





Programme "Migratory Birds for People "

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- Wetland Link International , Slimbridge, UK
- Wetlands International, Ede, NL
- Staatsbosbeheer, NL

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WHAT is the aim of this programme ?

'Migratory Birds for People' aims at informing the public about the dependence of migratory waterbirds on European and African wetlands through a **network of wetland visitor centres** situated across Europe and West-Africa.



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HOW will we reach this aim?

The European centres share and provide each other with information on the location of migratory waterbirds using webcams, satellite tracking, films and other information sources.



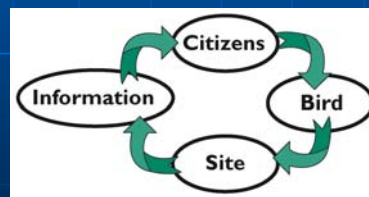


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WHAT is this international context ?

This information is helping to improve understanding of the international dimension of nature conservation.

(i.c. NATURA 2000 and Ramsar –convention)



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Specific objectives to be achieved include:

- Raising awareness of the importance of wetlands in the conservation of migratory bird species, as well as in providing important ecosystem services and value to both local people and wetland biodiversity.
- Raising awareness of the importance of international protection of wetlands.
- Establishing a **network of wetland centres** offering awareness raising activities for local communities and decision makers.
- Developing and delivering projects that will actively monitor and conserve migratory birds and their habitats



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1st phase:
West-European Flyway

Participating visitor centres (Europe) (August 2011)

1. Finland: Liminganlahti
2. Russia : St. Petersburg
3. Sweden: Lake Tåkern
4. Sweden: Gettersöns
5. Denmark: Vestmager
6. Germany: Husum
7. Netherlands: Oostvaardersland
8. Belgium: Uiterkerkse Polder
9. United Kingdom: Martin Mere W.C
10. France: Baie de Somme
11. France: Camargue Gardoise
12. Spain: Aiguamolls de L'Emporda
13. Spain : ? (to be confirmed)

In connection to West-African Ramsar sites

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2nd phase:
Outreach to West-African visitor centres on Ramsar sites

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Working group meetings by SKYPE

Workshop in Spain , January 2011



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- EU-Life + <Communication>
- Darwin
- And other local / national funding








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Thank you for your attention !

Birds with a transmitter...



The cartoon shows two scientists in white lab coats. The scientist on the left is holding a clipboard and pointing upwards, saying, "Have a look! He's just above us". The scientist on the right is holding a clipboard and replying, "I saw that already, yeah..". In the background, there are silhouettes of birds flying against a sunset sky.