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Editorial: From Rio to Nagoya: a long and still unsuccessful road

Dear Reader,

I started working in SEO/BirdLife (BirdLife in Spain) in 1991, just one year before the celebration of the Rio Conference, where the United Nations agreed on two major environmental conventions: the UNFCC, aiming to combat Climate Change, and the Convention for Biological Diversity (CBD). Now, almost two decades later, the UN declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity. However, it seems to me there is little to celebrate, considering the failure to halt biodiversity loss by the end of the year. Not to mention climate change after the Copenhagen scandal; let's hope to have some positive results from the Nagoya CBD COP10 meeting, which will start in few days.

This biodiversity conference will be the last one I will attend as part of the BirdLife family, as I will be soon leaving SEO/BirdLife after such a long time. Looking behind, I see how much we have achieved together. When I started as Director of the Spanish Society of Ornithology, BirdLife did not even exist and its predecessor, the International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP), was just starting its activities to become one of the most influential conservation NGO in the world. At the time SEO had only about a thousand members and six employees. Now more than 60 people work at SEO/BirdLife, we managed to establish an extraordinary Natura 2000 network and raise awareness on biodiversity, a word that entered our dictionaries just few years ago.

The next Nagoya meeting will definitely show if world leaders are ready to turn the tide and try to solve the environmental crisis, or if they will disappoint us all as they already did in Copenhagen last year. BirdLife, together

with other NGOs, will be present with a considerable delegation and several activities. Nevertheless, I am afraid the efforts of NGOs around the world will not be enough to counteract the short-sightedness and stinginess of many others.

Therefore, now more than ever it is essential BirdLife keeps working to save our birds and nature for us and our children. Biodiversity is the future, it is our future!



Alejandro Sánchez
Executive Director
SEO/BirdLife

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Last stop before Nagoya - How can EU biodiversity policy really make a difference

Ahead of the International Conference "Biodiversity post 2010: Biodiversity in a changing world" organized by the Belgian Presidency of the EU on 8-9 September 2010, BirdLife International repeatedly highlighted a series of specific actions which would enable a new EU biodiversity policy to achieve its goals, following the recently launched EU 2020 Biodiversity target.

If the European Union has to halt the loss of biodiversity, the degradation of ecosystem services by 2020 and step up its contribution to avert global biodiversity loss, rapid action is definitely needed. Therefore BirdLife believes that the expected EU Biodiversity strategy, which will be presented by the European Commission this autumn, will list ambitious and measurable goals for the EU, Member States and all relevant sectors.

At the conference BirdLife and FACE – the Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the European Union, gave a strong message suggesting concrete steps and measures to be taken not to miss the 2020 Biodiversity target.

Specifically the two organizations call for a better implementation and enforcement of the EU Birds and Habitats Directives, which are at the hearth of the EU biodiversity policy. New and innovative tools have to be implemented to ensure effective inspection, monitoring and the creation of effective sectoral strategies. Moreover the EU budget should be reformed, supporting biodiversity conservation through dedicated and integrated funds.

BirdLife and FACE also presented their partnership to showcase that with the right approach all relevant stakeholders can come together and contribute to nature and biodiversity protection.

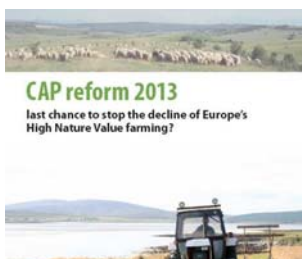
"This conference is the last chance for the EU to define its post 2010 strategy to be presented and agreed in Nagoya at the CBD COP 10 Meeting next October", commented Ariel Brunner, Head of EU Policy at BirdLife International. "The EU and Member States need to be serious this time and we all need to do everything we can to stop eroding our biodiversity".

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Read the joint BirdLife FACE declaration [here](#)

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High Nature Value farming systems: worth supporting!



On 7 September, BirdLife International, Butterfly Conservation Europe, the European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism and WWF put a detailed proposal on the table to help save one of the most environmentally sustainable farming systems in the EU: 'High Nature Value (HNV) farming'.

The term HNV is used to describe broad types of farming that, because of their characteristics, are inherently high in biodiversity. These farms often are small-scale ones sustained by family labour valued below the minimum wage. HNV farmers mostly have lower incomes than non-HNV ones because they are not as intensive, hence cannot

produce for the market at such low costs, and because the support provided by the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is weighted against them. However, they are crucial for halting the loss of biodiversity in Europe. Therefore, NGOs make a strong call to reform the CAP by shifting substantial financial support to farmers who manage their land sustainably and deliver biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as healthy food.

The new strategy proposed by four environmental organisations provides the EU with concrete Europe-wide tools to maintain HNV farming as a vital element to halt biodiversity decline by 2020 and spare whole rural areas in Europe from being abandoned.

If you want to read the proposal, please click [here](#).

More information: [Trees Robijns](#), EU Agriculture Policy Officer at BirdLife International

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The future of European transport policy

In May 2010 the European Commission published a consultation on the future Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) policy (COM (2010) 212 final). Setting out the results of a 2009 consultation, it confirmed that the future TEN-T will be planned in two layers – a comprehensive and a core network. The aim of the core network (which will supersede the previous Priority Project approach) is to 'give expression to a genuine European planning perspective'.

We were very pleased to see the 2010 consultation state that 'The TEN-T should support the emergence of an integrated European transport system that better addresses environmental and climate change challenges' and explicitly recognise the need for biodiversity concerns to be integrated into TEN-T planning.

It will now be vital that these aims are strongly implemented in both the detailed TEN-T policy review and the broader White Paper on the Common Transport Policy. Better integration of environmental and climate change issues must include reducing the need to travel, a shift towards use of the most sustainable modes of transport and making better use of existing infrastructure, rather than construction of new ones, a move towards low carbon vehicles and fuels and improved vehicle efficiency. Consideration of biodiversity issues in the methodology for TEN-T planning must include both compliance with the requirements of the EU Birds and Habitats Directives and with the broader new EU Biodiversity Strategy being developed, which is likely to include obligations on ecosystem services and green infrastructure.

More information: [Helen Byron](#), Senior International Site Casework Officer at RSPB

The full BirdLife response is available [here](#)

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Reviewing the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive

The EIA Directive is now 25 years old, and the European Commission has begun a review by consulting on ways to improve it. By updating and clarifying 'screening criteria, they hope to ensure all projects likely to have significant environmental effects undergo EIA. They are also considering making some elements of good practice mandatory. More controversially, the Commission is also considering ways to improve synergies between various Directives that also require environmental assessments, such as the Habitats and Water Framework ones.

BirdLife International supports many of the proposals, but opposes the idea of bringing all environmental assessments together in a unified procedure. Better coordination among assessments could be positive, but unifying them risks reducing the effectiveness of each, and we definitely do not want the Habitats Directive to be opened up for review. The results of the consultation will be published in autumn, and specific proposals will then be developed over the coming year. We urge the Commission to take steps that will make EIA more effective, particularly in protecting biodiversity outside the Natura 2000 network, but to avoid at all costs any moves that could risk weakening existing protections under the Birds and Habitats Directives.

More information: [Ivan Scrase](#), Senior Planning Policy Officer at the RSPB.

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Danish five-star bird area created by the Jensen Foundation



The Aage V. Jensen Charity Foundation recently bought more than 2000 hectares of Danish land, which will be transformed into Denmark's biggest bird area. Lake Fiilsø in Western Denmark will become Denmark's sixth largest lake, once its massive restoration will be completed in 2012. The current project will transform intensively cultivated farmland into a nature resort.

"The future re-establishment of Fiilsø is a fantastic achievement for Danish nature. With the purchase of Fiilsø, the Aage V. Jensen Charity Foundation has ensured that a great, lost, green treasure will be brought back to Danish nature. For many years, Fiilsø has been on top of BirdLife Denmark's list of lost nature areas to be re-established, and now our dream will come true", stated Mr. Christian Hjorth, Chairman of the Board of DOF -BirdLife Denmark.

The area, which 200 years ago hosted Denmark's second largest lake, was drained and used for plant cultivation, merely leaving 90 hectares to the lake. However, there are now good prospects that the lake will be multiplied by ten, re-establishing approximately 900 hectares. The surrounding 400 hectares will consist of reed beds, wet meadows and grassland.

"A wide range of bird species, such as Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*, Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* and Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana* will be able to return and breed in the area after more than 70 years. The living conditions of Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*, Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* and Ruff *Philomachus pugnax* will also be significantly improved after the restoration. Furthermore, Great Bittern *Botaurus stellaris* will be provided with an optimal breeding site and if we are lucky, Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia* will establish the fourth Danish colony on one of the small islands that will be created in the lake," says Mr. Hjorth.

During the migration seasons, large flocks of Pink-footed Geese *Anser brachyrhynchus*, Greylag Geese *Anser anser*, Eurasian Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria* and various species of swans will settle down in the area on their route along the west coast. With its marshes and meadows, Fiilsø can offer great foraging opportunities for Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*, Eurasian Wigeon *Anas Penelope* and Common Teal *Anas crecca*. The large flocks of water birds will attract birds of prey such as Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* and White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*. Visitors at Fiilsø will have unique possibilities to experience nature and the plan is to set up several observation towers in the area.

With its visionary purchases of Danish nature resorts, the Aage V. Jensen Charity Foundation has laid the foundation for great nature experiences for the Danish population and visiting tourists. The visitors at these reserves can experience undisturbed nature at close range from observation towers and hides, and hundred thousands people have already flocked to these areas. Hopefully, the re-establishment of Fiilsø will benefit both tourism and the local business life in Western Jutland.

The restoration of Fiilsø is a much needed encouragement for the otherwise struggling Danish nature, which especially from 1860-1960 was subject to massive habitats destructions. Over 100 years more than 350 large and small lakes and bays were totally or partially drained and turned into cultivated farmland.

More information: [BirdLife Denmark](#)

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Greece expands its Special Protection Areas Network



Last April the Greek Ministry of Environment approved 66 new Special Protection Areas (SPAs) to be designated and integrated in the Natura 2000 network, bringing the total number of SPAs to 202. This was the result of a project that mapped, accessed and delineated these new areas. BirdLife International and HOS (BirdLife in Greece) welcome this decision as a significant development for the conservation of European birds.

From the above mentioned SPAs, 42 are completely new sites, and with this enlargement the Natura 2000 network in Greece now covers 27,3% of the country.

«This is a great development for the conservation of our Important Bird Areas (IBAs). However, a lot still needs to be done by the government to achieve a comprehensive and sufficient SPA network, fully overlapping with our IBA sites. We will only see concrete positive results for birds and biodiversity if we follow up this decision with the implementation of adequate conservation measures for our species, but unfortunately this is not the case so far. A recent law on wind farms developments within SPAs designated as migratory bottlenecks clearly demonstrates that biodiversity conservation is still not a priority in the national environmental policy agenda. We are expecting the government to take appropriate measures to comply with the

recent European Court of Justice ruling regarding inadequate conservation measures within the Greek SPA network», commented Tasos Dimalaxis, Coordinator of the Project.

The wetland of Lake Karla, among the most important Greek wetlands for birds, is one of the new SPA sites. However, immediate conservation measures must be implemented in order to secure wetland birds nesting sites, like those of the Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*.

New island SPA sites include for the first time a marine component, the seaward extension of island IBA's. Emblematic Greek seabirds, such as the Audouin's Gull *Larus audouinii* and the European Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis* are expected to benefit directly from the protection of their feeding grounds.

More information: [Elina Sarantou](#), Communication Officer at HOS (BirdLife in Greece)

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Spring Alive migrates to Africa!



Spring Alive, BirdLife's campaign celebrating spring through the arrival of four migratory birds species, successfully ended its fifth European season, registering 103.006 observations. The campaign promotes children's interest in nature conservation by observing the migration of White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*, Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*, Common Swift *Apus apus* and Common Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*.

But the season isn't over yet! This year Spring Alive will celebrate spring twice, as it is migrating to Africa with a new Campaign Partner, BirdLife South Africa. The African Spring Alive season 2010 will start on 5 October and last until 15 December, with two main birdwatching events in the eastern part of the country. "It will be very exciting to receive the results of this first African season, as it will give us a real insight on how and where the migratory birds we watched in spring spend the 'winter' after leaving Europe", commented Maryna Szopska, Spring Alive Campaign Assistant.

A South African legend says that if a swallow builds its nest on the roof of a house it means the ancestors are keeping an eye on the dweller. We know the ancestors will spread their wings over the project and make sure it will be a real success!

Follow the migration [here](#)

More information: [Maryna Szopska](#), Spring Alive Campaign Assistant

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Follow the amazing journey of Sociable Lapwing!



On the recently launched interactive website charting the amazing journey of one of the world's most threatened birds - Sociable Lapwing *Vanellus gregarius*, you can follow the bird's migration and witness new discoveries as they happen. The website, developed by BirdLife International, the RSPB (BirdLife in the UK) and leading optics manufacturer Swarovski Optik, also provides support to a large team of international scientists who are trying to prevent this Critically Endangered species from becoming extinct.

Following extensive research, nine Sociable Lapwings have been carefully fitted with tiny, state-of-the-art satellite transmitters, which will track their hazardous 5,000 kilometers journey from their breeding grounds in Kazakhstan to their wintering areas in tropical Africa and other, as yet undiscovered, destinations. The Amazing Journey website will follow the adventures of Erzhan, Dinara, Svetlana and six other intrepid satellite-tagged lapwings as they fly south for the winter - dodging hunters with guns and falcons and the myriad other unknown threats that await them.

The Amazing Journey website, designed by online marketing experts Digital Spring, uses satellite data fed through

Google map technology to keep pace with the birds. A mixture of clever, regularly updated maps and video and photo blog reports from the field will follow their progress. Little is known about the routes Sociable Lapwings take, so tracking them will provide vital information, enabling BirdLife scientists to monitor and protect the birds and unlock the mystery of their migration. Now, for the first time, those interested in birds, wildlife and conservation can sit alongside scientists, learning about these extraordinary birds, their migration habits and their conservation together.

As Sociable Lapwings progress along a lengthy route through various countries, they need to 'refuel' along the way. As they do so, they form big feeding flocks (which is how they get their name). Whenever they touch down, precise details of their location are picked up by satellites orbiting high overhead and sent to RSPB scientists. These are then passed on to conservation project partners in each of the countries the birds travel through. With detailed coordinates they can quickly locate the flocks of birds, where they've touched down and take action if they are threatened in any way. The Amazing Journey website will provide regular reports from these scientists in the field keeping us up to date with all the latest news on the birds' progress.

"This is a hugely important and fascinating project which Swarovski Optik is proud to champion. Wildlife is threatened with extinction for many reasons so finding ways to help such a beautiful and inspiring creature as the Social Lapwing is an important conservation effort we are keen to support", commented Andreas Pittl, Head of the Nature Division at Swarovski. "We want to bring people and nature together so they can continue to enjoy brilliant, close-up views of birds like these for years to come."

"Protecting migratory species on the brink of extinction can't be done without the considerable support of BirdLife Species Champions. The Amazing Journey website is a new window on our world where you can see BirdLife International Partners around the globe delivering co-ordinated international conservation solutions", concluded Jim Lawrence, Preventing Extinction Programme Manager at BirdLife International.

Visit the website [here](#)

More information on the BirdLife Preventing Extinctions Programme [here](#)



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IBA Caretaker Network in Armenia



ASPB (BirdLife in Armenia) has recently completed a one and half year project to scale up its volunteer network of IBA Caretakers which was started by BirdLife International back in 2005 across the entire Caucasus region. The project, implemented with the support from NABU (BirdLife in Germany) aimed to improve the existing caretaker network and identify more potential volunteers in the southern and northern parts of the country.

At present local caretaker groups are established in 8 of 18 Armenian Important Bird Areas (IBAs). These Local Conservation Groups (LCGs) are formed by individuals who, together with relevant stakeholders, work with BirdLife Partners to help promote conservation and sustainable development at IBAs and in Armenia they include farmers, teachers, local rangers and inspectors, staff of

protected areas, and even a priest.

Caretakers' main tasks are to monitor bird populations, identify and report on actual or potential threats and promote environmental awareness at local level, with specific training programmes and events. In these trainings they learn how to carry on IBAs surveys, how to increase their fundraising skills and to respond to illegal actions on the ground.

These groups are essential to strengthen biodiversity conservation in Armenia, as they bring with them an intimate knowledge of the area, they build good relations with people and report on threats. Among the results from their activities, new nesting colonies of Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*, Black-crowned Night-heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*, Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides* and Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* have been discovered at Lake Sevan IBA where their nesting had not been reported for 30 years!

Local caretaker groups helped organising a number of well attended public events, such as the nationwide campaign "Bird of the Year ", several Bird Festivals and multiple contests in village schools. Despite the cultural

lack in volunteer work and membership development in the country and in the Caucasus in general, where historically there has been so much mistrust and conflict, these nationwide events and the caretakers' growing participation allowed ASPB to increase its membership, both nationally and abroad.

More information: [Luba Balyan](#), National IBA Coordinator at ASPB

ASPB extends its thanks to NABU (BirdLife Germany) and the project funders, the Advisory Assistance Programme for Environmental Protection in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the Federal Environment Agency (UBA) for their support in development of the IBA caretaker network in Armenia.

Special thanks are also extended to the UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme in Armenia for supporting the training component of this network.

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Catastrophic forest fire delivers huge blow to Europe's rarest seabird



A massive forest fire on the island of Madeira has killed several breeding adults and 65% of this year's chicks of Zino's Petrel (Endangered). BirdLife International and SPEA (BirdLife in Portugal) have launched an urgent [appeal](#) for funds to carry out emergency conservation work needed before the winter sets in.

Zino's Petrel *Pterodroma madeira* is Europe's rarest seabird and one of the rarest birds in the world, nesting only on a few mountain ledges in the rugged central massif of Madeira island. Once on the edge of extinction with numbers down to a few tens of pairs, intense conservation action over the past 20 years, led by the Natural Park of Madeira (Parque Natural da Madeira - PNM) with support from

SPEA, the Freira Conservation Project and Funchal Municipal Museum, has seen its population grow to almost 80 pairs.

Forest fires have ravaged parts of Madeira and around mid August they hit the heart of the central massif. This area (which is protected as part of the EU's Natura 2000 network) comprises a very important habitat and supports several endemic plants and animals, including the Zino's Petrel breeding colony, where many nestlings were still in their burrows.

When PNM staff visited the breeding cliffs to assess the damage, the results were shocking: 25 young and 3 adults were found dead, and only 13 young fledglings were found alive in their underground chambers. As well as the dead birds, the fire exacerbated soil erosion, with several nesting burrows having disappeared. "The loss of 65% of this year's potential young is a huge blow to Zino's Petrel. Our immediate conservation efforts are focusing on helping the remaining 13 fledglings to survive and minimising the risk of further soil erosion on the breeding ledges," said Ana Isabel Fagundes, SPEA's Madeira Coordinator.

"All nests with surviving chicks have been reinforced, all corpses removed, and bait stations for rats around the now barren nesting areas established. Burnt bushes and trees have also been removed to avoid the risk of adult birds colliding with them on their nocturnal visits to feed the chicks", reported Paulo Oliveira, PNM Director. Encouragingly, the immediate conservation action taken by PNM at the breeding colony appears to be working: "Since our first visit to the breeding ledges, we have monitored the 13 surviving fledglings closely and can confirm that they are still being fed by their parents and appear to be healthy", added Mr Oliveira following his latest visit on 24 August. The PNM and SPEA have now developed an action plan for the breeding colony and they are now building artificial nests on the ledge which showed higher levels of habitat degradation in order to attract breeding pairs to nest on this area.

Unfortunately two of the chicks who survived the fires died these past days. One died for unknown reasons (he was found dead at the entrance of the nest) and another was (probably) killed by a cat. People working on the ground feared this could happen as the ground is barren, food scarce and under these circumstances the petrels become much more attractive and exposed.

We need your help! Click [here](#) to donate.

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German forests want to be protected -Learning from Eastern European BirdLife partners

BirdLife International and its Forest task Force recently assessed several forests with a High Nature Value for biodiversity in seven Eastern European countries. They managed to reach this great success using the Biologically Important Forest (BIF) concept, which aims to identify and map Europe's High Nature Value forests, using indicators such as forest age, endangered species or degree of fragmentation. The precise location of Biologically Important Forests ensures both an efficient protection and a better management of European forest ecosystems, and it is essential to identify existing wilderness areas. The BIF mapping is an open-ended approach aiming to expand to other European countries in order to create a consistent database and map of European natural and semi-natural forest landscapes. In Germany the National Biodiversity Strategy aims to have 5% of Germany's forests protected as forest wilderness reserves, but currently the amount of protected and unprotected forest wilderness areas is just between 1 and 2%. The issue led to a heated debate in Germany, with the forest sector strongly opposing the 5% target. Together with NABU (BirdLife in Germany), the BirdLife Forest task Force published an article in the most famous German forestry journal to increase the pressure on this issue and to indicate how this target can be met.

More information on the BIF programme, including an interactive map, can be found [here](#). The German article can be downloaded [here](#).

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Staff news

After two and half years as EU Nature Policy Officer at the European Division of BirdLife International, Rastislav Rybanic left the organisation. We would like to thank him for his great work and wish him all the best for his future.

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SPEA : Biodiversity and us!



On the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity, SPEA (BirdLife in Portugal), with the support from SIMTEJO (Waters of Portugal) and the National Rural Network, organised the exhibition '*Biodiversity and us*' in two shopping centres in Lisbon. A special area for children, called "Let's play with Biodiversity" was also foreseen, where they could draw animals and trees or play several nature games.

Governments have failed to stop biodiversity loss by the end of 2010 and with this exhibition SPEA wanted to draw people's attention to the continue decline of biodiversity and species extinction, giving them tips on which birds live in the Lisbon district, where they could see them and how they could reduce their impacts on the environment.

"This exhibition wants to explain in a simple way the importance of biodiversity and the long term consequences of our actions", commented Luis Costa, General Director of SPEA. "In our daily life, we all would like to reduce the impact we have on our environment and often we do not know how to do it. We hope the exhibition gave few interesting tips".

More information: [Joana Domingues](#), Marketing & Communication Officer at SPEA

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BirdLife goes to Nagoya

95 staff from 29 BirdLife Partners and the Secretariat will be attending the CBD COP 10 Meeting starting in few days in Nagoya, Japan. This will be a unique opportunity to establish a significant BirdLife presence and will offer great potential for advocating national government delegations.

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BirdLife on the Move

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 Bahtiyar Kurt, Director of Doğa Derneği (BirdLife in Turkey)



I am convinced that growing up in a crowded Istanbul's neighbourhood, so full of buildings that you rarely see the soil or any animals, helped me finding my way in the world of nature organizations. At the time, my fascinating University Campus hosted the only Turkish birdwatching club and as I had never heard of this activity, I decided to participate to one of their trips. And there, as I stepped out from the bus, I met my first bird: a Black Vulture *Coragyps atratus* flying just over me. Instantly falling in love with it, I understood that there was no other choice than loving and protecting birds.

Although I was studying Mathematics, I spent most of my time birdwatching, travelling and attending biology courses. Just before graduating I started working for DHKD, the Turkish BirdLife Partner at the time. In those days there were very few birdwatchers in Turkey, spread all over the country; therefore my first task was to establish the Turkish birdwatching community and I can proudly say that after three years, the number of birders had grown to more than a thousand, allowing us to conduct our own censuses and observations.

In 2003 I joined Doğa Derneği (DD), the Turkish Nature Association and BirdLife Partner Designate. After starting as organizational planning coordinator, I became Director in 2008. Today DD is one of the leading conservation organizations in Turkey with 25 staff, 6 offices and more than 40.000 supporters.

As you can imagine, I have been working with BirdLife International for many years now and following its activities every day, I believe more and more in its principles, its approach and the way it operates with its fantastic network. I will leave DD at the end of October, so keep up with the good work!

Contact Bahtiyar at bahtiyar.kurt@doqadernegi.org

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- July- December 2010: Belgian Presidency of the European Union
- 15 October 2010, Bruges, Belgium: EEAC-conference on Sustainable Land Use www.minaraad.be
- 18-29 October 2010, Nagoya, Aichi, Japan: 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) and the 5th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties <http://www.cop10.jp/aichi-nagoya/english/cop/cop.html>
- 11-12 November 2010, Bulgaria: BirdLife Agriculture Task Force (for BirdLife Partners only)
- 11-12 November 2010, Zeist, The Netherlands: Surviving the Sahel & Saving West African Wetlands Workshop (for BirdLife Partners only)
- 16-19 November 2010, Dublin, Ireland: BirdLife Birds and Habitats Directives Task Force (for BirdLife Partners only)
- 23-24 November 2010, Brussels, Belgium: International Conference - Bird Conservation in the EU: planning for recovery action and sustainable use - upon invitation only http://www.birdlife.org/eu/eu_events.html

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