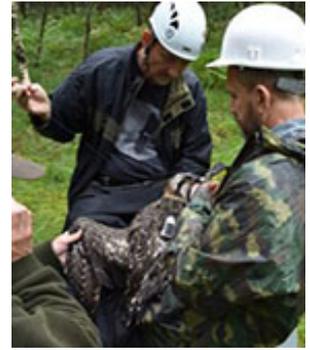




LIFEPandionPL - Osprey conservation in selected SPA Natura 2000 sites in Poland

LIFE15 NAT/PL/000819



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Project description:

Background

The osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) is a protected raptor whose numbers are declining both in the EU and globally. It is listed in Annex I of the EU Birds Directive and in Annex II of both the Bonn Convention and the Washington Convention. In 2014, an “Action plan for Ospreys in Europe and the Mediterranean region” was drafted under the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats. In Poland, the osprey population was 28-39 breeding pairs for 2008-2012, as reported under Article 12 of the EU Birds Directive. However, the short-term population trend is decreasing, with a decline of 20-40 breeding pairs reported for the period 2000-2012. Preserving a stable population in Poland would require implementation of emergency actions reaching far beyond simple reactive protection.

Objectives

The main aims of the LIFEPandionPL project are to stop the decline of the osprey population in Poland, and to implement actions supporting an increase in its numbers. The project will focus on activities carried out in forests, where the osprey most commonly nests, as well as on lakes and ponds – its main feeding areas.

Specific project objectives are as follows:

- To identify osprey breeding and feeding sites within the Natura 2000 network, identify threats to the species at those sites and identify factors limiting population growth;
- To ensure the species is protected at all known sites, by creating a network of nest and site wardens;
- To monitor 15 ospreys by satellite for three years; and
- To create favourable conditions for an expansion of the breeding population by installing artificial nests in suitable locations.

Expected results: The project expects a 20% increase in the osprey population compared with 2014, achieved through the following actions:

- Installation of artificial osprey nests: 232 nests in trees and 50 nests on electricity pylons fitted with safety measures to prevent bird electrocution;
- Creation of a network of nest and site wardens;
- Mapping of the migration routes of Poland's ospreys;
- Detailed monitoring of lakes and ponds to determine fish stocks necessary for the osprey population;
- Six awareness-raising workshops for Poland's fishing community. Outcomes from the workshops will be incorporated into guidelines for a sustainable fishing economy in regions inhabited by ospreys;
- 1 500 schoolchildren reached through educational activities, including three competitions during World Osprey Week;
- Two international conferences and three expert workshops held to increase knowledge of best practice in osprey conservation; and
- Guidelines produced for the protection of the osprey in Poland and in Central Europe. These should enhance cooperation between institutions in order to detect or prevent wildlife crimes, particularly poaching and theft of eggs.

Results

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Environmental issues addressed:

Themes

Species - Birds

Keywords

endangered species, migratory species, monitoring, environmental awareness, monitoring system

Target EU Legislation

- Nature protection and Biodiversity
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (03.03.19 ...
- Bonn Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals - CMS (01/11/1983)
- Directive 2009/147 - Conservation of wild birds - Birds Directive (codified version of Directive ...

Target species

Pandion haliaetus

Natura 2000 sites

SPA	PLB080001	Puszcza Barlinecka
SPA	PLB220003	Pobrzeże Słowińskie
SPA	PLB280006	Puszcza Borecka
SPA	PLB280007	Puszcza Napiwodzko-Ramucka
SPA	PLB280008	Puszcza Piska
SPA	PLB320003	Dolina Dolnej Odry
SPA	PLB080005	Jeziora Pszczewskie i Dolina Obry
SPA	PLB300012	Puszcza nad Gwdą
SPA	PLB300015	Puszcza Notecka
SPA	PLB320014	Ostoja Wkrzańska
SPA	PLB320015	Ostoja Witnicko-Dębniańska
SPA	PLB320016	Lasy Puszczy nad Drawą
SPA	PLB320017	Ostoja Cedyńska

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Beneficiaries:

Coordinator	Dyrekcja Generalna Lasw Pastwowych
Type of organisation	National authority
Description	Dyrekcja Generalna Lasów Państwowych is the Directorate-General of State Forests within the Polish government. It is responsible for publicly-owned forests in Poland and aims to manage those forests according to the principles of conservation, sustainability, continuity and the balanced use of all their functions, while expanding resources.
Partners	Komitet Ochrony Orłów, Poland

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