



"WORKSHOP on Bird migration in the OSPAR and HELCOM Regions"

**Wednesday, 8 September to
Thursday, 9 September 2021**

organised by the
German Federal Agency for Nature
Conservation (BfN) together with the HELCOM
Secretariat

online!

Topics and goals of the workshop:

This regional workshop will serve as kick-off event for the envisaged ICES/OSPAR/HELCOM sub-group on bird migration under JWG Bird, aiming at bundling expertise, collating data and discussing methodologies to produce high-quality maps of bird migration routes across the North-East Atlantic and Baltic Sea. Particular focus during the workshop will be put on drafting of a workplan for the group to guide further work.

In order to contribute to the implementation of OSPAR and HELCOM Programmes on safeguarding migratory birds and in line with the aim of Germany's HELCOM chairmanship to support the tracking of the routes of migratory birds, the outcome of the workshop should prepare the ground for future work on the development of conservation measures and facilitate cooperation in the OSPAR and HELCOM region.

Agenda

- **Item 1**
Welcome, Introduction and Background
- **Item 2**
During this session various ways to identify bird migration over the sea will be presented and discussed
- **Item 3**
Presentations and discussions about potential and actual threats to birds migrating over sea
- **Item 4**
In this session the TOR will be presented and the draft workplan for the subgroup on bird migration will be discussed.

Agenda items 1 to 3 will be dealt with on Wednesday, 8 September (evtl. also beginning of Thursday) and Agenda item 4 will be discussed on Thursday, 9 September.

On Thursday, unannounced short updates from participants will also be possible.

Preliminary Timetable

Wednesday , 8 September 2021

Agenda Item 1	Welcome, Introduction and Background
09:00	Welcome and introduction of participants "tour de table" <i>Janos Hennicke & Dieter Boedeker (BfN), Germany</i>
09.20 10 min presentation + 10 min discussion	HELCOM Recommendation 34E/1 "Safeguarding important bird habitats and migration routes in the Baltic Sea from negative effects of wind and wave energy production at sea" and concretized actions in the new Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAPup 2021 - 2030) <i>Dieter Boedeker (BfN), Germany</i>
09.40 20 + 20	Existing international agreements on migratory bird conservation in the JWG Bird area <i>Nina Mikander (Ministry of the Environment), Finland</i>
10.20 20 + 10	Outcome of the HELCOM workshop on migratory waterbirds, Helsinki, November 2018 <i>N.N.</i>
10.50 - 11.10	Break
11.10 10 + 10	Speed update: How to protect migration routes? <i>Sandra Vardeh (BfN), Germany</i>
Agenda Item 2	How to identify and map migration routes?
11.30 20 + 20	Detecting the migration of birds using weather radar data <i>Ommo Hüppop (Institute of Avian Research), Germany</i>

12.10 15 + 15	Bat migration over the Sea <i>Antje Seebens-Hoyer (NABU, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern), Germany</i>
12.40 10 + 10	Speed update: Identification of routes and threats during migration in small Charadrius plovers – a novel approach using super light-weighted GPS tags in the Wadden Sea <i>Dominic Cimiotti (MOIN), Germany</i>
13.00-14.00	BREAK
14.00 20 + 20	Tracking the migration of Caspian terns and Lesser Black-backed Gulls fuscus <i>Ulrik Lötberg (BirdLife International, Sweden)</i>
Agenda Item 3	Potential and actual threats to birds migrating over sea
14.40 20 + 20	Assessment of collision risk for vulnerable bird species with offshore wind farms <i>Aonghais Cook (BTO) Scotland</i>
15.20 20 + 20	Bird migration over the sea: methods, space-time patterns and conflicts with offshore wind farms <i>Stefan Garthe & Phillip Schwemmer (FTZ), Germany</i>
15.50-16.10	Break
16.10 20 + 20	Air space as habitat? <i>Robb Diehl (US Geological Survey), USA</i>
approx. 16.50	End of Day 1

Thursday , 9 September 2021	
09.00 20 + 20	Information relevant for assessing impacts on migratory birds in the Baltic Sea with special reference to offshore windfarms <i>BSH (tbc)</i>
Agenda Item 4	TOR and workplan for a subgroup “Bird Migration” under JWG BIRD
09.40 10 + 10	Presentation and discussion of the TORs for the subgroup <i>Laura Kaikkonen (HELCOM Secretariat)</i>
10.00- 12.30 (break at 10.30)	Presentation and discussion of the draft workplan for the subgroup <i>Laura Kaikkonen (HELCOM Secretariat)</i> <i>WS is invited to suggest amendments to the workplan!</i>
12.30-13.30	Break
13.30 (break at 14.30)	Continued discussion of the draft workplan for the subgroup
(approx. 16.00)	End of Workshop