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**The UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project**

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WOW - DEMONSTRATION PROJECT  
**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

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## 1. Executive Summary

During 4<sup>th</sup> semi-annual period, project team focused main attention to management planning issues. Based on previously collected scientific information, were additionally analyzed waterbird data and compiled fish inventory report (*see attached documents in Annex I*). Project team with partners is currently finishing of preparing three management plans, which will be given over to the Ministry of Environment in December (Osmussaar Landscape Reserve, Silma Nature Reserve) and January (Nõva-Osmussaar SPA). Legal adoption of these documents is expected to take place in early 2009.

Project team implemented key steps for opening Visitor Centre in April 2009. In this reporting period has been prepared meeting room for demonstration of multimedia program and presentations. Company Loodusemees Ltd ([www.loodusemees.ee](http://www.loodusemees.ee)) has prepared innovative multimedia program presenting the project area and especially water bird migration. Exhibition of reed bed birds has been built for Visitor Centre. Project team implemented training course for Haapsalu Vocational School students, to enhance capacity for ecotourism.

Additional information about project activities was added to the project homepage. To demonstrate wildlife in the project area, a live camera has been set up to the feeding place for White-tailed eagles (*Haliaeetus albicilla*). About 2000-3000 people are visiting eagle`s camera on homepage [www.looduskalender.ee](http://www.looduskalender.ee) each day. Project inventories, monitoring and management reports has been uploaded to the project homepage.

During this semi-annual period has been restored 87 ha coastal grasslands with project cutting equipment. This area has been mowed two years and next spring will be started grazing. Farmers around Haapsalu Bay are instructed to increase livestock and thereby total amount of grazed grasslands. In long-term scale it will enhance habitat quality for breeding and migratory birds.

Ministry of Environment has filled necessary co-financing (100 000 USD) for project activities, and continues supporting of Haapsalu-Noarootsi Bays demonstration project.

### 1.1 Key project achievements during the reporting period

#	Key Project Achievements
1	<b>Development of management plans for the protected areas in the Haapsalu -Noarootsi area.</b> In the frame of WOW Estonian demonstration project will be compiled 3 management plans covering 300 km <sup>2</sup> protected areas in North West Estonia. Local NGO Läänemaa Bird Club has developed management plan drafts for two sites (Osmussaar Landscape Reserve and Nõva-Osmussaar SPA), which will be finalized in and given over to the Ministry of Environment in December and January. SNCC staff is currently finishing management plan draft for Silma Nature Reserve.
2	<b>Development of Visitor Centre and enhancement of ecotourism possibilities in the project area.</b> Small exhibition about reed bed wildlife has been built for Visitor Centre. Dataprojector and speakers has been set up to the meeting room for demonstration of multimedia presentations to the small visitor groups. Multimedia program has been compiled in two languages (Estonian and English). Leaf letter about hiking possibilities has been compiled about Haapsalu Bay area (in English and Estonian). Opening of Visitor Centre is planned in the 17.-18. April 2009.
3	<b>Implementation of live camera project to demonstrate feeding place of White-tailed Eagles.</b> In cooperation with environmental NGOs (Läänemaa Bird Club, Kotkaklubi), Estonian Educational and Research Network (EEnet) and internet portal <a href="http://www.ilm.ee">www.ilm.ee</a> team, has been set up two live cameras to the White-tailed Eagle`s feeding place in Haapsalu-Noarootsi wetland. Live camera picture and internet diary is visible on homepage <a href="http://www.looduskalender.ee">www.looduskalender.ee</a> (direct link <a href="http://mms://tv.eenet.ee/kotkas">mms://tv.eenet.ee/kotkas</a> ). In November has been watched 11 different White-tailed Eagle, including four birds with color rings (ringed in Finland and Estonia). Recorded clips are available on the internet for demonstration of conservation of that species.

- 4 **Coastal grassland restoration has been successfully implemented.** Coastal grassland area in Noarootsi peninsula was cleaned from reed with project equipment. About 87 ha of coastal grassland has been restored. Farmers are instructed by SNCC staff to change management method for the next year, replacing cutting with grazing in many places. Farmers has been started to increase the livestock.
- 5 **Training of nature guides in cooperation with Haapsalu Vocational School.** Three days long training was prepared for nature interpreters on Osmussaar island. During 16.-18. VI teachers from Haapsalu vocational school and project team trained 20 guides in botany, ornithology, settlement history and heritage of island.

## 1.2 Key issues & proposed solutions

#	Issue	Proposed Solution	Deadline	Party Responsible
1	<b>Designation of Haapsalu-Noarootsi Ramsar site</b>	Although Estonia has recently made significant progress in joining with MEAs (AEWA, Bonn Convention), there is very slow legal adoption of national nature conservation documents. To ensure designation of Ramsar site during project lifetime, must be organized meeting in December with representatives from Ministry of Environment.	30.06.2009	M.Valker & T.Randla
2	<b>Development of cooperation between different stakeholder groups to increase capacity to implement management plans</b>	Collected scientific studies show the decrease of many migratory water bird species (Long-tailed duck, Eider, Bewick swan etc.) during last 10 years. This negative impact is mainly affected by the oil pollution in the Baltic Sea and also in territorial waters of Russian Federation (White Sea). To avoid oil pollution in the project area (main wintering area for Long-tailed Ducks in northern part of Baltic Sea), must be developed cooperation network with Border Guard and marine scientists to ensure regular oil pollution monitoring in the key sites for migratory waterbirds.	30.06.2009	M.Valker & T.Randla

## 2. Project Management

CATEGORY	ISSUES Description of issues affecting project performance during the reporting period	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS Description of decisions / actions to be taken	DEADLINE	PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Recruitment & management of staff and consultants	Project staff and book keepers were the same as in previous period. Intern Kaia Vooremaa from Haapsalu Vocational School implemented her intern period in the middle of June.		30.06.2009	Kaja Lotman, Marko Valker & Tiit Randla
Finance & administration	Financial cover for necessary co-financing (100 000 USD) has been achieved from Ministry of Environment.	<p>An internationally accepted audit company must be selected to implement final financial audit and evaluation of project activities before the end of project in June 2009.</p> <p>Some activities has been implemented with smaller amount of costs (like live camera project) or implemented for the governmental funding (project monitoring).</p> <p>Project team is planning to use these funds to make some additional subcontracts for developing of Visitor Centre.</p>	30.06.2009	Kaja Lotman, Marko Valker, Aili Kaljussaar & Merle Lepik
Logistics & operations	Project team is coordinating compiling of three management plans for protected areas in the demonstration site. Coastal grassland restoration was	Interactive nature education software will be developed specially for Visitor Centre. It will be provide information about typical species and habitats in the project area.	30.06.2009	Marko Valker & Tiit Randla

	<p>successfully implemented in Haapsalu - Noarootsi area.</p> <p>Reedbed exhibition and multimedia presentation has been prepared for the visitor centre. Presentation equipment has been purchased and set up to the meeting room.</p> <p>Popular Wintering Eagle`s live camera project is currently ongoing.</p>	<p>Software also consist self-testing possibilities (visitors can fill the simple test and get quick feedback).</p>		
Reporting & communication	<p>Project team compiled 4<sup>th</sup> semi-annual report. To get attention for demonstration project, it`s activities (live camera project, mapping of seabed habitats, AEWA celebration seminar, multimedia presentation <i>etc.</i>) has been actively described in national media.</p>	<p>Implementation of Estonian demonstration project has given valuable experience about communication with stakeholders and waterbird conservation.</p> <p>Best way to share this experience on national and international level is to compile project final publication. This book will be published in spring 2009.</p>	30.06.2009	Marko Valker & Tiit Randla
Coordination with project partners	<p>Project team visited Lithuanian demosite (Nemunas River Delta) on 23-26 November 2008 and made short presentation about Estonian demoproject activities. Two demosites and also main aims of demonstration projects are very similar. Visit to the Lithuanian demosite gave valuable ideas for management of Haapsalu-Noarootsi Bays.</p> <p>Project team is preparing training for Gambian demosite staff in Niimi National Park.</p>	<p>Project team will visit Wetlands International office in Africa and Niimi National Park (Gambia) to implement training for local staff and increase waterbird monitoring capacity.</p> <p>Project team is planning to celebrate official opening of Visitor Centre with project coordinators from UNOPS and Wetlands International as well with colleagues from Lithuanian and possibly from Hungarian demosite.</p>	30.06.2009	Marko Valker & Tiit Randla

<p>External issues (e.g. difficult access to the project site for political/social/environmental reasons, etc.)</p>	<p>Ministry of Economy has been started to renovate village road to Saunja office. Road has built wider and trees near the road has been cut down. Now there is possible drive to the Visitor Centre with large bus (up to 50 people). This is significant progress and has positive impact to the local development.</p>	<p>In spring/summer 2009 village road to the Visitor Centre will get strong cover. Communication with the Ministry of Economy is necessary to implement it in the early spring to enhance access to the Visitor Centre.</p>	<p>30.09.2009</p>	
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## 2.2 Project Steering Committee (SC)

<b>Date of last SC Meeting</b>	<b>8.12.2008</b>
Proposed Date for next SC Meeting	25.06.2009

QUESTION	ANSWER
This Report was reviewed and approved by the Project SC	yes
The workplan & budget for next six months was reviewed & approved by the Project SC	yes
The SC is meeting periodically and providing effective direction/inputs?	yes

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### 3. Progress / Issues / Proposed Solutions

<b>ACTIVITIES</b> Output/Service (as listed in the approved project document)	<b>EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE</b>	<b>STATUS</b> % completed to date (and in parenthesis: % in prior progress report)	<b>PROGRESS</b> Description of work undertaken during the reporting period	<b>ISSUES &amp; PROPOSED SOLUTIONS</b> Description of problems encountered; Issues that need to be addressed; Decisions / Actions to be taken	<b>PARTY RESPONSIBLE</b>
Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ↑ increased with respect to prior report; (-) unchanged; ↓ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.					
<b>Outcome 1</b>					
Activity 1.1. Engagement of local and national policy makers to ensure the legal adoption of the management plan	30.VI.2007	<b>C</b>	This activity has been completed during I Semi-Annual period. Routine consultations and dialogue with local and national decision makers will continue under activity 1.3.		<b>Marko Valker</b>
Activity 1.2. Collection of additional information needed for management plan.	30.VI.2008	<b>C</b>	This activity has been completed during III Semi-Annual period. Some additional scientific information has been analyzed for management plan for Nõva-Osmussaar SPA (see following description under activity 1.3).		<b>Tiit Randla</b>
Activity 1.3. Development and implementation of the management plan collaboratively with local	31.12.2008	<b>IP ↑</b> 90% (75%)	Additional report of the waterbird inventory and fish inventory has been compiled (see attached files	Legal adoption of management plans will start in January 2009. Management plan drafts will be	<b>Marko Valker &amp; Tiit</b>

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management organization and communities			in Annex I). Läänemaa Bird Club is currently finishing management plan drafts for Osmussaar Landscape Reserve and Nõva-Osmussaar SPA. Additionally SNCC staff has compiled management plan draft for Silma Nature Reserve.	uploaded to the project homepage.	<b>Randla</b>
<b>Outcome 2</b>					
Activity 2.1. Awareness Raising amongst local stakeholders of the importance of the coastal meadow and reedbed restoration and rehabilitation	30.06.2009	<b>C</b>	This activity is completed.		<b>Marko Valker</b>
Activity 2.2. Local stakeholders trained in restoration and rehabilitation practice through demonstration	30.06.2009	<b>IP</b> 75% (50%)	Restoration of coastal grasslands was successfully implemented. Coastal meadow in Noarootsi peninsula (87 ha) has been mowed with project cutting equipment. Farmers are instructed to increase livestock and start with grazing instead of mowing.		<b>Marko Valker &amp; Tiit Randla</b>

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Legend: (IP) In progress; (C) Completed; ↑ increased with respect to prior report; (-) unchanged; ↓ revised downwards; (NA) Not scheduled for current reporting period.					
Activity 2.3. Establishment of tourism infrastructure	30.06.2009	IP ↑ 90% (75%)	<p>Demonstration equipment (datap projector, speakers) has been set up to the meeting room. This provides opportunity to demonstrate nature sounds and multimedia presentations.</p> <p>Reed bed exhibition has been built for Visitor Centre. Multimedia program (18 min) has been compiled in two languages.</p> <p>Additional information has been set up to the project homepage. Project team in cooperation with Estonian Education and Research Network (EEnet), portal ilm.ee and environmental NGOs started popular wintering eagle live camera project.</p>	Project team is currently planning order software for Visitor Centre. It demonstrates impact of our decisions to the coastal habitats and species). It consist self-testing possibility to make it attractive for schoolchildren.	Marko Valker
Activity 2.4. Development of local capacity for ecotourism	30.06.2009	IP 80% (60%)	3 days long training course for Haapsalu Vocational College students was implemented on Osmussaar island (16.-18.VI). Project team also implemented waterbird identification training for college students in September	First nature guides will be graduated in Haapsalu Vocational School in May 2009.  Project team is participating in evaluation of their guiding skills to select some partners for visitor	Marko Valker & Tiit Randla

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			2008. Project poster was presented in UK on European biggest bird tourism fair ( <i>Birdfair 2008. Ruthland, 15.-17.08.2008</i> ).	centre to organize guided tours and educational events.	
<b>Outcome 3</b>					
Activity 3.1. Development of a monitoring strategy to underpin the implementation of the management plan			This activity has been finished during III Semi-Annual period.		<b>Marko Valker &amp; Tiit Randla</b>
Activity 3.2. Implementation of the monitoring strategy		<b>IP↑</b>  50%  (0)	Estonian Marine Institute (www.sea.ee) implemented monitoring of ecological condition of coastal sea. This based on the monitoring of the phyto- and zoobenthos. 7 monitoring stations were fixed in the open sea on the waterbird main concentration areas. Ornithologist Renno Nellis has implemented report of changes in coastal grassland bird numbers related with management and habitat changes during recent years.		<b>Marko Valker &amp; Tiit Randla</b>

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<b>Outcome 4</b>					
Activity 4.1. Project inception and establishment of local Steering Committee	30.06.2007	<b>C</b>	Steering Committee will meet two times annually to approve semi-annual reports and work plan for next semi-annual period.		<b>Marko Valker &amp; Tiit Randla</b>
Activity 4.2. Implementation and administration of the project	30.06.2009	<b>IP ↑</b> 80% (60%)	Main preparations for the opening of Visitor Centre has been finished.  Three management plan drafts for protected areas in the demonstration site will be finished by the end of 2008.  Project monitoring and coastal grassland restoration is successfully implemented.	For designation of Haapsalu-Noarootsi Ramsar site has been organized meeting with representatives from Ministry of Environment. Legal adoption process will be discussed with governmental lawyers to speed Ramsar site designation process.	<b>Marko Valker &amp; Tiit Randla</b>
Activity 4.3. Monitoring and reporting of the project progress	30.06.2009	<b>IP ↑</b> <b>80%</b> (60%)	Fourth semi-annual report has been compiled by project team. Work plan for the next Semi-Annual period has been compiled by project team.	Project final audit and evaluation of activities must be implemented during last semi-annual period.	<b>Marko Valker &amp; Tiit Randla</b>

## 4. Funds Disbursement

### 4.1 Disbursement of GEF Funds

Report on the status of GEF Funds managed under this Agreement with UNOPS.

Total Budget approved for the provision of technical services: 200 000 USD

Funds advanced by UNOPS to date: 167 135 USD

Opening balance this reporting period: 11 357 USD

Total expenditure this reporting period: 60 642 USD

Funds requested (as per disbursement schedule): 16 432 USD

Certified by Project Manager: Marko Valker

In below has indicated costs until 5.12.2008, which are related with 4<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual period activities (like costs for training mission to the Senegal-Gambia demosite). GEF Funds has been used effectively and web camera project has been implemented with smaller amount of costs as planned. This money is planned to use for developing of Visitor Centre after discussions with PCU.

General Category of Expenditure	Total budget	Total expenditure to date	Total budget balance	Opening balance this reporting period	Last payment received	Expenditure in reporting period	Balance at end of reporting period
Personell	75 000	48 466	26 534	805	27 875	21 146	7 534
Equipment	31 829	30 950	879	1279	14 576	14 976	879
Subcontracts	39 138	28 153	10 985	3 744	14 431	8 464	9 711
Workshops/Training	6 002	5 774	228	732	1 251	1 755	228
Travel	29 250	22 540	6 710	1 791	7 150	9 381	-440
Overhead/Operations	3 050	2 862	188	423	610	1 455	-422
Monitoring/Evaluation/auditing	15 731	9 057	6 674	2 583	2 725	3 465	1843
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200 000</b>	<b>147 802</b>	<b>52 198</b>	<b>11 357</b>	<b>68 618</b>	<b>60 642</b>	<b>19 333</b>

## 4.2 Status of co-financing

During current semi-annual period, Ministry of Environment filled necessary co-financing for project activities (100000 USD). Ministry of Environment continues supporting Haapsalu-Noarrootsi demonstration project activities.

Sources of co-financing	Total funds committed (cash)	Total in-kind contribution	Total co-financing (cash + in-kind)	Total received to date	Balance
Ministry of Environment	100 000		100 000	123 366	
Co-financing in current project period, including	62781		62781		
Subcontracts	60365		60365		
Other costs	433		433		
Travel	1983		1983		
<b>totals</b>				62781	
<b>List any additional sources of co-financing mobilized during project implementation</b>					
<b>totals</b>					



## 5. Performance Evaluation

### 5.1 Logical framework

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of 30.11.2008	Risks and assumptions
<b>Development Objective</b>					
Conservation and sustainable use of Haapsalu-Noarootsi critical site for migratory water birds					
<b>Immediate Objective</b>					
Strengthened conservation management capacity	An adopted management plan under implementation (note: plan will include a monitoring framework and indicators) Financial capacity to implement the plan	Management plan Relevant legislation and endorsement by national authorities Implementation reports by State Nature Conservation Centre WOW demoproject progress reports	Haapsalu-Noarootsi area is in the national potential Ramsar list Estonia has not joined the AEWA Agreement Some parts of project area have management plan Limited management capacity in place at SNCC	Legal preparations to designate Ramsar site are ongoing  Estonia is full member of AEWA Agreement All parts of project area have management plan drafts and capacity for it's implementation	Current trends in sustainable use of coastal meadows are not negatively impacted by shifts in Government / EU policy. Commitment to cooperation among relevant government institutions continues.
<b>Outcomes</b>					
Integrated sustainable use and conservation management plan promulgated	An adopted management plan based on Ramsar principles and supporting the conservation of AEWA	Management plan Periodic implementation	A management plan exist for Silma Nature reserve and	Management plans has been compiled for three protected	National legislation remain conducive for conservation

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of 30.11.2008	Risks and assumptions
	species	reports	Osmussaar Landscape Reserve (2004-2008)	areas in the PA, legal adoption of management plans is starting in January 2009	
Improved infrastructure and an increased local capacity to develop ecotourism and sustain coastal grassland restoration	Average stay of ecotourists in the area Increased habitat for migratory water birds	WOW demonstration project progress reports Bird counts Publications Website statistics Visitor feedback / survey results	Changes in the migrating water bird numbers are unknown Regular coastal meadow monitoring exist No active Visitor Centre 2 existing nature trails, no camp sites Silma Nature Reserve home page	Regular waterbird monitoring is ongoing in the project area. Most preparations for the opening of Visitor Centre has been done. 2 nature trails has been enhanced.	National socioeconomic and environmental conditions remain conducive to conservation / ecotourism measures The number of staging waterfowl will not increase The number of birds will not increase Insufficient interest towards the organized events Insufficient interest, too sparse population
Improved availability of data for conservation management	Data is used to assess the impact of management actions Water bird monitoring plan being implemented regularly	Regular waterbird monitoring reports Management plan implementation	The latest estimations about waterbird numbers are about 10 years old	Regular waterbird monitoring exists Project inventory and monitoring reports are available on project	Insufficient logistic support Lack / support of interest from participants and partner institutions

Intervention Logic	Indicators of performance	Means of Verification	Baseline Situation	Status as of 30.11.2008	Risks and assumptions
		reports State monitoring system waterbird monitoring database		homepage	

## 5.2 Protected Areas Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool

QUESTION	ANSWER
Was the PAMETT performed for the Haapsalu-Noarootsi protected area?	Yes
Date of first PAMETT:	10.05.2007
PAMETT performed by:	Marko Valker & Tiit Randla

## 5.3 Project Impact

QUESTION	ANSWER
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>	
# of NGO staff involved in this project	26
# of Government Staff involved in this project	7
# of Volunteers involved in this project	28
# of Government staff involved in Flyways issues (AEWA in particular)	2 persons (Nature Conservation Department, Ministry of Environment)
<b>TARGET BENEFICIARIES</b>	
# of beneficiaries involved in this project	17
# of people involved in project workshops	35
# of people trained under this project	35
<b>COMMUNICATION ISSUES</b>	
# of press articles featuring the project and/or related issues	8 articles
# of TV/radio programmes featuring the project and/or related issues	1 (Estonian National Broadcast radio news about Estonian joining with AEWA Agreement)
# of publications produced under this project	1 (leaf letter “Haapsalu Bay and Silma Nature Reserve”)
Estimated # of people reached by project communication efforts	20 000 (Wintering Eagle’s live camera project)

## 6. Key Lessons Learned

**1. Modern ways to inform people about nature conservation.** During 4<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual period has been completed innovative multimedia presentation about the project area. Project team also participated in very popular wintering eagle live camera project. Well illustrated presentation and possibility watch wildlife in real time, has given positive feedback to the project team. Using the new ways to explain nature conservation has helped to make nature conservation attractive to the wider public and thereby helped to design positive image for the Haapsalu-Noarootsi Bays demonstration project.

## 7. Workplan for the Next Semi-annual Period

### 7.1 Updated overall project workplan

ACTIVITY	YEAR 3
	S5
1.1. Engagement of local and national policy makers to ensure the legal adoption of the management plan	Completed during I semi-annual period
1.2. Collection of additional information needed for management plan	Completed during III semi-annual period
1.3. Development and implementation of the management plan collaboratively with local management organizations and institutions	
2.1. Awareness raising amongst local stakeholders of the importance of the coastal meadow and reedbed restoration and rehabilitation	Completed during II semi-annual period
2.2. Local stakeholders trained in restoration and rehabilitation practice through demonstration	
2.3. Establishment of tourism infrastructure	
2.4. Development of local capacity for ecotourism	
3.1. Development of a monitoring strategy to underpin the implementation of the management plan	Completed during III semi-annual period
3.2. Implementation of the monitoring strategy	
4.1. Project inception and establishment of local Steering Committee	
4.2. Implementation and administration of the project	

4.3. Monitoring and reporting of the project progress	
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## 7.2 Workplan for next six months

PLANNED ACTIVITY	Period <01.12.2008-30.06.2009 >						
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7
1. Implementation of training for Niimi National Park staff							
2. Development of Visitor Centre							
3. Opening of Visitor Centre							
4. Compiling of project final publication							
5. Compiling the Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS) and other documentation necessary for Ramsar site designation							
6. Implementation of waterbird monitoring							
7. Legal adoption of management plan drafts							
8. Compiling of final report							
9. Implementation of audit and evaluation of project impact							

## ANNEXES



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### **Annex 1: Inventory of Outputs/Services**

#### **a) Meetings**

No	Meeting Type <sup>4</sup>	Title	Venue	Dates	Organized by	# of Participants	Report issued as doc no	Language	Dated
1.	Expert group Meeting	“Experience exchange on possible legal implications at future Marine Natura 2000 sites in the Baltic States and evaluation of findings from the site inventories 2005 – 2008”	Jurmala, Latvia	11.-12. VI	Baltic Environmental Forum	35	yes	English	
2.	Training Workshop/	Training for Nature Guides on Osmussaar Landscape Reserve	Osmussaar	16.-18. VI	SNCC Hiiu-Lääne region	25	no		
3-	Expert	Management	Spitha	20.	SNCC	18	no		

<sup>4</sup> Meeting types (Inter-governmental Meeting, Expert Group Meeting, Training Workshop/Seminar, Other)



4.	Group Meeting	meeting with Nõva community about local management problems (2 meetings)	mi, Nõva	VIII	Hiiu-Lääne region, local community				
4.	Other	AEWA Accession Celebration	Roosta Guest-house	27. VIII	SNCC Hiiu-Lääne region	25	no		
5.	Training Worksop	Training for Haapsalu Vocational School students about waterbird identification	Haapsalu	25.IX	SNCC Hiiu-Lääne region	20	no		
6.	Expert Group Meeting	Osmusaar Landscape Reserve management meeting	Osmusaar	8. IX	Noarootsi municipality	31	yes	Estonian	
7.	Expert Group Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Parties	Antananarivo, Madagascar	15.-19.IX	AEWA Secretariat		yes	English	
8.	Expert Group Meeting	Conference “Nemunas River delta – Internationally important bird area”	Ventes Ragas, Lithuania	24.-25.X	Ecological Institute of Vilnius University				
9.	Expert	Osmusaar	Saunja	21.	SNCC	10	No		

	Group Meeting	Landscape Reserve Management planning meeting		X	Hiiu-Lääne region				
10.	Expert Group Meeting	Silma Nature Reserve management planning meeting	Haapsalu	25.XI	SNCC Hiiu-Lääne region	8	No		

**b) Printed Materials**

No	Type <sup>5</sup>	Title	Author(s)/ Editor(s)	Publisher	Publication Date	Distribution List Attached Yes/No
1.	Technical report	Haapsalu-Noarootsi projektialal ja Neugrundi madalal peatuvate, sulgivate ning kevad- ja sügisrändel peatuvate veelindude arvukus ning levikumuster (waterbird data analyze)	A.Kuresoo, L.Luigujõe	Estonian University of Life Sciences	August 2008	No
2.	Technical report	Seiremetoodika merekeskkonna seisundi hindamiseks AEWA projektialal (monitoring of ecological condition of coastal sea in the project area)	H. Orav-Kotta	Estonian Marine Institute	September 2008	No
3.	Technical report	Osmussaare piirkonna kalastiku uuring (fish inventory report)	M.Vetemaa	Estonian Marine Institute	October 2008	No

<sup>5</sup> Material types (Report to Inter-governmental Meeting, Technical Publication, Technical Report, Other)

4.	Leaf letter	Haapsalu Bay and Silma Nature Reserve	M. Valker	SNCC Hiiu-Lääne region	September 2008	No
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**c) Media coverage**

No	Description	Date
1.	“Väinamere veelindude elu saab vaadata veebikaamerast” Filippov, M. Postimees News about project live cameras on Väinameri islets.	02.06.2008
2.	“Eesti kaardistab Läänemere põhja” Filippov, M. Postimees. News about seabed mapping inventory.	06.06.2008
3.	“Number of migrating Lesser White-fronted Geese increasing at Estonian Demonstration Site” by Florian Keil at WOW project homepage	02.07.2008
4.	“Estonia becomes AEWA`s 62 <sup>nd</sup> Party”. News on AEWA Secretariat and WOW project website by Florian Keil	20.08.2008
5.	“Valmib Loode-Eesti loodusimesid tutvustav multimeediaprogramm” Valker, M. Eesti Looduskaitse Seltsi ajaleht“Tõru”. (An article giving overview about multimedia program, describing nature of project area).	28. 08.2008
6.	“Eestist saab Aafrija Euraasia rändveelindude kaitse kokkuleppe liikmesriik” Valker, T. <a href="http://www.kalev.ee">www.kalev.ee</a> News on news portal kalev.ee about AEWA Celebration Event at Roosta Guesthouse	01.09.2008
7.	“Veelinnujaht täna ja homme” – Randla, T. Eesti Jahimees 9/2008 (An article in Estonian hunters magazine, explaining sustainable hunting and ecological reasons of declining of waterbird populatsions.)	September 2008
8.	“New webcam helps spot eagles at WOW Demonstration Site in Estonia”. News on WOW project homepage by Florian Keil	27.11.2008

**d) Technical Cooperation with relevant parallel initiatives**

No	Type <sup>6</sup>	Purpose	Venue	Duration
1.	Advisory Services	Data exchange with Life-Nature project about migrating LWfG in the project area	Ridala, Oru and Noarootsi Municipality	31.12.2008
2.	Advisory Services	Management planning cooperation with Life project “ <i>Marine protected areas in the Eastern Baltic Sea</i> ”	Haapsalu, Penijõe	31.12.2008

<sup>6</sup> Technical Cooperation Type (Grants and Fellowships, Advisory Services, Staff Mission, Others)