visit the Biesbosch in winter, as well as huge amounts of geese and ducks. Migration time is good for ospreys, spoonbills, godwits and other waders. Since 2012 White-tailed eagle breeds in the Biesbosch, so you can see this huge raptor year round. In 2016 the Osprey is starting with a successful new breeding success!

The Biesbosch was man made in hundreds of years, after a huge flood in 1421. People used to cut and harvest bull rushes, reed, and willows. Relicts of this culture can be seen throughout the Biesbosch, but especially in the spectacular Biesbosch Museum Island.

There are two other visitor centres where you can start your visit: Biesboschcentre Dordrecht in the North and Biesboschcentre Drimmelen in the South. Be aware that you can join an excursion or hire a boat or canoe from these places. Biesbosch Museum Island has more walking , birding and cycling possibilities.

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Luxembourg: Biodiversum Remerschen

Biodiversum – Inauguration of the new vistor centre on June 3rd , 2016

Biodiversum Visitor Centre is located in Luxembourg's Moselle valley near the famous village of Schengen, on the edge of the nature reserve "Haff Réimech".

"Haff Réimech" is one of Luxembourg's two Ramsar sites and a Natura-2000 area. Housed in a building of remarkable architecture, directed by Architect office Hermann & Valentiny and Associates, the Biodiversum is the starting point of many discovery trails around "Haff Réimech" wetland area. It offers exhibitions to the public inside the building throughout the year as well as activities for school classes and workshops in various topics to discover the diversity of this wetland.

The visitor center is open to the public all year round and covers the following areas:

- permanent exhibitions on themes related to environmental awareness such as **the migration and protection of birds**, biodiversity and the nature reserve itself;
- a multipurpose room for temporary exhibitions and events connected with nature;
- a room for school classes and meetings;

Guided walks are regularly offered and guides can be booked throughout the year. The centre is managed by the Nature and Forest administration and bird monitoring schemes are run in collaboration with Natur&ëmwelt - BirdLife Luxembourg.

The nature reserve "Haff Réimech"

"Haff Réimech" nature reserve, with an area of 100 ha, is located in the former 300ha gravel pit area located near Remerschen in the Mosel valley between Remich and Schengen. It is the most important wetland as well as one of the richest area in the Grand Duchy. More than 250 bird species have been recorded here and 97 do breed. Thirty ponds, usually lined with reeds and marshy areas are the heart of this reserve. From different observation hides, birdwatchers may observe all year round Great Crested Grebes (symbol bird of Haff Réimech), Little Bittern, Great Reed Warbler and Common Tern in summer, as well as different wintering waterbird species such as Smew or Bittern.

Further information www.biodiversum.lu

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Nature centre "het Zwin"

New visitor centre will be presented in our next MBP-newsletter!

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United Kingdom : Slimbridge

One of the world's rarest birds has laid eggs in captivity for the first time at WWT, Slimbridge, UK.

Seven eggs have been laid so far by **two spoon-billed sandpipers** at the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust (WWT) in Slimbridge. The flock was established in 2011 as a back-up in caseconservationists run out of time to save the wild population in the **East Asian-Australasian flyway** from extinction, and is the only captive flock in the world.
WWT staff have been working in Chukotka, Russia, since 2011, not only collecting eggs to establish the flock at WWT Slimbridge (2011 and 2012), but also hatching eggs and rearing chicks in captivity before releasing them as fledglings just before migration (headstarting).

By protecting eggs and chicks during the particularly vulnerable incubation and rearingstages, headstarting can produce five times the number of fledglings produced by wild spoon-billed sandpipers.
Female **spoon-billed sandpipers** usually lay four tiny

eggs in each clutch. Four eggs can weigh approximately 32g in total, about equal to the mother's entire bodyweight, and they take her almost a week to lay. Out of the two clutches at Slimbridge, at least two eggs are fertile and viable. They are due to hatch between the 29 June and 4 July.

For more information and to follow the story visit: www.saving-spoon- billed-sandpiper.com.
Contact: Rebecca Lee, Principal Conservation Breeding Officer,
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France: Baie de Somme

For this summer we want to have a programme for families and especially for children in order to teach them the coast and bay. Therefore we have created some special tools.

We animate a workshop for children from 7 to 10 years of age, called "les petits experts de la Baie". They have to solve a problem and to resolve an investigation. During this workshop they will learn everything about Somme Bay. The investigation is: Who has stolen the eggs of the Ringed plover? Who can be the culprit among the inhabitants of the bay? We have created a booklet for children who want to visit the museum with a fun approach. This will be handed out to families at the entrance. This support is a special visit for children.
And to finish for this summer we also make a partnership with a local association "le Festival de l'Oiseau" to make a bird and nature movie.

Every Wednesday afternoon, you can watch a film at a small price and there will be a debate afterwards.
All these events will enrich our programme and our site. We also go on with the museum and the excursions in the bay watching birds and **seals**.
This summer we will have activities for the whole family regardless the age!

Best regards,

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To watch a short movie about Baie the Somme: go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alsaB4qSEjw

Spain: Urdaibai Bird Centre

A real MBP-project !

BirdFlyway- project / lead: Urdaibai Bird center

BirdFlyway is a nature tourism project that covers a network of European wetlands that have at least two elements in common: they have a visitor centre and they are located on the migration route of two well-known bird species, the goose and the osprey.

The project is run by the Urdaibai Bird Center (Aranzadi Society of Science) in collaboration of Migratory Birds for People network. (http://www.birdcenter.org). *The installation of the BirdFlyway panel*

The aim is to create a north-south trans-European experience, similar to the Way of St James. It is a trip to be taken by all naturalists over the course of their lives until they have completed all the stages, recording in a passport the visits to each of the different wetlands that make up the route.

The overall objective of the "BirdFlyway" project is the creation of a trans-European tourist experience that includes a selection of wetlands, following the migration route of the goose and the osprey, from Finland to West Africa. This activity will allow the enhancement of these wetlands, which form part of the Natura 2000 Network, together with the generation of economic resources that will in turn enable the conservation and management of these spaces.

At the same time, this project will have a very direct repercussion on the conservation of the wetlands, by increasing the number of visitors, generating new economic resources and enhancing the natural resources of each enclave.

The presentation of the BirdFlyway project took place on the past 5th May. The event was held simultaneously in the four Spanish stages that make up the route and had excellent coverage of the media and counted on the participation and support of all the administrations involved, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, autonomous communities, provincial councils and municipalities.

Since the official beginning of the BirdFlyway on the 8th of May (World Migratory Bird Day), many travellers have already acquired their passports to travel to any of the stages of the route and, once met the challenges in each one, get their passport stamped.

Eleven of the fifteen European stages that make up the route can be visited already, while the incorporation of the remaining four stages is foreseen for the coming weeks. The centres where you can already get your passport stamped can be consulted in http://www.birdflyway.com/en/

At the moment the promotion of the project is being carried out throughout fairs all around Europe: The International Birdwatching Fair (FIO) in Extremadura (Spain), Doñana Birdfair in Andalusia (Spain) and soon in Rutland Birdfair (England), in which representatives from the different members of the route are called. Even a novel on the route will be published in the next months, in English and Spanish.

Latest news:
Edorta has told me that this scheme really works! People are now visiting several centres along the Flyway collecting stamps in their "passport" !
Roelof Heringa

Contact: Jose Unamuno & Edorta Unamuno

Please have also a look at the webcam of Urdaibai
Perhaps you can connect it to one screen in your centre.:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=XQiAZv5f5M8

Spain: Aiguamolls de l'Emporda

Contact: Ponç Feliu, Visitor centre Aiguamolls de l'Emporda

Spain: Ebro Delta

Contact: Xavier Escuté

Spain: las Salinas y Arenales de San Pedro del Pinatar

NEWS World Wetlands Day 2016
Salinas y Arenales Regional Park of San Pedro del Pinatar

"Wetlands for our future"

As in previous years, the Office for Social and Economic Promotion of the Environment of the Region of Murcia, through the visitor centre 'Salinas and Arenales of San Pedro del Pinatar Regional Park', joined the celebration of World Wetlands Day . Through various activities, aimed at both boys and girls in schools and the general public, about 600 people came to this protected natural area to discover the importance of wetlands have for all of us. It is recalled, among the most relevant services of these ecosystems of great biodiversity, wetlands are regulators of the water cycle and climate, generating water resources to supply fresh water and constituents use zones for human activities of great importance economy such as tourism and fishing. Below we list the activities that have taken place during the month of February 2016.

"The salted mini-world"
Throughout the month of February, visitors of all ages could approach the small details that are hiding in the Wetlands Regional Park through a loupe: the shape of salt crystals, the colours of the sand of our beaches or the tiny inhabitants of the salt.

Workshop "Flamingo Masks"
Because it was also the time of Carnival, the youngest visitors became masks of one of the most fascinating animals of saline wetlands: the flamingo. This activity took place during the weekends of February.

Guided tour "Exploring the Mar Menor"
On the 2nd of February a tour along the most important wetlands in the region of Murcia took place: the 'Mar Menor'. During this excursion a group of schoolchildren discovered the extraordinary environmental and landscape values of this coastal lagoon, through simple dynamic experiments.

Bicycle tour "Wetlands, sources of life"

On the 6th of February, we held a bicycle tour to promote the various wetlands in the Regional Park environment as examples of survival and sustainable development.

Contact : Teresa López Aledo, Dirección General de Medio Ambiente - Consejería de Presidencia de la Región de Murcia

Portugal : Tagus Estuary Birdwatching and Conservation Area
Contact: Sandra Paiva Silva

Message from MBP Africa

The 'MBP Africa Coordinating group' has met three times so far, and is developing the network through several ways. Firstly, we are creating an African version of the MBP poster, with relevant regional examples, photos and contact details. We have also created some basic MBP Africa pages on the WLI/MBP website, including our terms of reference for the group, identifying the members and our aims. In terms of work in the region, we are planning our presence at the upcoming Pan African Ornithological Congress (PAOC14), taking place in October in Senegal. We are working with Dutch partners to hold an initial workshop on successful network in the East Atlantic Region, and we also plan to hold a round table discussion event with partners from local wetland centres in Africa, regional coordination partners and the Head of WLI. This should be a great chance to grow the network and support our fellow wetland education colleagues in the region!

Gabin AGBLONON

Banc d'Arguin, Mauritania
Contact: Mr Yelli Diawara

Parc National Djoudj, Senegal

The Pan-African Ornithological Congress will be held in Dakar, Sénégal from 16th till 21st of October 2016.

For more information, please, have a look at the website:
http://www.paoc-africa.org/index.php/participation/register

Contact: Colonel Ibrahima Diop and Gabin Agblonon (project manager)

Bijagós Archipelago, Guinea-Bissau
Contact: Mr Meio Dia qu'a coordinateur Reserva da Biosfera do Arquipélago de Bolama Bijagós

Other MBP- network news

News from our MBP-partner EUROSITE:

Announcement of **Eurosite annual meeting 2016.**

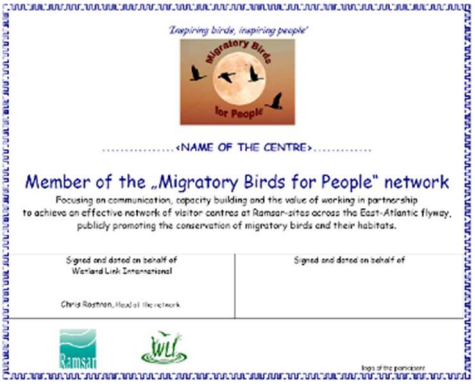
This year the Annual Meeting of Eurosite will be hosted by Eurosite-member the Hunting Federation of Macedonia and Thrace (KOMATH), which will take place in Serres, Greece, from 7 to 10 November 2016.

Link: *http://eurosite.org/eurosite-highlights/save-the-date-eurosite-annual-meeting-2016/*

Lake Kerkini, Greece

"Migratory Birds for People" certificate

The core group has a certificate available by which the participating visitor centre can show that they are a member of the `Migratory Birds for People`- network.



This certificate can still be obtained for free.
Just write an email to **r.b.heringa@gmail.com** and we will send you a certificate.

Ce certificat peut encore être obtenu gratuitement.
Il suffit d'écrire un courriel à **r.b.heringa@gmail.com**
et nous vous enverrons un certificat.

"Migratory Birds for People" T-shirt

We have created our own MBP-t-shirt.
(price: approx.. € 10,=)

Please let me know if you are interested and send me your details about number, size and if you want men or women shirt.
Also if you will attend our Annual Meeting in September or if you want to receive them by mail (incl. costs)

Send your message to: **r.b.heringa@gmail.com**

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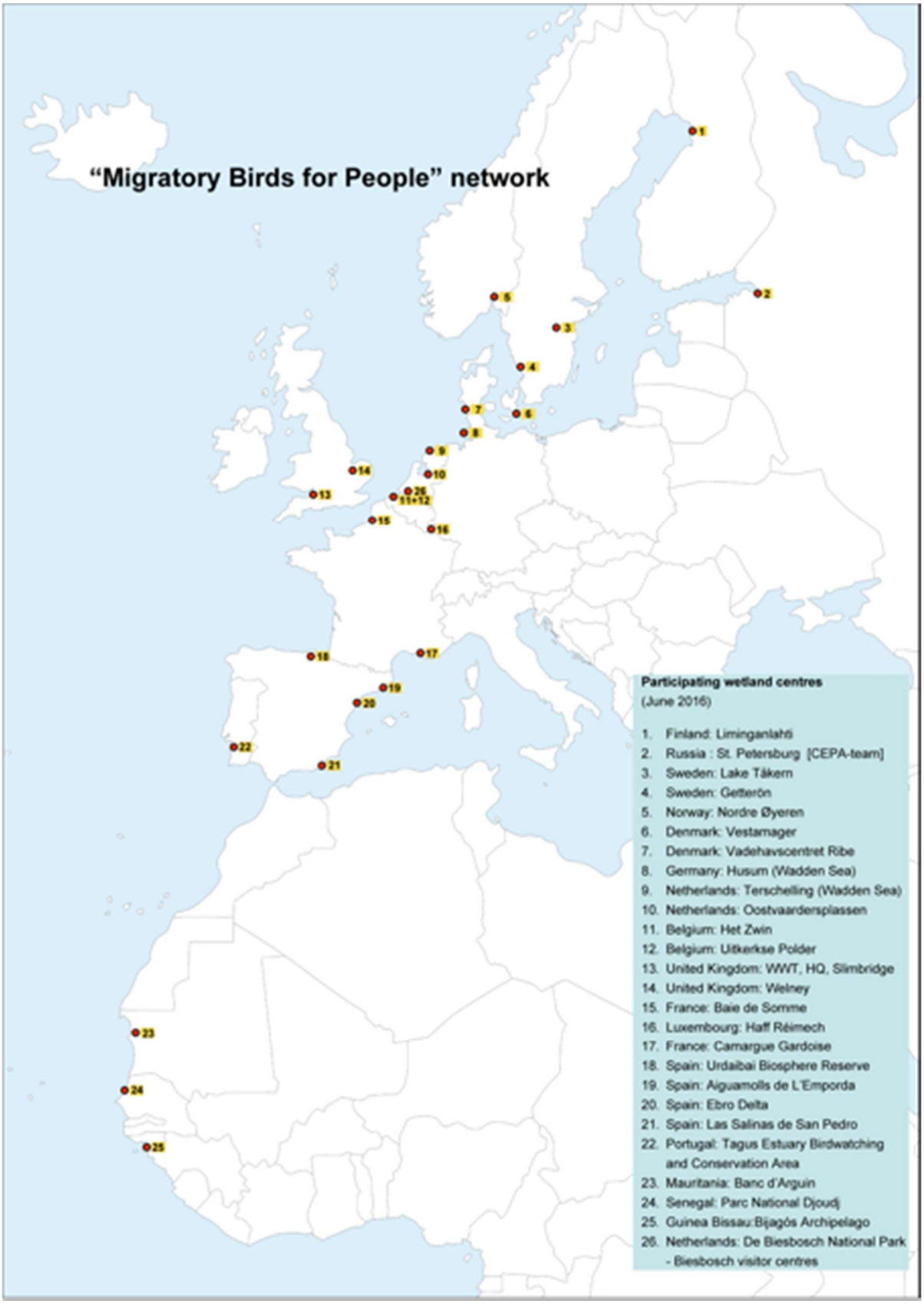
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Participating wetland centres
(June 2016)
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2. Russia : St. Petersburg [CEPA-team]
3. Sweden: Lake Tåkern
4. Sweden: Getterön
5. Norway: Nordre Øyeren
6. Denmark: Vestamager
7. Denmark: Vadehavscentret Ribe
8. Germany: Husum (Wadden Sea)
9. Netherlands: Terschelling (Wadden Sea)
10. Netherlands: Oostvaardersplassen
11. Belgium: Het Zwin
12. Belgium: Uitkerkse Polder
13. United Kingdom: WWT, HQ, Slimbridge
14. United Kingdom: Welney
15. France: Baie de Somme
16. Luxembourg: Haff Réimech
17. France: Camargue Gardoise
18. Spain: Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve
19. Spain: Aiguamolls de L'Emporda
20. Spain: Ebro Delta
21. Spain: Las Salinas de San Pedro
22. Portugal: Tagus Estuary Birdwatching and Conservation Area
23. Mauritania: Banc d'Arguin
24. Senegal: Parc National Djoudj
25. Guinea Bissau:Bijagós Archipelago
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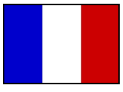

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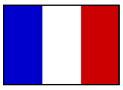

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