

INVITATION

The Wadden Sea constitutes one of the world's most important wetlands for migratory waterbirds and the single most important staging, moulting and wintering area for waterbirds on the East Atlantic flyway. According to the Ramsar Convention the Wadden Sea is of outstanding importance for at least 52 populations of 41 migratory waterbird species. Numbers of 44 Populations of 34 species are so high, that the Wadden Sea can be considered as their indispensable and often main stepping stone during migration, or as their primary wintering or moulting habitat.

During the last decades the amount and quality of migratory water bird data in the Wadden Sea has increased considerably. Recently the results of the twenty-year period 1980-2000 of the Joint Monitoring on Migratory Birds (JMMB) program, which is carried out in the framework of the "Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Program" (TMAP) have been published. For the first time, trends of the most numerous species have been calculated. Particularly the trends detected for the main migration periods give reasons for concern: Of the 34 species, for which the Wadden Sea represents a major stepping stone during migration, 15 species (44%) show significant decreases, seven species (21%) show non-significant decreases.

The Wadden Sea states have a special responsibility for the well-being of the migratory waterbird species. The workshop aims to point out the reasons for the observed declines. Well based on international expert contributions it is intended to discuss causes, consequences and necessary protection measurements as well as to formulate further questions for future ecological research.

Invited are policy makers, conservation managers, scientists and non governmental organisations. The number of participants is limited to 80 persons.

Conference language: English

NO ATTENDANCE FEE

Date: August 31, 2006
11 - 17 hrs.

Venue: Wattenmeerhaus
Südstrand 110 b
D- 26382 Wilhelmshaven

Program

Thursday, August 31, 2006

11:00 WELCOME
Peter Südbeck - Head of the National Park Administration, Wadden Sea of Lower Saxony
Lutz Stratmann - Minister of Science and Culture, Lower Saxony
Elsa Nickel - Chair of the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation

LECTURES

11:30 Jan Blew -Joint Monitoring Group of Migratory Birds in the Wadden Sea, Hannover, FRG:
Actual Trends in Waterbird Populations in the International Wadden Sea 1992-2004 - an Update of the Recent Assessment

12:10 Christoph Zöckler - UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Center, Cambridge, UK:
Recent Changes in the Arctic Breeding Areas and Along the Migration Route

12:50 13:45 LUNCH

13:45 Franz Bairlein & Klaus-Michael Exo - Institute of Avian Research, Wilhelmshaven, FRG:
Climate Change: Correlations Between Climatic Scenarios and Bird Population Developments in the Wadden Sea

14:25 Theunis Piersma - University of Groningen, NL:
Feeding Ecology of Waterbirds in the Wadden Sea: Is the Wadden Sea the Bottleneck for Birds feeding on Shellfish or Worm?

15:05 - 15:20 BREAK

15:20 Jesper Madsen - National Environmental Research Institute -NERI, DK:
Case Studies on Disturbance of Waterbirds: Can they explain Actual Trends in Populations?

16:00 General Discussion
Moderation: Hermann Hötter -Wader Study Group

17:00 CLOSURE



Registration

Please confirm your attendance until August 15, 2006
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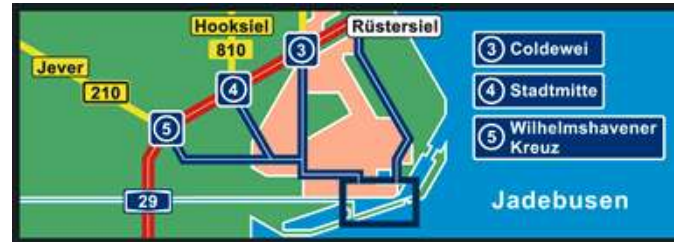
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Your Way to the Wattenmeerhaus



Seriously Declining Trends in Migratory Waterbirds

Causes Concerns - Consequences

WORKSHOP
August 31, 2006
Wilhelmshaven,
Germany

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