



2nd AW LIFE Best Practice WS, 24-26 October 2007

Detailed Programme

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Aim of the workshop:

The workshop is part of a series of 4 annual Best Practice Workshops during the implementation of the Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project. The aim is to share the latest experiences relating to the protection of Aquatic Warblers and Aquatic Warbler breeding sites between all site managers and project staff. The workshop also provides a forum to discuss possible solutions for outstanding problems, and to share experience with conservationists working in similar sites and projects.

Proceedings of the workshop will be published after the workshop on the project website www.wodniczka.pl.

Additionally, the workshop serves as a meeting of the BirdLife International Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team (AWCT).

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Invitees:

- AW LIFE Site Managers and assistants
- Other AW LIFE Project staff
- Management Planning experts contracted to develop plans for project sites
- Technical Task Force members
- Project Steering Group Members
- Representatives of other sites and project with similar conservation tasks
- Members of the BirdLife International Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team
- Monitoring contractors
- Other relevant experts

PROGRAMME:

22nd October, Monday:

During evening	Arrival of participants for the Project Steering Group Meeting to Zajazd "DROB"
Dinner	Independently at Zajazd "DROB"

23rd October, Tuesday:

08.30	Breakfast
10.00-17.00 incl. lunch and coffee breaks	Project Steering Group Meeting (only for Steering Group Members and invited guests)
19.30	Dinner in the hotel
During evening	Arrival of participants for the Best Practice Workshop to Zajazd "DROB"

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24th October, Wednesday:

08.00	Breakfast
09.30–13.00 with coffee breaks	<p>Best Practice Workshop, Day 1</p> <p>Focus of the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aquatic Warbler monitoring within the project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Results of 2006 o Preliminary results of 2007 o Problems and improvements of the scheme - News about Aquatic Warblers outside our project sites - Aquatic Warbler research news <p>Facilitation: Lars Lachmann (AW LIFE Project Manager)</p> <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Janusz Kloskowski (AW LIFE Chief Technical Advisor), presentation, 10 min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o AW monitoring in Poland – general overview - Janusz Kloskowski (AW LIFE Chief Technical Advisor), presentation, 10 min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Report on the results of the monitoring of AW habitats in 2006 - Monitoring 2007: short feedback from site managers, (30 min): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What has been done in 2007, what was not achieved? - What worked well in 2007, which problems were encountered and need to be addressed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussion, 20 min - Hydrological monitoring scheme: Short review of progress, (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Setup and implementation of the hydrological monitoring scheme in 2007: input from site managers

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion- Franziska Tanneberger (AW LIFE Technical Advisor), presentation, 10 min<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AW numbers in Pomerania, and the AW Pomerania database○ Discussion, 10 min- Grzegorz Grzywaczewski (contractor), presentation, 10-15 min<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2007 AW monitoring in the Biebrza NP, results of full count vs. sample count○ Discussion- Viktor Fenchuk (Int. AW Conservation Officer and APB CEO), presentation, 10 min<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2007 AW monitoring in Belarus, results of full count vs. sample count- Janusz Kloskowski (AW LIFE Chief Technical Advisor), and Francois Griffault (AW LIFE research intern), presentation, 20 min<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AW Best Habitat Sampling in Eastern Poland, methodology and expected results○ Discussion- Janusz and Franziska (AW LIFE Technical Advisors), 15 min<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Monitoring the effect of management actions beyond the fixed transects<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Explaining the issue and presenting a simple standard monitoring form○ Discussion, 15 min- Andrzej Różycki (Poleski NP), presentation, 10-15 min<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ AW in Poleski National Park - population estimates, trends, results of scientific research, conservation measures- Pawel Kaczorowski (Ujscie Warty PN), presentation, 10-15 min
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AW in Ujscie Warty National Park - population estimates, trends, results of scientific research, conservation measures - Grzegorz Grzywaczewski (Lublin Ornithological Society), presentation, 10-15 min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AW in Chelm Landscape Park - population estimates, trends, results of scientific research, conservation measures - Anatoly Poluda (USPB), presentation, 10-15 min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AW in Ukraine - population estimates, trends, conservation measures and threats - Zydrunas Preiksas, presentation, 10-15 min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AW in Lithuania- population estimates, trends, conservation measures and threats - Franziska Tanneberger on behalf of Prof. Tomasz Osiejuk (Poznan university), presentation, 10 min <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional and individual differences in the vocalisation of Aquatic Warblers, intermediate research report
13.00-14.00	Lunch at the hotel
14.00-16.30	Field visit to AW breeding sites in the Poleski NP
16.30-19.00	Continuation of the day's workshop programme
19.30	Dinner at the hotel

25th October, Thursday:

08.00	Breakfast
09.30–13.00 with coffee breaks	Best Practice Workshop, Day 2 Focus of the day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AW Habitat Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendations from the Technical Task Force, incl. discussion ○ Report on experiences from project sites and other sites, incl. discussion

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- Introduction of grazing
- Mowing dates
- Treatment of biomass after mowing
- Overall and local biomass feasibility studies
- Hydrological works

Facilitation: Lars Lachmann (AW LIFE Project Manager)

Agenda:

Reports on the implementation of conservation measures at each project sites: actions implemented, planned, experiences, difficulties, open questions for discussion (10 each + 5 min discussion)

- Franziska Tanneberger on Peene Valley
- Pawel Jablonski on Karsiborska Kepa and Zajecze Legi
- Dariusz Gonczarow on Wolin National Park
- Marek Dylawerski on Rozwarowo Marshes
- Grzegorz Kiljan on Krajnik
- Marek Kalisinski on Miedwie
- Piotr Marczakiewicz on Biebrza NP.
- Lukasz Meina on Biebrza NP Buffer Zone

- Geoff Welch (member of the AW LIFE Technical Task Force), presentation, 15 min, plus discussion
 - Findings of the Technical Task Force during their site visits in 2007 (identification of the key issues working well and needing to be addressed)

- Lars Lachmann (AW LIFE Project Manager), summary, 10 min
 - Summary of the issues that need discussion

Discussion of key habitat management questions (each introduced by a speaker and then followed by plenary discussion):

- Introduction of grazing (30 min, introduced by Pawel Jablonski, AW LIFE site manager Karsiborska Kepa and Zajecze Legi)
 - which cattle races

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ best structure of the herd ○ where to buy cattle ○ what demands should be taken into consideration when buying, transporting and keeping (legal acts, veterinary regulations), ○ legal acts referring to keeping animals in winter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - optimal mowing dates under varying circumstances (30 min, introduced by Franziska Tanneberger for Pommerania, AW LIFE Technical Advisor) , and Piotr Marczakiewicz (AW LIFE site manager Biebrza National Park) for Eastern Poland - Treatment of biomass after mowing, options, constraints and feasibility (30 min, introduced by Franziska (presenting preliminary results of a German study, 5-10 min), and Lars (summary of short term and long-term sustainable solutions, open questions) - Overall and local biomass feasibility studies, discussion of scope and terms of reference (30 min, introduced by Lars Lachmann, AW LIFE Project Manager) - Polish Agri-environmental schemes and their suitability for AW conservation (45 min, introduced by Jarek Krogulec, OTOP Conservation Director)
13.00-14.00	Lunch at the hotel
14.30-18.00	Continuation of the day's workshop programme
19.00	Dinner at the hotel
Evening	Possibility of departure for participants not concerned by the topics of day 3

26th October, Friday:

08.00 Breakfast
 09.30–13.00 Best Practice Workshop, Day 3

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with coffee Focus of the day:
break

- **AW LIFE Project Management issues**

- Progress with the Management Plans
- Land purchase and land swap
- Organisation of monitoring in 2008
 - collection of difficulties encountered in bird, vegetation, invertebrate and hydrological monitoring in 2007
 - discussion of possible solutions to these problems
 - monitoring on Ostrówek and Wola Kępa islands in the Swina River delta - a need for improving bird monitoring
 - Wolin NP
- explanation of the role of 'consultant to prepare feasibility study for biomass use' (A8) - who will be hired for this position and when will he start working,
- explanation of the role of 'consultant to study effectiveness of summer reedbed mowing' (A10) - who will be hired for this position and when will he start working;
- Hydrological infrastructure - building, using and maintaining the infrastructure:
 - who can help us prepare technical documentation (operat wodno-prawny and other),
- Any other business

13.00-14.00 Lunch at the hotel
End of the workshop and departure of participants

The working languages of the workshop will be English and Polish. Simultaneous translation between English and Polish will be provided on day 1 and 2 of the Best Practice Workshop.

OTOP will cover the costs for accommodation and subsistence for all invited guests, and will reimburse travel costs upon the presentation of tickets and receipts (for public transport) or evidence of the distance travelled in a private car at a rate of 0.4 PLN/km. Please endeavour to keep costs low by sharing cars with other participants.

*Please confirm your participation and your arrival and departure dates and times via e-mail or phone to Pawel.Szalanski@otop.org.pl (tel. +48-22 761 82 05) until **at the latest Monday, 15***

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October 2007, as we cannot guarantee a place in the workshop or at the hotel, if we receive confirmation later.

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