



1st AW LIFE Best Practice WS, 19-20 October 2006

Draft Programme

Venue: Biebrza National Park Headquarters, Osowiec

18th October, Wednesday:

Project Steering Group Meeting (only for Steering Group Members and invited guests)

19th October, Thursday:

- 9.30 h Welcome, agenda (Lars Lachmann, acting AW LIFE Project Manager)
MONITORING:
- 9.45 h Presentation
- Monitoring Methodology of the AW LIFE Project, and report on the implementation and results of the Monitoring in 2006 (Janusz Kloskowski, AW LIFE Chief Technical Advisor)
 - Monitoring Methodology: What has been finalised, what still needs to be finalised?
 - What has been done in 2006, what was not achieved?
 - What worked well in 2006, which problems were encountered and need to be addressed?
 - What are the first results of the 2006 monitoring?
 - What are the next steps?
- 10.30 h Short clarification:
 - administrative organisation of the monitoring activities within the AW LIFE Project (Lars Lachmann)
- 10.45 h *Coffee break*
- 11.15 h Plenary session (facilitated by Janusz Kloskowski):
 - collection of difficulties encountered in bird, vegetation and invertebrate monitoring in 2006
 - discussion of possible solutions to these problems
- 12.45 h Presentation:

- proposal for the hydrological monitoring (Janusz Kloskowski/Tomasz Okruszko)
- 13.15 h Plenary (facilitated by Janusz Kloskowski):
 - discussion of the hydrology proposal
- 13.45 – 15 h *Lunch break*
- 15 h **AQUATIC WARBLER DATA MANAGEMENT:**
 - Presentation:
 - Existing databases on AW distribution and numbers in Poland and Germany (Franziska Tanneberger/Janusz Kloskowski/Victor Fenchuk)
- 15.20 h Plenary discussion (facilitated by Lars Lachmann):
 - Need and possibilities for the development of an Aquatic Warbler GIS in Poland and Germany
- 16.00 h Buffer time – time for a visit to the surrounding Biebrza NP

20th October, Friday:

- AQUATIC WARBLER RESEARCH:**
- 9.30 h Presentations, incl. short discussion:
 - 9.30 h
 - planned research on the individual and regional differences of AW songs (Franziska Tanneberger)
 - 9.35 h
 - preliminary findings of the PhD research on AW habitat requirements in Western Pomerania (Franziska Tanneberger)
 - 10.15 h
 - dynamics and breeding success of AW in key breeding sites in Belarus (Lyuba Vergejchik)
 - 10.45 h
 - AW ringing programme in Belarus (setup, aims) (Alexander Kozulin)
 - 11.10 h
 - National survey of AW in Belarus (Viktar Fenchuk)
 - 11.30 h
 - influence of blood parasites on male reproductive success in the Aquatic Warbler and female to male proportion among nestlings of AW (Andrzej Dyrzcz)
 - 11.40 h *Coffee break*
 - AW HABITAT MANAGEMENT:**
 - 12.00 h Flashlight (input from all site managers of the AW LIFE project and other similar sites, facilitated by Lars Lachmann):
 - Habitat management methods used to date at the project sites (for each site: specific habitat condition, management aim, mowing method and timing, treatment of biomass, specific advantages and problems, preliminary results) – to be charted in a specific reference matrix
 - 13.00 h Discussion:
 - Which methods used can be improved?
 - What are the options for the treatment of biomass?

- 14-15.00 h *Lunch break*
- 15.00 h **OTHER AW BREEDING SITES IN POLAND AND GERMANY:**
Presentation of the conservation situation of the Aquatic Warbler in other breeding areas of Poland and Germany (conservation status, monitoring and conservation activities, achievements and challenges):
- 15.00 h - Poleski PN (Katarzyna Pikunas)
- 15.25 h - Chelm Marshes (Grzegorz Grzywaszewski)
- 15.50 h - UjscieWarty PN (Franziska Tanneberger)
- 16.15 h - NLP Unteres Odertal/Germany (Jochen Haferland/Franziska Tanneberger)
- 16.40 h Discussion:
- possible cooperation and support between the LIFE Project sites and the sites outside the project (plenary)
- 17.00 h *Coffee break*
- 17.30 h **OUTLOOK:**
Short presentations (Lars Lachmann):
- procedures and planned timetable for the preparation of AW management plans within the AW LIFE Project
- feasibility studies for the alternative use of biomass
- burning vegetation as an alternative management method, activities planned in the project
- 18.00 h End

The working languages of the workshop will be English and Polish. Translation will be provided.

OTOP will cover the costs for accommodation and subsistence for all invited guests, as will reimburse travel costs upon the presentation of tickets and receipts (for public transport) or evidence of the distance travelled in a private car. Please endeavour to keep costs low by sharing cars with other participants.