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Introduction:

Dear colleagues,

At the beginning of this summer we have a fresh newsletter for you with interesting stories from partners across the MBP- network and our partner organisations.

This years' AM will be hosted by our partner in the nature centre **La Maison du Lac De-Grand-Lieu in France** (25th and 26th of September). The program and the registration form can be found in this edition of our MBP-newsletter. (page 2 etc.) .

Enjoy reading!

On behalf of the core-group "Migratory Birds for People"-network,

Audrey Cadou and Roelof Heringa

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MBP is also on FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/migratorybirdsforpeople

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P.S.: your feedback is always welcome! / vos commentaires sont toujours bienvenus!

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News from the "Migratory Birds for People"- core group

Programme ANNUAL MEETING "Migratory Birds for People" 24th to the 27th September 2018

Theme: "Enhancement of MBP network – make an exhibition or tools presenting the centres of the MBP network and their actions"

Venue: La Maison du Lac de Grand-Lieu, environmental education centre, Bouaye, France

The Grand-Lieu Lake Centre opened to public in September 2014 and our colleagues from there offered to host this years' MBP-annual meeting.

In the coming months the core group will discuss the programme for this meeting. A draft for this years' programme is on the next page. In the meantime you all are invited to prepare yourself for this meeting by seeking permission to attend and looking for travel arrangements.

We will discuss the various projects within our MBP-network.





Registration – please send in the registration form to the Head of WLI, Chris Rostron (chris.rostron@wwt.org.uk) and Olivier HUBERT/ Audrey Cadou (o.hubert@maisondulacdegrandlieu.com a.cadou@maisondulacdegrandlieu.com) to show your interest.

A short pre-registration would be appreciated in order to prepare the meeting.







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Arrival - aim to arrive on the evening of Monday the 24th September, getting in to Nantes airport or train station, from where transport could be provided.

The airport is 15 minutes from the centre and Nantes train station is about 30 minutes from the centre.











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Accommodation: The Plinguetière Castle

(25 euros per night, breakfast included) is 15 minutes from the Grand-Lieu Lake centre and 5 minutes from the airport.

The costs for accommodation are paid by participants. http://www.plinguetiere.fr/en/index.php

Departure – you can depart on the 27th of September after the core meeting, or if you would like to visit **wetlands of our region and watch birds**, we will organize a tour during the next morning.



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And finally.... Please, in case you play a musical instrument, don't hesitate to bring it along!

You are also kindly invited to bring some local or regional 'goodies' for the 'Euro-cocktail'.

And if you are interested in a Migratory Birds for People" T-shirt and/or a MBP- Mug, please send an email to <u>r.b.heringa@gmail.com</u>. (see also on page **31**)

You will receive your order during the Annual Meeting free of mailing-costs!

Programme

	24 th September - Monday:		
	Arrival in Nantes; Plinguetière Castle		
20.00	Dinner and socializing (at the Centre)		
	25 th September - Tuesday		
8.00	Breakfast at the Plinguetière Castle		
	Annual Meeting, Session 1: introduction and interpretation		
9.00	Welcome from Nantes officials (20 minutes)		







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	 Introduction on MBP progress and aims of meeting (Chris Rostron, 20 minutes) Presentation Grand-Lieu Lake Centre (tour of the centre, 1.5 hours) Developing an exhibition to enhance the MBP network (30 minutes) 			
12.00-13.00	Lunch at the Grand-Lieu Lake Centre			
	Session 2: Benefits of wetlands			
13.00	 Case studies from members (2 hours, maximum 20 minutes each) – around key MBP strategic themes of: Public participation/communication; capacity building for staff; network development; habitat and species management. 			
15.30-17.30	Grand-Lieu Lake tour			
20.00	Dinner offered by The Grand-Lieu Lake Centre / BBQ (fishes and the red swamp crayfishes / <i>Procambrus clarkii</i>)			
	26 th September – Wednesday			
	Annual Meeting, Session 3:			
8.00	Breakfast at the Plinguetière Castle			
8.45 – 10.45	- Assessment of MBP's activities to date (Chris R)			
	- Feedback on MBP Africa activities External partner?			
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break			
11.10	World Migratory Bird Day activities, review and planning - Review of website (should be live by then!) - Plans for 2019			
13.00	Lunch at the Grand-Lieu Lake Centre			
13.45-16.15	Canoe trip according to the weather/ the marshes of the Bourgneuf-en-Retz bay			
16.30 - 18.30				
Flexible, 20.00	Dinner and Euro-Cocktail event (at the Grand-Lieu Lake Centre)			
	27 th September – Thursday			
7.00	Breakfast at Plinguetière Castle			
8.30	Donges ringing station discovery, the most important			
	French site on the Loire estuary. Hosting and ringing			
	with ACROLA. http://www.acrola.fr/camp_baguage.html			
12.00	Lunch			
13.30-14.00	Departure			







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Registration Form for MBP- annual meeting

24th – 27th September 2018

Please register before 20th of August 2018

Personal information					
First name:	Last name:				
Organisation:	Job title:				
Street address:					
Postcode:	City:	Country:			
Email:					
Phone number:	Mobile:				
ATTENDANCE					
Please indicate which dates you will be attending:					
Monday 24 September					
Tuesday 25 September					
Wednesday 26 September					
Thursday 27 September					
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION					
Day & date of arrival:	Date & da	y of departure:			
Airport / Train:		Airport / Train:			
Flight number:		Flight number:			
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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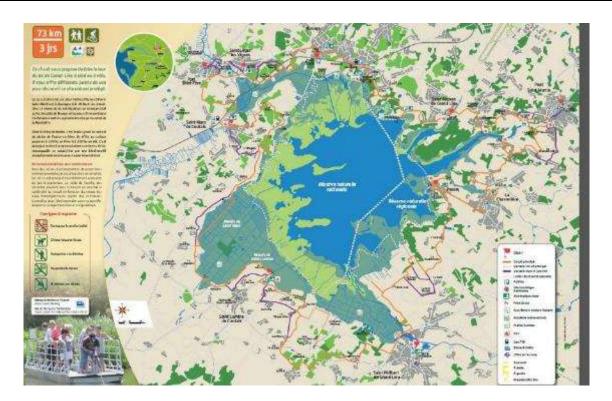
Do you have any special requirements (e.g. concerning mobility)?

Your name, organisation and country will be stated in the delegates list. Please tick the box if you do not want your email address to be stated in the delegates list.

Photographs will be taken during the workshop. Please tick the box below if you do not want your photograph to be published online (e.g. website, newsletter) and in meeting documents (e.g. final report).

Please, copy and send this information to:

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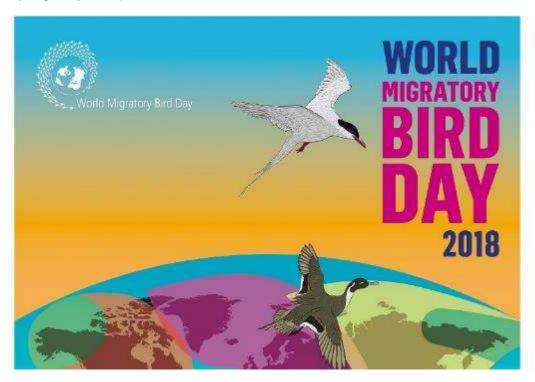
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Birds and Schools – connecting for World Migratory Bird Day 2018



WMBD Birds and Schools project, 2018

As part of the World Migratory Bird Day celebrations, WLI and colleagues across the world worked with wetland centres and local schools to explore the importance of these sites in supporting the flyway of many migratory bird species.



Schools were invited to visit the wetlands, carry out fieldwork and study with centre staff, and then join in a video conference with other schools connected to the flyway.









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In the East Atlantic Flyway our Migratory Birds for People partners worked to hold two videoconferences with school children, one in French and on in English. We were also joined by Marie Mevellec from the Convention on Migratory Species.

Partners from the **Netherlands**, the Basque Country, France, Senegal, Morocco and Mauritania all discussed challenges faced by the birds, and what humans can do to help them.

The children asked each other questions, and said that the best things we can do are to leave nature in peace, keep track of birds through surveys, and respect the birds.

For more pictures, video and reports, see the <u>website</u> and in this edition of the newsletter.

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Contact by Skype between France and Senegal, Morocco and Mauritania

We hope to repeat this project in October, the second opportunity to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day, and next May.

If you and your local schools would like to take part, please contact:

Chris Rostron, Head of WLI.WWT Slimbridge, UK

Multi-lingual guidance for wetland centres

In follow-up to the discussions in the Annual Meeting 2017 in Luxembourg, the MBP core group is working on developing guidance on how to deliver to a multi-lingual audience. Luxembourg itself is a multilingual country with four major languages used. The guidance is looking at how to use simple methods to keep language accessible, how to train staff to deal with visitors in different languages, signage/interpretation within the centre available in multiple languages, and new technology and social media methods such as QR codes, automatic translations services etc.

Kind request:

If you have any good examples of working with multilingual groups, please get in touch with Chris Rostron. We would welcome methods that you have found useful.







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PROJECTS:



Life project Awareness Campaign about the relevance of wetlands for migratory birds

Update LIFE proposal (June 2018)

Hereby some news about the LIFE project that you can publish in the upcoming newsletter. From our LIFE national officers, we've received positive feedback about the behavioural change approach and the outlook of having concrete results in terms of lesser conflicts between human/recreational use and birds and a better understanding of the first group as side-effect.



Nevertheless, it is a hard job to convince birdlife-professionals not only to communicate, but also concretely change behaviour of visitors. We're in the middle of a 'firm' discussion with them.

LIFE MiBIP project: Migratory Birds and People; awareness raising and changing behaviour

With Natuurpunt as lead partner, we have written and entered a concept note 'Migratory Birds and People; awareness raising and changing behaviour'.

It is the start of a LIFE governance and information project. Other partners are the Natuurmonumenten (NL), Dutch, Danish and Spanish BirdLife organisations and Eurosite.

The overall aim is to increase the numbers of migratory birds along the East-Atlantic Flyway and more specifically the size of 6 selected bird populations: Little Tern, Ringed and Kentish Plover, Pied Avocet, Eurasian Curlew and Great Bittern.

By a behavioural change approach, the project partners aim for lesser conflicts between human/recreational use and birds and a better understanding of the first group as side-effect. Human behaviour is part of an interactive system, with multiple elements brought together in the COMB scheme (capability, opportunity, motivation and behaviour, Susan Michie, Lou Atkins and Robert West 2014).

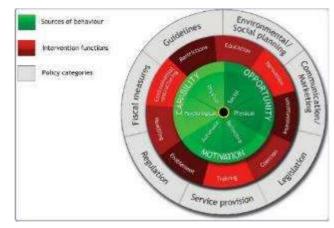
Change in behaviour and a successful intervention is based upon a change of at least one of these motivational elements. Change in behaviour requires a structured approach.

This practical scheme will be used to design and apply intervention methods for different situations in the selected wetlands.

Through a good description and analysis of the problem, the target groups involved and the recreational, disruptive behaviour, a choice can then be made in intervention functions.

In the month of October, we will know if we will be invited to write a full application.

Until that time, we will keep our fingers crossed.



For more information, please contact Theo de Bruin, M.: +31(0)65854323, E.: theodebruin@nlrnt.nl







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News from the network:



Finland: Liminka Bay Visitor Center



Norway: Fetsund Lenser, Nordre Øyeren wetland centre

World Migratory Bird Day

We marked the migratory bird day with various family activities that were held outside our visitor centre. Some of the activities included bird watching trips for beginners both outside our centre and in the nature reserve.

We also had a crane themed activity for kids where they, among other things could walk as a crane (on stilts).

We also had activities our visitors could try without our guidance like a nature trail, a migratory bird game, guessing the migratory bird and a drawing competition.

It was a clear sunny day with approximately 130 visitors coming and going throughout the day. We were quite happy with the turnout and it seemed our visitors enjoyed their day at ours as well.

Latest news from Nordre Øyeren nature reserve

It has been a very late spring and the ice stayed put for a longer time than usual. When it finally melted the biggest flood in five years appeared and made the conditions quickly unfavourable for most waders and ducks.

As a result few Eurasian Curlews and especially few **Common Greenshanks** have been seen compared to a usual year. Highlights have been a Great Snipe displaying and a Broad-billed Sandpiper.



Photo: Øyvind Møller



Foto: Øystein Søbye : The flooded nature reserve.







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Russia: CEPA-team St.Petersburg



Sweden: Naturum Lake Tåkern 1

Good news from Sweden!

The Swedish government has initiated large-scale work with restoring wetlands. The main aim is to restore and create wetlands to better keep groundwater and reduce the speed of water transport out to the lakes and sea. We have experienced large problems with drought the past three years. Before that, trouble with flooding some years. It creates large problems for agriculture, providing drinking water etc. – which is totally new to Swedes!

The positive side of these problems is that awareness about the value of wetlands has risen quickly. Top priority for the restoration work now is not wetlands for birds or biodiversity, but these will of course benefit from more wetlands in the Swedish landscape.



The picture shows Swedish farmers planning to restore a wetland in their meadow. This is one of many projects that can now be financed by the new wetland initiative.

Cheers again! Ellen Hultman

Visit to Naturum Lake Tåkern (1st and 2nd of June 2018 / Roelof & Corry Heringa)

During some days in Sweden with the most lovely weather you can imagine, we also spent time in Svanshals and visited the Naturum Tåkern.

Once again we admired the area and the exhibition at the centre.

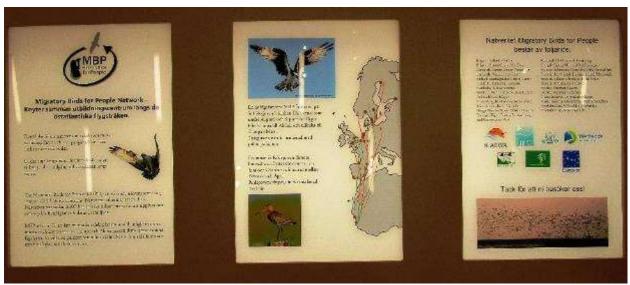
This time we discovered also a display of our MBP-network in the centre, including a direct connection to the webcam in the Urdaibai Bird Center in Spain! Really a nice surprise and a meaningful result of cooperation in our MBP-network!







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Information display about "Migratory Birds for People"- network in the Naturum.



Webcam-connection with Urdaibai!

There they had 18 °C -according to screen- and in Sweden we had 28 °C...!

But recently there is also a live-webcam available at Naturum Tåkern: For live footage, click on:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHH1SQDmqg4&feature=player_embedded







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Malin Granlund informed us about a new gadget just outside the centre. It is a recording machine that operates on 'hand –power'. After turning the wheel, visitors are informed about the centre and nature reserve in Swedish, German or English language.

(For more information you may contact Malin).

From the observation tower we also spotted the Osprey above lake Tåkern.





And of course we scored a stamp in our 'Bird Flyway-project' passport!

Hälsningar till våra kollegor i Sverige! Roelof & Corry Heringa.





Sweden: Naturum Getterön

Sweden: Naturum Hornborgasjön







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Denmark: Amager, Copenhagen

Report on the actual state for breeding waders in Kalvebod Fælled (Amager nature reserve, 2017)

The result of the count shows overall that the targeted effort to restore large coherence meadows have

largely created a positive and promising development. The damp meadows as a result of the elevated water level in

Klydesøen and the establishment of more effective damming around Villahøj today contains larger waders than in previous decades.

Baltic Dunlin still holds 2 pairs in 2017, and **Ruff** apparently returned as a breeding bird with 2 couples this year (it also bred in 2016) after approx. 30 years absence! Finally, there has been a breeding attempt by The **blacktailed godwit** for the first time since 1970s. However, for the few and endangered species there are still so few that you cannot be sure on the long-term success.



Baltic Dunlin/ Calidris alpina schinzii



Ruff / Philomachus pugnax



Black Godwit / Limosa limosa

A prerequisite for maintaining and expanding a stock of Baltic Dunlin, ruff and The black-tailed godwit will to make sure they get offspring on their wings. The best suitable breeding areas should therefore be extended through one more targeted management. There are several conditions that can greatly help to limit the migratory birds breeding success. Among the most important factors is the risk of predation of eggs and adolescents and downturn of grazing animals. In addition, water conditions on the meadows should be improved as a drying out of the meadows in the breeding season limit the food base. Drying can be highly weather dependent, but in an area with a controlled water level, this can be taken into account.

Maintaining and expanding the stock of the three key elements presupposes consistently pursuing the goal and ensures large cohesive fields and further enhances the conditions, to ensure that waders are not only attracted to the area but also to a great extent get breeding success.







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The current grazing of the area with cattle, horses and sheep seems to be highly optimized in to ensure a vegetation care where the meadows are kept free of unwanted growth and a uniform light-green vegetation. However, this kind of persistent grazing is not necessarily the best to ensure the optimum conditions for the waders and their breeding successes.

Naturally, the vegetation structure is of large importance for the waders opportunity for a good placing of nests and a good food base to improve offspring growth and survival chances.

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Netherlands: Terschelling





Gull eggs counting on the Boschplaat

Thursday, May 24th, blue sky, sun, hot, no wind. Walking and roaming over the salt marshes of the Boschplaat.

An immense area where the smell of Sea Wormwood meets you, the sound of gulls above your head is loud and clear and you occasionally risk wet feet. That's how my workday looked like on this eastern part of the island: "the Boschplaat".

The Boschplaat is a nature reserve and holds the European diploma for nature management since 1970.

It is an annual breeding area for many (migratory) birds. With many

creeks, special flora and fauna, salt marshes and dunes, it is no punishment to spend my working day on

this beautiful part of the island. With the aim of counting gulls eggs. So, you better look out in the high grass you don't get youngsters under your feet!



Why counting?

In 4 days a lot of km's have been walked by colleagues from Staatbosbeheer and SOVON (Bird Research Netherlands). This time not to ring birds, but to count eggs from the Herring Gull and a

Lesser Black-backed Gull. This count, plotted over 4 predefined transects, provides insight into numbers, breeding cases and (feeding) behavior of the seagulls. The expectation is that the count shows a decline compared to years ago. This is mainly due to the grazing of the area.

There is no active management on the Boschplaat. The 9 km long solid dike will prevent new developments, as a result of which nature values will increasingly deteriorate. This can be seen in the number of gull colonies. Scarcity of food also plays a role. Through closing of the landfill and other fishing methods, the count shows that the eating behavior is changing. In desperation even beetles and seeds are eaten instead of fish.

How to count?

With a twenty meter long rope, GPS and two note takers (the Camphuyzen method), a fixed course was taken from A to B on each side. The rope is needed to hold the standard width. All nests within the rope are counted. The person with the GPS determines the course, between them are the counters and the note takers. The number of eggs and what kind of seagull were noted.



The distinction between the two gull species can be seen, among other things, in the food remains around the nest.

Therefore this knowledge is essential.

For example, the Herring Gull shows a sloppy nest with coarse materials and remains of mussels and Baltic clams. The eggs are a stroke larger than the eggs of the Lesser Black-backed Gull. The Lesser Black-backed Gull has a nest with finer materials and often shows grassy balls.

Fish, Razor shells and swimming crabs are also on the menu.









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Along the way we also found nests of Barnacle Goose, Eider and even the Skylark. In short, an instructive and useful working day; with occasionally spotting a young chick, it made a special day.

Greetings from a sunny island, Wanda Bakker Staatsbosbeheer Terschelling



Netherlands: Buitencentrum "Oostvaardersplassen"



Netherlands: Biesbosch





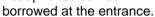
Luxembourg: Biodiversum Remerschen

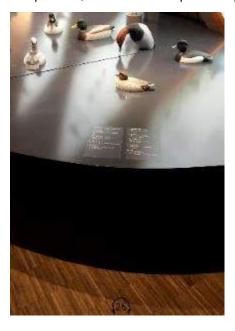
Biodiversum: new audio-guides!

The new audio-guides have arrived. Now, visitors may explore the Biodiversum without a guide on their own and in 4 different languages: **Luxembourgish**, **German**, **English and French**. Of course, guided tours are still available on demand.

Using this new feature is quite simple: the texts and photos are simply usable via the izi.TRAVEL App for smartphones. You have to download the App (or you can download it at Biodiversum using our free wifi) and search for Biodiversum. As most visitors are more familiar with their smartphone than with some sort of external audio-guide, this will guarantee that visitors feel better to use it. As external audio-guides may be expensive, this solution helps to keep the costs for the center low.

Headphones can be







Explanations are given for 32 spots in the exhibition: the building itself, the historical part, the underwater world, different habitats like reed beds or the alluvial forest,

Biodiversity and of course birds and their migrations. But you should better explore it yourself.







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To allow all the visitors to familiarize well before the visit with the Biodiversum and the nature reserve *Haff Réimech*, the whole application is also available on the internet: https://izi.travel/en/2ba6-the-biodiversum-nature-conservation-centre-at-haff-reimech/en#c550-haff-reimech-a-paradise-for-birds/en

The costs for implementing the audio-guide system were about 3500 € (work time from the staff not included).

Together with the fact that the entrance for Biodiversum is for free since the beginning of April, we hope that this will increase the visitor's numbers.

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France: La Maison du Lac De-Grand-Lieu.

Conferences on birds

As part of the exhibition on wetland species migration, we organised two conferences in April and May on the sedentary behaviour of the White Stork in our region and another one on the farmland bird decline.



World Migratory Bird Day 2018

Grand-Lieu Lake being one of the most important breeding sites for the white spoonbill in France, we used this species to connect schools!

This year, two schools, close to the Grand-Lieu Lake, participated to the WMBD.

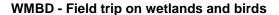
The project aims to be multidisciplinary, combining science, geography, citizenship education and arts, in order to bring together pupils around the world.

Some preparations ...

Before hosting the schools at the centre, teachers had to send us documents to prepare the WMBD (a school class photo, a school presentation, and pupils' description about their ideal world). These documents were then shared with the schools from Senegal and Morocco that participated to this project. The Grand-Lieu Lake Centre worked on a survey for pupils that they completed during their visit, in order to interview the Nature Reserve manager.

Visit at the Grand-Lieu Lake Centre

In April, pupils came to the centre. We organised a field trip during the morning and we worked on bird migration in the afternoon using a game board. At the end of their visit, pupils drew a spoonbill with Indian ink just as a local artist!











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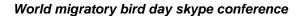
WMBD - Meeting with the nature reserve manager



WMBD - Game board on bird migration

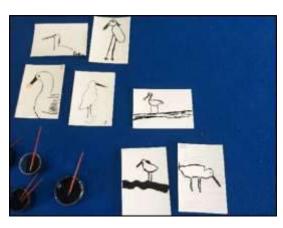


WMBD - Spoonbill drawings



May 17th at 2 pm (in France) we organised the Skype meeting with 3 schools from Senegal (Djoudj and Kalissaye nature reserves) and one school from Morocco at the Oualidia Centre.

Each pupil took a turn to ask a question on birds, migration or school. Hope to participate next year to this event!







Contact : Olivier HUBERT (Directeur) and Audrey CADOU (Ecologist) La Maison du Lac de Grand-Lieu

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Spain: Urdaibai Bird Center

Refugees, birds and migration

URDAIBAI RESERVE - A group of Senegalese refugees visited the UBC with the organisation *Ongi Etorri Errefuxiatuak, Busturialdea.*

Amongst many things, they wanted to explore the way in which this Center and their country are connected by birds. What relationship do birds from Basque Country have with Senegal?

Well, many of them spend the spring and summer here but they then migrate to Africa in search of food and shelter.

To reach their destination they undertake a very dangerous journey, flying over mountains and crossing oceans and

deserts. They face death in many forms: starvation, dehydration, predation, etc. Their journey is similar to that of any migrant who leaves their home in search of better

conditions.

During the visit we were able to hear the stories of the refugees. They told us about the situation in their country and the hardships they faced on their journeys. They had crossed barbed wire fences, military checkpoints and countless obstacles created by the different countries they had to pass.

They were very interested to hear about the birds that make similar journeys and were particularly impressed by the story of

Cousteau, the osprey which left Urdaibai in September 2016. Cousteau carries a GPS device so we know that he spends his time in Casamance in the South of Senegal. Some of the refugees were from this region so it was a fantastic connection.





The group thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Center.







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Ongi Etorri Errefuxiatuak, Busturialdea was set up by local people last year. It is part of the group Ongi Etorri Errefuxiatuak, Bizkaia. Their aim is to aid the process of integration and help immigrants in general. In this frame the Urdaibai Bird Center is going to hold different activities, conferences, visits and exchanges could be the best way to interconnect people birds and migration.

We welcome everyone. You don't need a passport to visit Urdaibai Bird Center, The International Airport for Birds.

Edorta Unamuno (Urdaibai Bird Center)

Please have also a look at the webcam of Urdaibai
Perhaps you can connect it to one screen in your centre.:
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Celebration of World Migratory Birds Day

With the technical support of the National Parks Directorate of Senegal (The Djoudj Biological Station and the Northern Parks and Reserves Information Bureau) St. Louis, Senegal - **May 2018.**

For the commemoration of WOMB 2018 and as part of the activities of the MBP network, Wetlands International Africa organised on Thursday, May 17, 2018, the participation, at an international videoconference, of some young schoolchildren residing in the vicinity of the National Park. Birds of Djoudj in Saint-Louis, Senegal.

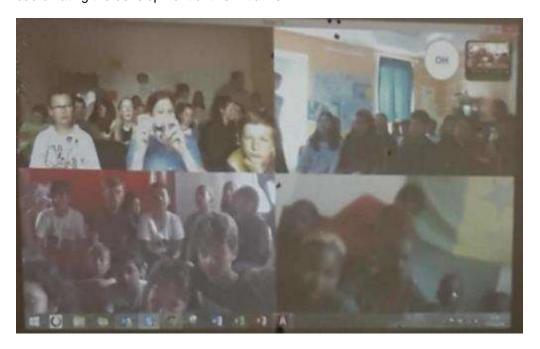
In number of twenty, the schoolchildren came from the School of Rone and the School of Débi-Tiguette respectively located about 5 and 12 km from the Park Djoudj.

During the videoconference, the children had the opportunity to discuss and exchange with children from Kafountine School 2 (Casamance, Senegal), Ecole Sainte Therese (St Mars de Coutais, France), Julie Victoire Daubié College (St Philbert of Grand-Lieu, France) and the Auguste-Renoir School (Marrakech, Morocco).

Through self-directed questions and answers, the children talked about migratory birds, but also about their daily life at school, including school and extracurricular activities, including those aimed at protecting the environment at school. level of each of their establishments.

It was a great opportunity for the children, but also for the different teachers and supervisors who all wished the perpetuation and the improvement of this useful experience for our common cause: the protection of the migratory birds and their habitats in favor of the society.

Our thanks to Mr. Olivier Morin and Ms. Audrey Cadou (Lake Grand-Lieu House) for initiating and coordinating the development of this initiative.









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Other MBP- network news From Birdlife Africa we received the following message:

To celebrate the world migratory Bird day in May I have asked to our partners and schools were asked to design specific songs about migratory birds. You will find bellow the link to see the result:

http://www.birdlife.org/worldmigratorybirdday2018



Many voices, one song: African children sing for migratory birds

By Blandine Mélis, BirdLife Africa communication for francophone countries in Africa.

In honor of World Migratory Bird Day, African schoolchildren hum to pay tribute to the birds that cross their country. Every song is different, but their message is the same: we must all come together to protect our migratory birds.

This year, to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day, Communication BirdLife Africa wanted to do something really special. So we asked BirdLife schools and partners across the continent to send videos of schoolchildren singing the wonders of bird migration.

The results are amazing, the amazing videos. All but one were written by the children themselves. Many inspirations expressing the passion and dedication that the younger generation feels towards the conservation of nature.

In the sequences, the children from seven countries formulate their hopes in distinct styles. Three are in French and four in local languages. Some are subtle and contemplative, others amaze us by the performance of masterfully coordinated dances. The songs reflect the traditions of the countries, the mode of expression and also characterize the habitat of the birds in which the children discover the Nature. Despite the diversity of songs, all children sing in harmony: united in their love for migratory birds. The same messages keep coming back: migratory birds do not know borders. Birds unite men, regardless of their differences. We are proud of our birds: they are part of who we are and we want to protect them. Here are all of their songs.

To listen to their songs (Highlights): https://youtu.be/l-ayPw26lOQ

Mauritania: Nature Mauritania

Lyrics: We protect our environment for a better life / We will not tolerate malice towards our environment, because it is our reason for living / We must conserve the wetlands around us to rationally exploit them and transmit them to future generations / We will use force if necessary to conserve the sites / Through our hands, our mouths and our eyes, we will protect our Nature and we will live in a better environment where everyone will find their place, men like animals / Our nature is our security and our peace, without it we cease to exist.



Zire Sbekha School in Mauritaina has no electricity, but the community is very active in conservation

The children of Ziré Sbekha School live in a village inside Diawling National Park. The park is a RAMSAR site, which means that it has been designated as a wetland of international importance. Despite the lack of







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electricity, the community is very involved in educational programs in the park. Last year, on World Migratory Bird Day, students had the opportunity to take bird-watching trips to the park and learn more about nature. Nature Mauritania (BirdLife partner) participated in the organization of field trips.

Ivory Coast: SOS Foret

Lyrics: Adorable Birds / Birds, Migrators Have No Borders / Do not Have Countries / Unite Our Voices for the Birds of the World / Unite Our Voices to Save Birds / They Give Us Joy to live / We need them to live better, they protect us / They give us the joy of living

Since 1996, SOS Foret (BirdLife Ivory Coast) has been working to protect forests and biodiversity in the country. With fourteen sites identified as Important Areas for Bird Conservation and Biodiversity, conservation actions are not lacking. The enthusiasm shown by the children, however, shows that the future of conservation in Côte d'Ivoire is in good hands.

Burundi: ABN

Lyrics: Knights, terns love to come to Burundi / Guilds, seagulls arrive in the family who loves them / We children and you parents / Protect migratory birds from all nuisances and poachers

Make way for the next boy band: Guy Thank you Nkurunziza and Kanny Prince Igiraneza passionately perform their catchy composition, accompanied by a complete music video created by ABN (BirdLife in Burundi). strives to preserve the forests and wetlands of this densely populated country, despite the expansion of urban areas into natural habitats, which recently forced a hippopotamus to invade a birdwatch in the suburbs.

Djibouti: Djibouti Nature

Lyrics: My little bird Has taken his flight / Has taken his, in the flight Has taken his, in the flight Has taken his flight / Has gone to put On an orange / On a gold, in the flight On a gold, to the volette On an orange tree / The branch was dry It broke / It was, in the flap It was, in the flap It broke / My little bird, Where did you hurt? / Where are you A la volette / Where did you get hurt?

The song sung by children is a traditional French nursery rhyme, dating back to at least the 16th century. It is appropriate for this country because Djibouti is a critical bottleneck for migratory birds: nearly a million of them cross the skies of the country each year). One of the main projects of Djibouti Nature (BirdLife partner) is to sensitize primary school teachers to the importance of conservation, so that children like the ones in this video understand the important role they play in protection of the country's birds and of nature as a whole.

Morocco: GREPOM

Lyrics: Migratory birds, leave but they come back / They are very important, for the nature and the human life / And that for that, that we like them "

The children of the private school of Oualidia gathered at the Ecological Education Center of Oualidia to pay an enthusiastic tribute to their winged companions. The Ecological Center, managed by <u>GREPOM</u> (BirdLife in Morocco), provides training that allows local groups to implement conservation projects. Each year, it also hosts World Migratory Bird Day celebrations, with a program of exciting events including photo competitions and nest box-making workshops.

Guinea-Bissau: ODZH

Lyrics: Migratory bird, I am a migratory bird / I am witness of your travels / I make the link between peoples and ecosystems / I reveal the existence of renewable resources / I am a migratory bird / I am the link between Organizations / I am part of the story of life / I am the beauty of landscapes / I am not only a bird but also a worldview that is yours

As the song says, migratory birds are a "link between organizations". This statement is clear in Guinea-Bissau where OZDH (Organização para a Defesa o Desenvolvimento das Zonas Humidas), which produced this video, is a member of the Migratory Bird Conservation Project. The organization works with







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local communities, but also with groups from seven other countries around the world, to ensure that migratory birds can track their migration to the West African coast.

Senegal: Ornithological Reserve of Kalissaye

Lyrics: Yes all the birds are there, in the green foliage / They whisper their big wings / And chirp their concert / And confuse in the tunes of happy havoc

The children of Hillol School have made extraordinary efforts to record this beautifully written song in the nature reserve where it is located. The Hillol School, located in the Kalissaye Ornithological Nature Reserve (an important RAMSAR site), is remote and accessible to visitors only by boat. To send us the video, the school teacher had to cross the mangroves to find the nearest wifi access point - talk about dedication! To learn more about BirdLife's other educational activities taking place in the Kalissaye Nature Reserve, cliquez ici.

I will be available if you need more information Best regards

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News from our MBP-partner EUROSITE:

Friendship update: Migratory Birds for People & Eurosite



Centre Grand Lieu lake near Nantes, France

The Migratory Birds for People (MBP) network of wetland centres along the East Atlantic Flyway has a formal partnership with Eurosite, delivering support to those working on education and engagement activities at wetland sites.

Part of this has taken the form of work between Chris Rostron (Chair of MBP) and Jelke Brandehof (Communications and Membership Officer, Eurosite) to develop a written guidance on







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effective communication through social media.

This will give an overview of how to use social media, the different benefits of each, and some basic guidance on how they technically can be used. It will be aimed at practitioners working at wetland sites and we hope will improve how we use social media in all its formats.

We will launch this guide as part of the annual MBP meeting, which unfortunately clashes with Eurosite's annual meeting, on the 25th and 26th of September.

We will be meeting at the Grand Lieu lake near Nantes, France, and will hold our usual mix of updates and sharing of best practice, site visit and learning from our hosts, and planning for the coming year. We hope to have representatives from across the East Atlantic Flyway, including West Africa.!

If you are interested, please contact the Chair of MBP Chris Rostron.

INVITATION EUROSITE ANNUAL MEETING 2018

Eurosite would hereby like to personally invite you to our upcoming **Annual Meeting in Budapest**, **Hungary from 25-27 September 2018**, which is organised together with CEEweb for Biodiversity and supported by the EKLIPSE mechanism. This year, our Annual Meeting theme is 'Europe's biodiversity beyond 2020 - Tackling the challenges to achieve targets'. We will, amongst other things, be discussing Nature-Based Solutions in adapting to climate change, private land conservation, Natura 2000 and adaptive management plans, and the value of ecosystem services.

We offer a visit to the beautiful Kiskunsag National Park. Please note that the Eurosite Annual General Meeting (AGM) for members takes place on day 3 (27 September 2017), and that the Council is to appoint new Board members that will replace the current Board members Mr. David Parker (Secretary) and Mrs. Artemis Yiordamli. Both have proven to be extremely valuable Board members and they will be sincerely missed.

We invite you to join us in Budapest and to bring a colleague along. All member employees, individual members and Eurosite associate members are cordially invited to the AGM to discuss the network's activities and developments and priorities for the coming years. This is your chance to share your ideas and get the most out of your membership!

More information on the programme and practicalities can be found on our dedicated <u>event page</u>. The registration fee covers participation costs such as meals, coffee breaks, and the field trip. This year, we are using new software for registration. You can register <u>here</u>. Because Eurosite membership grants a <u>discount to attend our events</u>, we are happy to offer our members and Friends of Eurosite (incl. participants MBP-network) a promotional code giving you a 33% discount. Please use the following code to obtain this discount upon registration: Eurosite2018. This code is intended for all individual members, all employees within member organisations and Friends of Eurosite (Migratory Birds for People and SER Europe).

We look forward to meeting you in Hungary! <u>Secure your place at the Eurosite Annual Meeting</u>! Please do not hesitate to contact me in case you have any questions.

Kind regards, Jelke Brandehof

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Wadden Sea Education at a Glance – New Website of the International Wadden Sea School

Some 60 visitor centres in the Danish, Dutch and German Wadden Sea Region – among which three centres of the MBP network - serve as gateways to the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site. And numerous tour guides and rangers provide information, guided tours and educational programmes. With the aim to raise awareness for the Wadden Sea as ONE share shared area, the International Wadden Sea School (IWSS) serves as information and service platform for Wadden Sea World Heritage education. The IWSS brings together environmental educationalists from Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands at annual workshops throughout the Wadden Sea Region.

They share their experience and approaches to Wadden Sea education and jointly develop ideas for translation activities and trilateral resources. A broad pool of multilingual education and edutainment resources are available, such as posters, discovery booklets, sticker books, and various games focussing on the Wadden Sea as an entity. They offer multipliers the chance to include a transnational perspective in their regional and local education activities.

The new website of the IWSS www.iwss.org gives an overview on the visitor centers as well as national and international activities and offers numerous educational resources – many of which are related to migratory birds - for free download.

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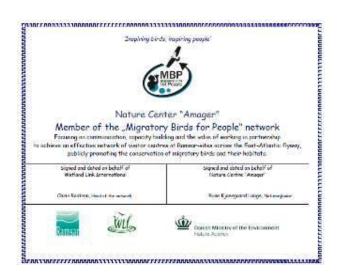
"Migratory Birds for People" certificate

The core group has a certificate available by which the participating visitor centre can show that they are a member of the `Migratory Birds for People`- network.

This certificate can be obtained for free.

Just write an email to _r.b.heringa@gmail.com and we will send you a certificate.

Ce certificat peut encore être obtenu gratuitement. Il suffit d'écrire un courriel à r.b.heringa@gmail.com et nous vous enverrons un certificat.



"Migratory Birds for People" T-shirt and Mug can still be ordered!

We have created our own MBP-t-shirt. (price: approx.. € 10,= / excl. mailing costs)

Please let me know if you are interested and send me your details about number and size.

You could also obtain your own MBP-mug.

The price of this item is: approx.. € 5,= (excl. mailing costs)

Send your message to: r.b.heringa@gmail.com





The team of the Urdaibai Center wearing our MBP-T-shirt with pride!

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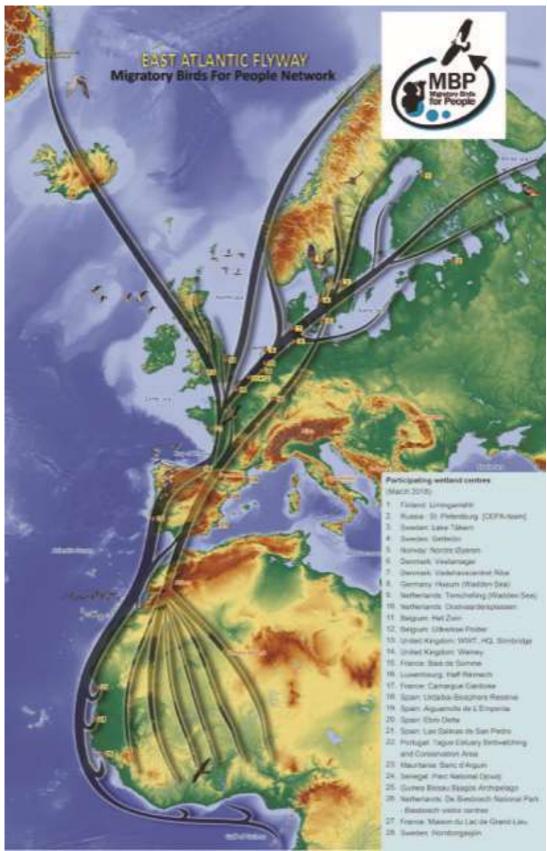






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