



Ogólnopolskie
Towarzystwo Ochrony Ptaków
BirdLife Polska

Polish Society for the Protection of Birds (BirdLife Poland)

– changing the world together

Puck, 23 September 2025

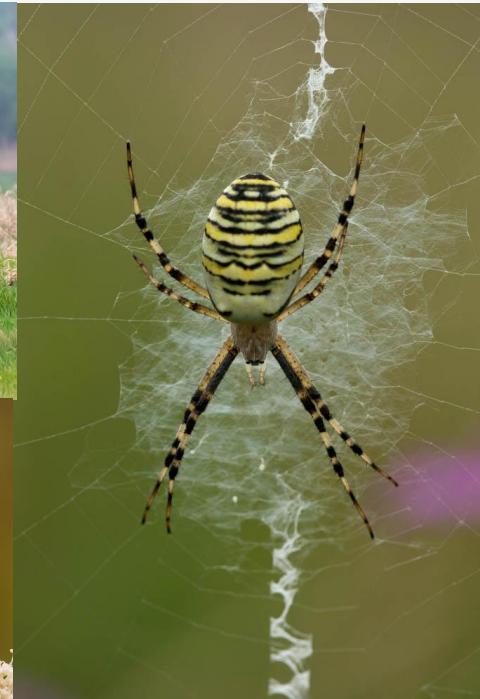


- OTOP BirdLife Poland is one of the biggest and oldest NGOs in Poland working on nature protection. We were established in 1992.
- Currently we employ **more then 50 people** in whole Poland (professional passionates ;))
- We are Assosiation based on Membership - currently we have **2500 members**.
- OTOP coordinates National Birds Monitoring, with involvement of year more then **600 volunteers**.

Our motto is:

By protecting birds, we protect much more.

Our mission is to protect birds and their habits, counteract climate and biodiversity crises as well as to engage society for common actions for the nature protection.



From our strategy: Compass 2022–2027: Biodiversity and climate crisis – time for joint action!

No individual or organisation can win the fight for nature alone. That is why it is so important to involve as many people as possible in joint actions. Working in coalitions, connecting people, getting more members is crucial for us.



Conservation projects and programmes

OTOP manages six nature reserves:

the state - Beka Reserve, located by the Bay of Puck in the Pomeranian Voivodeship;

the private reserve Karsiborska Kępa in the West Pomeranian Voivodeship;

the private nature reserves: Mścichy, Ławki-Szorce and Laskowiec-Zajki in the buffer zone of the Biebrza National Park.

Conservation projects and programmes

Beka Reserve, located by the Bay of Puck in the Pomeranian Voivodeship;



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Karsiborska Kępa in the West Pomeranian Voivodeship;



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Biebrza National Park buffer zone - three own nature reserves there:
Zajki, Mścichy and Szorce



Conservation projects and programmes

Aquatic warbler conservation



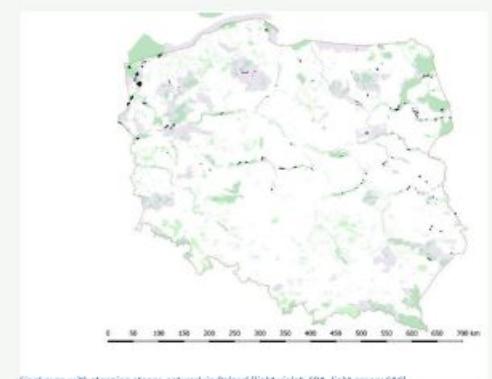
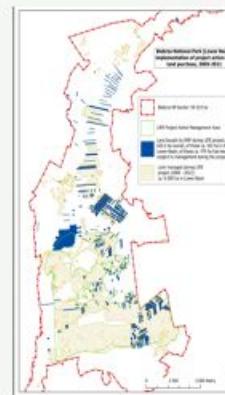
Conserving *Acrocephalus paludicola* in Poland and Germany

Facilitating Aquatic Warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*) habitat management through sustainable systems of biomass use

AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

collected by  British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) in partnership with  otop in partnership with  The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) in partnership with  WWF Poland,  FZJ Forschungszentrum Jülich,  IBS Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research in partnership with  BfN Federal Institute for Nature Conservation,  BfN Federal Institute for Forest, Nature and Landscape,  BfN Federal Institute for Forest, Nature and Landscape,  BfN Federal Institute for Forest, Nature and Landscape,  BfN Federal Institute for Forest, Nature and Landscape.

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Międzyodrze (SPA: Lower Oder Valley PLB320003)

Project activities:

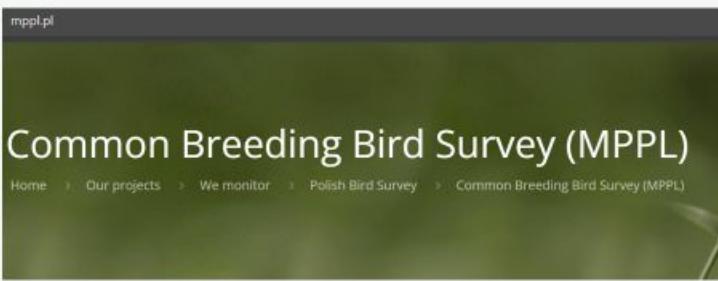
1. Scrub removal
2. Mowing

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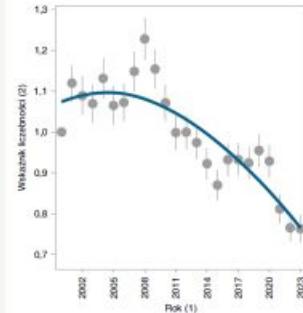
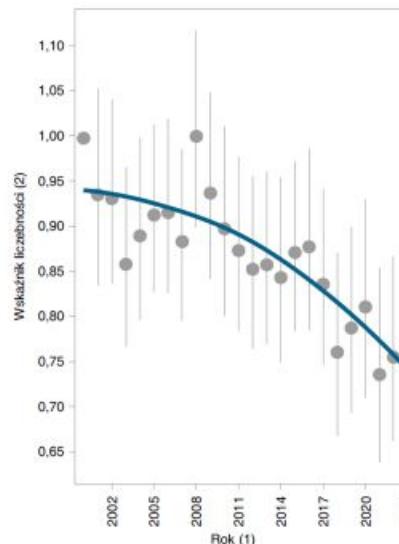
Conservation projects and programmes

Monitoring of birds in Poland

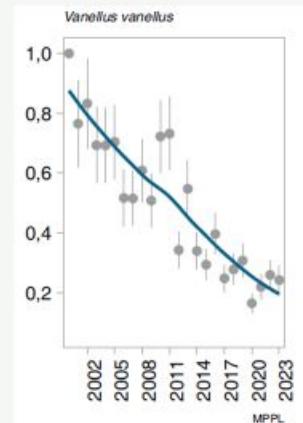
What is the Common Breeding Bird Survey (MPPL)?

The Common Breeding Bird Survey (MPPL) is a long-term survey whose aim is to obtain annual indices of the numbers of the most common 80-100 bird species in Poland. The MPPL is part of the State Environmental Monitoring, which is coordinated by the Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection. Birds are a very good indicator of environmental quality and changes of their numbers provide information on the condition of the whole natural environment in which we live. Tracking these changes also allows effective protection of decreasing or endangered species.

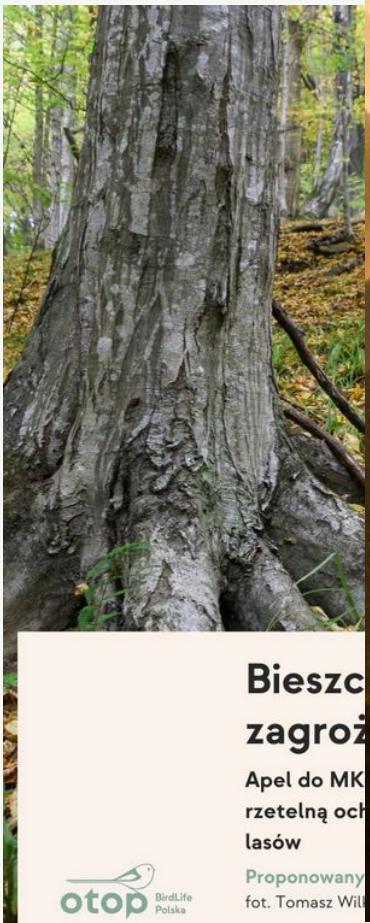
Ryc. II.2. Zmiany wskaźnika liczebności skowronka w latach 2000–2023. Niebieska linia zaznaczono trend dopasowany za pomocą funkcji loess

Fig. II.2. Changes in abundance index of the Skylark, 2000–2023. Blue line is fitted using loess algorithm. (1) year; (2) abundance index



Systemic change and advocacy





Bieszczady zagrożone

Apel do MK
rzetelną ochronę
lasów

Propozycja
fot. Tomasz Wilk



NIE dla Wielkiej Bieszczady



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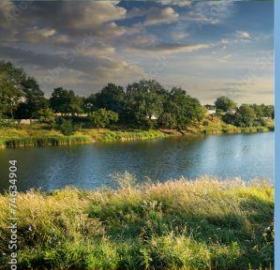
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Agriculture for Nature

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OTOP as active farmer:

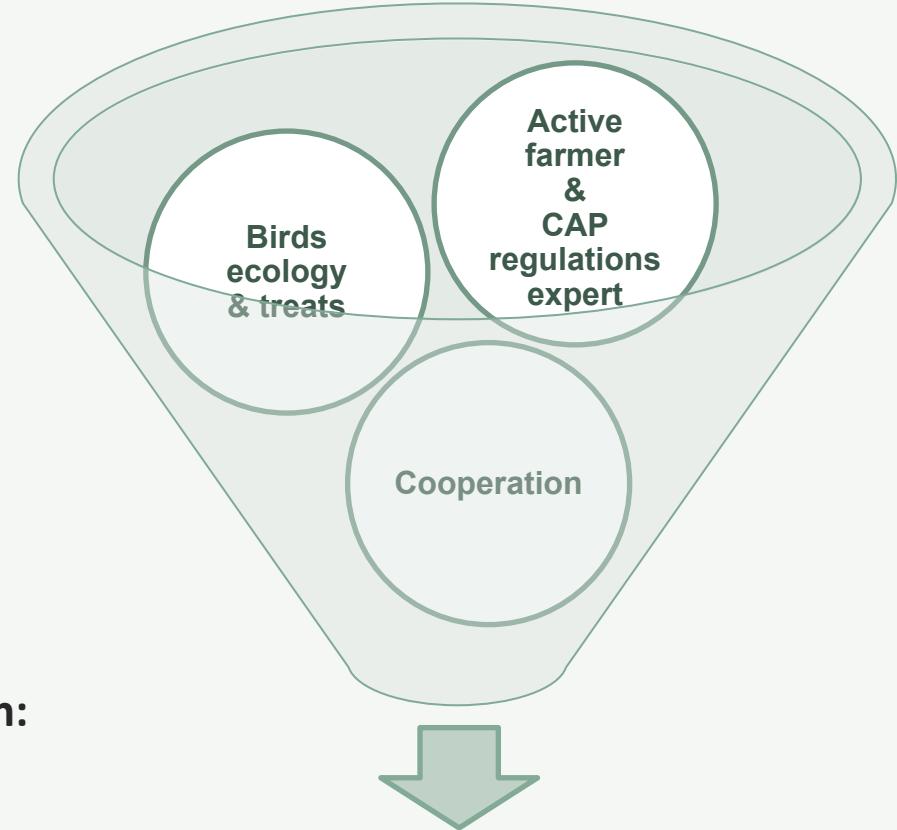
- nature reserves management
- AEC schemes implementation

CAP regulations expert

- water and biodiversity, AEC schemes

National and international cooperation:

- BLI ATF and international projects
- national coalitions
(Agriculture for Nature,
Living Earth, ad hoc 'coalitions')



Advocacy for progressive agricultural policy

Priorities in agri advocacy



Wetlands in agricultural landscape

- **Aquatic Warbler** and **wet grasslands waders**
(priority species in the OTOP Strategy 2022–2027)
- landscape **water retention** (wet grasslands, wetland buffer zones, GAEC 2 and peatlands rewetting)

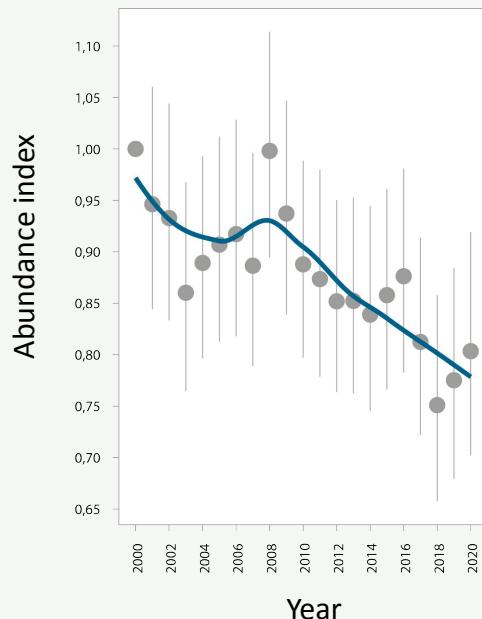
Biodiversity in general

- GAEC 9, GAEC 8, landscape features

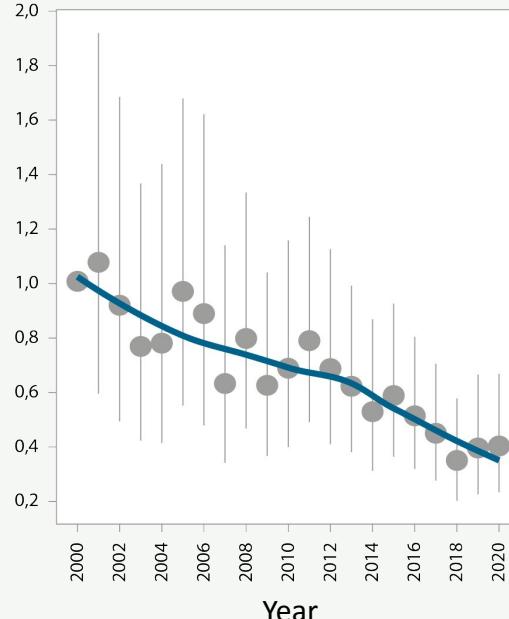
Nature Restoration Regulation

Loss of biodiversity in Polish farmland

Farmland Bird Index
(22 species)



Population trend
of wet grasslands waders (6 species)



Source (in Polish): Wardecki Ł. et al. 2021.
Monitoring Ptaków
Polski w latach 2018–2021.
Biuletyn Monitoringu Przyrody 22 :1–80.
<https://tiny.pl/wfc73>



Agriculture for Nature Coalition



KOALICJA
ROLNICTWO
DLA PRZYRODY

Projects

**Further reducing nitrate pollution in the Baltic Sea by implementing
Nature-Based Solutions**

BLI Europe&Central Asia – OTOP – BEF (Lithuania)



**Nature-based solutions in open wetlands restoration for
biodiversity, water quality improvement and climate mitigation**

OTOP – UNCG (Ukraine) – Snowchange Cooperative (Finland)



**Increasing capacities of stakeholders for agriculturally used
peatland restoration in the crossborder region of Lithuania and
Poland (SavePeatLands)**

Foundation for Peatland Restoration and Conservation (Lithuania) – OTOP



Współfinansowany przez
UNIĘ EUROPEJSKĄ

Litwa – Polska

Projects

Multi-stakeholder Landscape and Technical Innovation leading to Peatland Ecosystem Restoration (LIFE MultiPeat)

NABU (Germany) – OTOP, Naturalists' Club (Poland) – Natuurpunt (Belgium) – National University of Ireland – Natuurmonumenten (Netherlands) – Eurosita

multipeat.org



April 7, 2025

**Partners of the Life
Multi Peat project in
advocating the CAP's
GAEC 2 standard**

Results (in English)



Hands-on Manual on re-wetting

https://otop.org.pl/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Manual-on-petlands-rewetting_final.pdf

Peatland Restoration Atlas

<https://www.peatlandrestorationatlas.org/en>

Increasing capacities of stakeholders for agriculturally used peatland restoration in the crossborder region of Lithuania and Poland (SavePeatLands)

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZYK53NMaHU>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LT4dl6giRb0>



Chroniąc ptaki,
chronimy
znacznie więcej.

Thank you for your attention

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