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### **Editorial: Taking on the Millennium Challenge: BirdLife Partnership meets in Argentina**

Dear reader,



BirdLife International had its Global Conference and Partnership Meeting on 22-27 September 2008 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The meeting is normally held every four years, and this was the largest one ever with more than 450 people from 100 countries. The BirdLife Partnership met to agree BirdLife's strategy to 2015, its programme for 2009-2012 and to discuss the most recent progress in BirdLife's work globally and exchange ideas and best practice.

As always it was incredibly inspiring to meet with people from other continents that share an enthusiasm, passion and dedication for the conservation of nature and birds and to hear their stories and realise the similarities in the issues and problems everyone faces whether they are sitting in Europe, Asia, the Pacific or the Americas.

The meeting was graced by the presence of BirdLife's Honorary President Princess Takamado of Japan and well known Canadian authors Margaret Atwood and Graeme Gibson, Honorary Presidents of BirdLife's Rare Bird Club. Aves Argentinas/BirdLife Argentina hosted the meeting and did a really fantastic organisational job for which they deserve many congratulations.

BirdLife's strategy to 2015 has a renewed focus on threatened and common species, Important Bird Areas, important habitats, capacity building and partnership development, but more importantly a new focus on Climate Change, conservation of the marine environment and seabirds in particular and finally the Flyways campaign. All these three new aspects will be developed through the Partnership programme over the next four years.

A lasting memory of the meeting for me was a message repeated both by HIH Princess Takamado and Margaret Atwood, about the link between conservation of nature and human wellbeing. In Japan, there is even a special term called '*forest bathing*' and is linked to evidence that shows positive effects on health and wellbeing from contact with nature. Let's hope that decision makers around the world will listen more to such messages in the years to come because loss of biodiversity and nature, eventually can and will have multiple catastrophic effects for humans too.

Best regards

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Regional Director  
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## The European Parliament hits the breaks on biofuels

On September 11, the European Parliament's Industry Committee held a crucial vote on the Renewable Energy Directive. The result signals a very welcome break to the uncritical drive for higher biofuels consumption that has characterised European decision making until now. The Parliament fell short of ditching the proposed 10% biofuels target, but in a decision applauded by BirdLife International, has adopted some fundamental safeguards. Among the most relevant is splitting the target by requiring 4 of the mentioned 10% to come from less problematic renewable sources such as electric cars, second generation biofuels or feedstocks grown on "degraded land". The target would also be subjected to a comprehensive review in 2015 (by when only 5% biofuels will be required to be on the market). This review will include an assessment of impacts on biodiversity, food and social aspects. Furthermore the minimum efficiency required from biofuels in terms of emission savings has been raised from the 35% proposed by the European Commission to 60% as demanded by BirdLife International and other NGOs. The Parliament text would also exclude biofuels whose production has led to the destruction of biodiversity rich habitats and include much more extensive environmental and social safeguards. A final fundamental improvement is the insertion of a mechanism to take into account emissions from indirect land use change, e.g. emissions from deforestation caused when new biofuels plantations displace cattle production into forest areas.

The Directive will now be subjected to a tri-lateral negotiation between the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council of the EU. BirdLife International will continue to put pressure for abandoning the biofuels target and for adopting stringent but workable sustainability standards for all bioenergy applications (including biofuels).

If you want more information visit [http://www.birdlife.org/eu/Biofuels\\_pages/eu\\_biofuels1a.html](http://www.birdlife.org/eu/Biofuels_pages/eu_biofuels1a.html)

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## Protecting Important Bird Areas in the new EU Member States: where are we?

Since the accession of 12 new Member States into the EU, BirdLife's Important Bird Areas (IBAs) have received different level of protection in those countries. What is the situation today and are these valuable nature areas adequately protected?

Starting with some good news, this month the Maltese Government has designated 100% of the IBAs as SPAs (Special Protection Areas) and thereby made them part of the Natura 2000 network.

Unfortunately however, the overall picture is not so happy. While, overall, many new Member States have acted quite quickly in implementing the EU Birds Directive and designating protection sites under Natura 2000, the picture is not so bright yet. Out of the "EU-12" there are still persisting problems in 10 of these countries. The most striking examples are Poland and Romania with their incredibly important natural heritage which is in many places at risk from destruction and deterioration. Both governments have been reluctant in the past to designate sufficient sites under the Birds Directive, which is why the European Commission took Poland to the European Court of Justice already in December 2007, and Romania received a final warning letter from the Commission in September 2008.

There are some recent signs of hope however, that Poland will now designate all necessary sites.

Also other countries from this group still have homework to do: Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia for example have still designated less than 80% of their IBAs as Natura 2000 sites.

While Bulgaria has designated most of its Important Bird Areas, there are serious concerns about the lack of protection the country affords to these sites. Here, and in other countries, BirdLife and its Partners will work hard to ensure that nature is not only protected on paper.

The IBAs have been recognised by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) in several of its rulings as a relevant source of information for the designation of Special Protection Areas (SPAs) under the EU Birds Directive and as part of the Natura 2000 network. Therefore BirdLife asks governments to designate and properly protect all IBAs under Natura 2000, and if necessary will complain to the European Commission about lack of progress.

For more information please visit:

Important Bird Areas

<http://www.birdlife.org/action/science/sites/index.html>

Malta protects Important Bird Areas under Natura 2000

[http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2008/10/malta\\_designation.html](http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2008/10/malta_designation.html)

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## CAP post 2013 - last call for sustainability?



On 23 September, the EU Agriculture ministers met in Annecy (France) for an "informal Council" dedicated to the future of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) after 2013. BirdLife International, the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) and the Pesticide Action Network (PAN) warned Ministers against calls for a narrow focus on a short term production boost. This could lead to an increased use of pesticides and fertilisers and to ploughing previously uncultivated grasslands, regardless of the environmental and social price. In a joint open letter and policy document, the organisations put forward the need for Europe to pursue a new model of agriculture that emits less greenhouse gases, consumes less natural resources and is less harmful for citizens' and ecosystems' health. They pointed out that if the EU's

Common Agricultural policy is to be credible and legitimate, it should use tax-payers' money only to reward the delivery of public goods and services, in the interest of society as a whole. A key argument of the joint document is that at a time when climate change creates great pressures on biodiversity, watercourses and farming itself, and potentially raises issues of global food security, the best the EU can do to secure its own food supply and environmental stability, as well as the world's, is to heavily invest in the conservation of the environmental services that are essential for productive farming. The essential steps in this direction would be a true reform of the CAP, the approval of robust soil and pesticide legislation and the full implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive, while of course fully respecting EU Nature legislation.

You can find more information and download the documents at [http://www.birdlife.org/action/campaigns/farming\\_for\\_life/index.html](http://www.birdlife.org/action/campaigns/farming_for_life/index.html)

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## In Belgium the Nature is for everyone



The integration of a social dimension in conservation work has always been a priority for Natagora/BirdLife Belgium, sensitive to promote values such as tolerance and equality.

That's why, with the help of volunteers and educators, in 2004 they have started the "Nature for everyone" project. The project aims at people with financial, social or physical disabilities, who usually do not have the possibility to participate to outdoors activities and feel part of the community.

The project "Nature for everyone" provides special outdoor wheelchairs for disabled people and a support of trained staff at the major awareness events organised by Natagora/BirdLife Belgium. Several other activities, such as training of volunteers and professionals and guided walks, are organised on a regular basis. In the reserves and parks special trails have been designed by Natagora/BirdLife Belgium to improve the accessibility for disabled people.

As Eric Dubois, Coordinator of the project, stated: "It took some time to change people's minds, but now we have many requests for guided walks and other nature activities with disabled people. This project is now considered as very delicate by the public and its peculiarity made its success".

Anyone who would like to learn how to work with these less fortunate people can follow courses offered by Natagora/BirdLife Belgium during which they will also be provided with pedagogical tools.

For more information, please visit the website at

[http://www.natagora.be/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=295&Itemid=107](http://www.natagora.be/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=295&Itemid=107)

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## Via Baltica road through the Rospuda Valley declared illegal



After more than five years of campaigning, on 16 September 2008, the Highest Polish Administrative Court (NSA) declared the section of the "Via Baltica" expressroad which was crossing a protected Natura 2000 site next to the city of Augustow, illegal.

The judgment of the court comes as the result of a joint appeal by the Polish Society for the Protection of Birds (OTOP/BirdLife Poland), other Polish environmental NGOs, the Polish Ombudsman and the regional prosecutor against the environmental consent for Augustow Bypass. The bypass was planned through the unique mires of the "Augustow Primeval Forest" in a Natura 2000 site, without a proper environmental assessment or a consideration of alternative routes as required by the EU Habitats Directive.

According to Małgorzata Górska from OTOP/BirdLife Poland the Polish Road Agency will have to restart the road planning procedure and comply with the requirements of the Habitats Directive.

A new environmental assessment examining three different possible routes – two around rather than through the Rospuda Valley – has already started in mid 2008 and the results are expected at the end of November 2008. BirdLife hopes that the third option route through the Rospuda Valley will be finally and definitely rejected for environmental reasons.

The Via Baltica case has been also investigated by the European Commission, which referred the case to the European Court of Justice. The Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats and the European Parliament have also expressed the opinion that the nature protection legislation has to be properly applied while planning the Via Baltica Transport Corridor.

For more information contact Małgorzata Górska at [malgorzata.gorska@otop.org.pl](mailto:malgorzata.gorska@otop.org.pl)

Visit the "Via Baltica" campaign website: [http://www.otop.org.pl/kat\\_41\\_378\\_379\\_717/ENGLISH.html](http://www.otop.org.pl/kat_41_378_379_717/ENGLISH.html)

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## EuroBirdwatch 2008: another great success!



On 4-5 October, 50.000 adults and children from over 30 European countries participated EuroBirdwatch 2008, BirdLife's annual invitation to observe the fascinating autumn migration, as birds move south across Europe for the winter.

Many BirdLife Partners across Europe were involved, between them organized 2.700 different events, and once again birds didn't disappoint: attendees counted 2.3 million of them some passing overhead –already on the move-, while others resting and feeding after already having undertaken a journey.

EuroBirdwatch - BirdLife's annual birdwatching event in Europe - aims to raise awareness of issues relating to bird migration, and promotes efforts needed to save threatened bird species and their habitats. For many BirdLife Partners

the event provides an opportunity to reach new audiences and to attract potential supporters.

This year, BirdLife Partners organized various events to encourage people of all ages to go out, observe, explore and enjoy birds. At various observation posts at each event people counted birds and then the collated records for each event and country were referred to a European Centre, coordinated by SOS/BirdLife Slovakia.

This year's ornithological highlights included the first observation of the Alpine Swift *Apus melba* in Estonia.

Over the past 20 years, the Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* has always been the number one in the list of observations in the Netherlands, but not this year, when there has been a massive movement of Chaffinches *Fringilla coelebs*, probably from Sweden. In Lithuania, a boat trip was organized for the first time in the Nemunas delta, in order to allow the public to better observe the migrating birds. The most frequently observed species across Europe were Starling, Coot *Fulica atra* and Chaffinch.

The records for most events organized, most participants attracted and most birds counted go to RBCU/BirdLife Russia who coordinated 1719 events, SEO/BirdLife Spain, who drew in a fantastic 22000 participants; and VBN/BirdLife The Netherlands, who counted 584.219 birds respectively.

For more information contact Ján Gúgh, Coordinator EuroBirdwatch 08 for SOS/BirdLife Slovakia at [gugh@vtaky.sk](mailto:gugh@vtaky.sk)

or visit <http://www.birdlife.org/news/news/2008/10/eurobirdwatch08.html>

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## Creating the first Ornithological Park in the Czech Republic



The Czech Society for Ornithology (CSO/BirdLife Czech Republic) is currently working on the creation of the first ornithological park in the Czech Republic, in a site called "Josefov meadows" next to the town of Jaroměř, in the Eastern Boemia region.

The area consists of 76 ha of cultivated meadows among three watercourses, accessible only by bridges. There is a 100-year old irrigation system on the site which will be restored in order to allow controlled flooding of the grassland so as to create the ideal breeding conditions for wetland birds and an important stopover site for migrating birds. In the final stage CSO/BirdLife Czech Republic also plans to build relevant infrastructure for

visitors.

CSO/BirdLife Czech Republic aims at gradually purchasing all the land the park is on so that it can have a clear say on the management of the site and to reach this goal CSO/BirdLife Czech Republic is trying to raise the money from its members and the public. The next steps are to raise funds from The Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt Foundation (DBU) and from structural funds, to finance the complete restoration of the irrigation system and to promote other activities supporting biodiversity.

This project is quite innovative, in that in the Czech Republic it's the first time when a technical structure (i.e. the irrigation system) is going to be repaired for nature protection purposes.

If you are interested in contributing to the land purchase, please contact

Václav Zámečník at [zamecnik@birdlife.cz](mailto:zamecnik@birdlife.cz)

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## BirdLife's IBA Programme evaluated

Over the summer BirdLife International launched a survey among the European Partnership to evaluate the progress of the Important Bird Areas (IBAs) Programme, a global initiative aimed at identifying and protecting a network of critical sites for the conservation of the world's birds. The number and size of Important Bird Areas, their protection and conservation status are traditionally well known and communicated by BirdLife. This time, more attention was paid to some of the conservation planning for "on the ground" actions and the involvement of the public in conservation work.

Among the 39 organizations which responded to the questionnaire, the IBA Programme was generally considered as one of their top priorities. In addition to offering more training and support for monitoring activities and data management to the Partnership, a clear need emerged to move the focus towards conservation on the ground and strengthening the ability of Partners to prioritize their resources and act strategically.

What emerged from the survey is that 17 organisations have already adopted national IBA Conservation Strategies, and will now be able to help the rest of the Partnership in developing such a tool.

Over the last five years the number of IBAs has increased to 4750, of which 1800 are covered by local conservation groups.

If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact Boris Barov at [boris.barov@birdlife.org](mailto:boris.barov@birdlife.org)

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## Birds indicate biodiversity crisis – and the way forward



Common birds are in decline across the world, providing evidence of a rapid deterioration in the global environment that is affecting all life on earth. All the world's governments have committed themselves to slowing or halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010. But reluctance to commit what are often trivial sums in terms of national budgets means that this target is almost certain to be missed.

These are some of the stark messages from State of the Worlds Birds, a new publication and website launched at BirdLife International's World Conference in Buenos Aires.

The report highlights the decline of common European birds. An analysis of 124 of Europe's common birds over a 26-year period reveals that 56 species have declined across 20 European countries, with farmland birds doing particularly badly. State of the Worlds Birds identifies many key global threats, and shows that conservation work is relatively cheap. However, conserving biodiversity now urgently needs more financial support. "The world is failing in its 2010 pledge to achieve a significant reduction in the current rate of loss of biodiversity", said Dr Mike Rands – BirdLife's Director and Chief Executive. The challenge is to harness international biodiversity commitments and ensure that concrete actions are taken – now!

Find out more by visiting [www.birdlife.org/sowb](http://www.birdlife.org/sowb)

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## Meet the BirdLife Partnership!

*In every issue you have the chance to meet a staff member from the BirdLife European Partnership and learn more about their key priorities and favourite projects*

**For this issue, we've teamed up with Michael Miltiadou, Research Officer at BirdLife Cyprus**



My name is Michael Miltiadou, I am a biologist and since 2004 the Research Officer at BirdLife Cyprus. In my work I have to set up several research projects, investigating the population status and habitat preferences of the local and migratory birds. This was deemed necessary as accurate data was lacking and it was hindering our conservation efforts on the island.

In order to successfully carry out this research I have teamed up with other local experts from relevant Government departments and other NGOs so as to collectively promote Cyprus birds and habitats conservation. It is a demanding post which first of all requires the skills of a good negotiator and team organizer. Very often I have to mediate between the needs and requests of our members, all dedicated birdwatchers, and governmental officials, who are working together to gather the necessary data for these projects.

My previous experience as a District Game Officer for the national Game Fund and later as a scientific consultant in an environmental firm has prepared me for this job at BirdLife Cyprus. The projects I have run include among others the annual Water Bird census, Common Bird Census and Migratory Raptor Counts.

I can still remember the 2007 nesting count of the Audouin's Gull *Larus audouinii*. It was 20 years since we had any count data of the nesting colony located at the very eastern tip of Cyprus on one of the Kleides islands. So, in 2007, we organized a joint survey with KUSKOR, the North Cyprus Society for the Protection of Birds, and successfully located a healthy colony of the species which was even larger than the one counted in 1987. I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the group in this joint effort, which helped us reach a very important and significant goal.

Contact Michael at [michael.miltiadou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:michael.miltiadou@birdlifecyprus.org.cy)

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## "Wellbeing through wildlife in the EU" goes Polish and Slovak!



OTOP/ BirdLife Poland and SOS/BirdLife Slovakia have just translated BirdLife's brochure "Wellbeing through wildlife in the EU" published early in 2007. Several national examples and projects show how nature protection benefits the whole society.

Developed by OTOP/BirdLife Poland and financially supported by the RSPB/BirdLife UK and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism, the Polish version of the publication has been available on OTOP's website since April 2008 and just been printed. Polish nature has much to offer in terms of fuelling the local economy, delivering ecosystem services or providing benefits for health and education. Among the major projects OTOP/BirdLife Poland has developed, are

"Birds", an educational program for school children, and the Aquatic Warbler Conservation EU LIFE Project. Not to forget about OTOP's several nature reserves: Karsiborska Kępa and Beka, where agro-environmental schemes for farmers have been implemented in them Biebrza Wetlands, the Rospuda Valley and other Important Bird Areas (IBAs).

The Slovak version of the brochure also presents national case studies. These include a project on the development of ecotourism which shows that wildlife in the Nature 2000 sites can promote both the economy and education, granting a healthy environment for people. A second programme protecting Senne and Medzibodrozie, two Special Protection Areas (SPAs) shows how nature protection can also increase the value of the sites for agriculture, hunting, tourism, and could rise of price of land and properties. The brochure is targeted to those who still think nature protection is an obstruction to development.

For more information

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On the Slovak version: Tomáš Blaškovič at [blaskovic@vtaky.sk](mailto:blaskovic@vtaky.sk)

The brochure can be downloaded at

[http://www.birdlife.org/eu/pdfs/Wellbeing\\_EU\\_final\\_version\\_2mb.pdf](http://www.birdlife.org/eu/pdfs/Wellbeing_EU_final_version_2mb.pdf) (English)

[http://www.otop.org.pl/upload/30/00/00/07/55/polskie\\_przykladywersjaostateczna.pdf](http://www.otop.org.pl/upload/30/00/00/07/55/polskie_przykladywersjaostateczna.pdf) (Polish)

<http://www.birdlife.sk/index.php?page=p45> (Slovak)

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### The BirdLife Preventing Extinctions Programme

One in eight species of birds is threatened with extinction and the number continues to rise thanks to habitat destruction, climate change and invasive species. BirdLife International has launched the Preventing Extinctions Programme in order to save the world's most threatened birds.

Birds have immense biological and economic value, providing benefits such as pest control and pollination. Protecting and conserving their habitats benefits nature as a whole and is valuable for people and communities, ensuring that crucial ecosystem services such as flood defences and water quality are maintained. The BirdLife Preventing Extinctions Programme is spearheading greater conservation action, awareness and funding support for all of the world's most threatened birds, starting with the 190 species classified as Critically Endangered, i.e. those in the highest threat category. Species are classified in this category when they meet particular criteria, linked to their rate of population decline, population size, range size or if they have a higher than 50% probability of going extinct in 10 years.

Central to the new programme is the development of two new communities; BirdLife Species Guardians, composed by experts who will take the lead in conserving threatened species in their country and BirdLife Species Champions, made up by organisations or individuals who will raise awareness for and fund the vital conservation that is so urgently required.

The number of Champions is steadily growing with Rio Tinto and Sir David Attenborough being amongst those that have stepped forward to take up the challenge for the New Zealand Kakapo *Strigops habroptila* and the Brazilian Araripe Manakin *Antilophia bokermanni* respectively.

To find out more visit [www.birdlife.org/extinction](http://www.birdlife.org/extinction)

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### New Staff joining the BirdLife Partnership

Kjettil Solbakken has just started as Director at NOF/BirdLife Norway. He can be contacted at [kjetil@birdlife.no](mailto:kjetil@birdlife.no)

The Spring Alive Project has a new Coordinator: Chrzanowska Magdalena, who can be reached at [Magdalena.Chrzanowska@otop.org.pl](mailto:Magdalena.Chrzanowska@otop.org.pl)

Joanna Kalinowska, former Spring Alive Officer, is now Development Director at OTOP/BirdLife Poland. her e-mail address is [Joanna.Kalinowska@otop.org.pl](mailto:Joanna.Kalinowska@otop.org.pl)

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### Events

## European events

- July - December 2008: French Presidency of the European Union
- 1-12 December 2008, Poznan, Poland: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP 14)  
<http://www.cop14.gov.pl>
- 15 December 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties COP 15  
<http://www.cop15.dk/en>

## BirdLife Events

- 28-29 October, Poland: Conference on the future of the Common Agricultural Policy hosted by OTOP/BirdLife Poland
- 29 October- 1 November 2008, Tatra National Park, Slovakia: Forest Task Force Workshop and Annual meeting [http://www.birdlife.org/action/change/europe/forest\\_task\\_force/FTF\\_annual\\_workshop\\_2008.html](http://www.birdlife.org/action/change/europe/forest_task_force/FTF_annual_workshop_2008.html)
- 05 November 2008, Brussels, Belgium: European Climate Change Coordination Group Meeting
- 05-06 November 2008, Oasi LIPU Massaciucoli, Italy: Communication & Education Workshop, BirdLife European Partnership
- 28-29 November 2008, Brussels, Belgium: Birds and Habitats Directives Task Force (BHDTF) for BirdLife Partners
- 11 December 2008, Prague, Czech Republic: BirdLife Common Agricultural Policy Conference

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