



Final conference of the EU LIFE Project “Conserving Aquatic Warblers in Poland and Germany”

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**LIFE Project Steering Group Meeting
BirdLife Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team Meeting
2nd Meeting of Signatory States of the CMS Aquatic Warbler MoU**

10-15 May 2010

Programme

Aim of the conference:

This is the final conference of the EU LIFE Project “Conserving Aquatic Warblers in Poland and Germany” (LIFE05 NAT/PL/010001). The aim is to present and discuss the results and experiences relating to the protection of Aquatic Warblers and Aquatic Warbler breeding sites gathered during the project to all site managers, project staff and stakeholders involved and additionally to a wider forum of invited national and international experts and stakeholders. Additionally, experience relevant to the protection of Aquatic Warblers from outside the LIFE Project will be presented.

Instead of proceedings, after the workshop we will published an “Aquatic Warbler Conservation Handbook” building on material presented during the conference and additional contributions.

The conference will be preceded by a Steering Group Meeting of the LIFE Project and by a working meeting of the BirdLife International Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team. It will be followed by the 2nd Meeting of Signatory States of the CMS Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Aquatic Warbler, that was

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originally signed in Minsk/Belarus in April 2003 and doubles up as scientific expert meeting for this Memorandum.

Programme overview:

- 10 May: morning: LIFE Project Steering Group Meeting
afternoon: working meeting of the BirdLife Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team
- 11-12 May: LIFE conference days – presentations and discussion
- 13 May: Excursion day – visit to key Aquatic Warbler breeding and LIFE Project sites in the Biebrza Valley
- 14 May: 2nd Meeting of Signatory States of the CMS Aquatic Warbler MoU
- 15 May: morning: CMS MoU meeting

Venue: Biebrza National Park, Headquarters

Osowiec-Twierdza 8
19-110 Goniądz
Poland

Accommodation: Hotel Bartlowizna, Goniądz

Ul. Nadbiebrzańska 32
19-110 Goniądz
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Transport between accommodation and venue (c. 5 km apart) will be provided.

Conference telephone:

During the conference days, a conference telephone will be operated under the number +48-500 061 395. Please contact this number in case of any queries related to the conference.

DETAILED PROGRAMME:

9 May 2010, Sunday:

Evening	Arrival of participants for LIFE Project Steering Group Meeting and Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team (AWCT) meeting
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c. 20-21.00	Dinner in the hotel
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10 May 2010, Monday:

8.00	breakfast
9.00 – 13.00 incl. coffee break	Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project Steering Group Meeting Facilitation: AW LIFE Project Coordinator, Lars Lachmann
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 18.00 incl. coffee break	Working Meeting of the Aquatic Warbler Conservation Team (AWCT) Facilitation: AWCT coordinator, Dr Martin Flade
19.30	Dinner at the hotel

11 May 2010, Tuesday:

8.00	breakfast
09.00 – 13.00 incl. coffee break	Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project Final Conference Facilitation: Lars Lachmann (AW LIFE Project Manager) Session 1: Introductions: The Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project, Aquatic Warbler distribution and numbers 9.00: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conference opening (Lars Lachmann) - Welcome notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Wojciech Dudziuk, Director of the Biebrza National Park o Michal Kielsznia, General Director for Environment Protection, Poland o Izabela Flor, Executive Director, OTOPI-BirdLife Poland o Norbert Schäffer, Head of European Dpt., RSPB-BirdLife UK 9.30: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Premiere of the film: “Aquatic Warbler Conservation in Poland and Germany” featuring the Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project, 35 min

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	<p>10.10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lars Lachmann: The Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project - project content and achievements <p>10.40:</p> <p>coffee break, 40 min</p> <p><i>Parallel:</i> meeting with the media</p> <p>11.20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martin Flade: Global population size, distribution, trends and threat status of the Aquatic Warbler - Jochen Bellebaum, Franziska Tanneberger, Janusz Kloskowski: Status of the Pomeranian population - trends, demography and conservation implications - Michał Maniakowski: The Aquatic Warbler in Poland: distribution, numbers and trends - Anatolij Poluda The present distribution and conservation status of Aquatic Warbler in Ukraine
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 18.00 incl. coffee break	<p>Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project Final Conference Facilitation: Lars Lachmann (AW LIFE Project Manager)</p> <p>Session 2: Aquatic Warblers on the move; conservation policy development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oksana Hnatyna, Igor Gorban: The population state of the Aquatic Warbler in the cross-border region of Western Polessie - Martin Flade: Current knowledge on the wintering occurrence of the Aquatic Warbler in West Africa and suggestions for future research - Ibrahima Diop: Djoudj NP, Senegal, the only confirmed wintering site of the Aquatic Warbler - Steffen Oppel: Results of feather stable isotope analysis of Aquatic warblers <p>Coffee break, 20 min (c. 15.40-16.00)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oskars Keiss: Ringing of the Aquatic Warbler in Europe – does the historical ringing data provide estimate for population dynamics?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lars Lachmann: The new International Aquatic Warbler Species Action Plan and results of the 2008 implementation review - Franziska Tanneberger, Jochen Bellebaum, Annett Frick: The Brandenburg Aquatic Warbler NATURA2000 Species Management Plan and results of a remote sensing analysis of potential habitats - Arnaud Le Neve: The new French Aquatic Warbler National Species Action Plan
19.30	Barbecue dinner by the side of the Biebrza river (at Hotel Bartlowizna)

12 May 2010, Wednesday:

8.00	breakfast
09.00 – 13.00 incl. coffee break	<p>Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project Final Conference Facilitation: Lars Lachmann (AW LIFE Project Manager)</p> <p>Session 3: Site management measures: establishing target conditions, developing and testing methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uladzimir Malashevich, Viktor Fenchuk: Aquatic Warbler numbers, distribution and dynamics at suboptimal breeding sites in Belarus - Franziska Tanneberger: Habitat preferences of Pomeranian Aquatic Warblers and targeted management recommendations - Janusz Kloskowski, Franziska Tanneberger, Piotr Marczakiewicz, Agata Nowogrodzka, Ania Wiśniewska: The Aquatic Warbler LIFE project monitoring scheme and a model for optimal Aquatic Warbler habitat in Eastern Poland - Grazyna Winiarska: Interesting results about the invertebrate fauna of Aquatic Warbler sites - Sylwia Szporak: Draft analysis of hydrological conditions in different Aquatic Warbler sites - Jarosław Krogulec, Marek Jobda: The role and effectiveness of the current Polish agri-environment schemes for the conservation of Aquatic Warblers - Piotr Marczakiewicz, Lars Lachmann, Grzegorz Grzywaczewski, Steffen Opiel: Landscape-scale conservation in the Biebrza National Park - conservation challenge and conservation

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13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 18.00 incl. coffee break	<p>Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project Final Conference Facilitation: Lars Lachmann (AW LIFE Project Manager)</p> <p>Session 4: Conservation of Aquatic Warbler sites: Practical experiences and approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Krzysztof Górski: Aquatic Warbler conservation in the buffer zone of the Biebrza National Park - Franziska Tanneberger: Aquatic Warbler habitat restoration in Lower Peene Valley, Germany - Maja Piasecka: Aquatic Warbler conservation at Karsiborska Kępa and Zajęcze Łęgi - Dariusz Gonczarow: Aquatic Warbler conservation in the Swina-Delta of the Wolin National Park - Marek Dylawerski: Aquatic Warbler conservation in the Rozwarowo Peatland - Grzegorz Kiljan: Aquatic Warbler conservation at Krajnik - Lars Lachmann: Utilisation of biomass arisings as a tool to ensure sustainable Aquatic Warbler habitat management beyond the LIFE Project - Uladzimir Malashevich, Viktor Fenchuk: Habitat management and habitat restoration for Aquatic Warblers in Belarus - Jochen Bellebaum, Franziska Tanneberger: Aquatic Warbler conservation in the Lower Odra National Park, Germany - Zydrunas Preiksa, Zymantas Morkvenas: New conservation perspectives for the Aquatic Warblers in Lithuania
19.30	Dinner at the hotel

13 May 2010, Thursday:

8.00	breakfast
09.00–20.00 with long lunch break	<p>Excursion day:</p> <p>Visit to key LIFE Project and Aquatic Warbler breeding sites in the Biebrza Valley (Biebrza National Park and Buffer Zone):</p>

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	<p>During the excursion, there will be the occasion to see Aquatic Warblers using visitors' infrastructure built during the project and to assess the results of the conservation measures implemented during the project.</p> <p>The excursion will take place with two busses. Participants will be distributed to one of the buses according to a list that will be handed out with the conference materials.</p> <p>The busses will leave and arrive at Hotel Bartlowizna in Goniądz.</p> <p>Lunch will be organised at Hotel Dobarz.</p>
21.00	Dinner at the hotel

14 May 2010, Friday:

8.00	breakfast
09.00 – 13.00 incl. coffee break	2nd Meeting of Signatory States of the CMS Aquatic Warbler MoU
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 18.00 incl. coffee break	2nd Meeting of Signatory States of the CMS Aquatic Warbler MoU - continuation
19.30	Banquette hosted by the General Directorate for Environment (GDOS) of the Polish Ministry of Environment (at hotel Bartlowizna in Goniądz)

15 May 2010, Saturday:

8.00	breakfast
09.00 – 11.00	2nd Meeting of Signatory States of the CMS Aquatic Warbler MoU
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Departure of bus to Warsaw airport and main train station, arrival c. 17.00

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Working languages:

The working languages of the LIFE conference will be English and Polish. Simultaneous translation between English and Polish will be provided throughout the LIFE conference.

The working language of the AWCT meeting on Monday, 10 May, is English only. No translation will be provided.

The working language of the CMS MoU meeting is English. Simultaneous translation between English and French will be provided.

Posters:

In addition to the presentations during the conferences, several thematic posters will be presented in the lobby of the venue:

- Marta Prange, Paweł Baranowski, Michał Jankowski, Konrad Wypychowski, Magdalena Bartoszewicz, Paweł Kaczorowski, Robert Kruszyk, Jacek Udolf: Changes in number of Aquatic Warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*) population in Warta Mouth National Park in the years 2002-2009
- Ania Wisniewska: Volunteering in the Aquatic Warbler LIFE Project
- Jakub Glaban: Regional and individual differences in the songs of Aquatic Warblers

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