

NCM Office in Latvia project `Nature conservation NGOs in the Nordic-Baltic region – working together` implemented by Latvian Fund for Nature (LV), Sustainable Development Initiatives – DVI (LIT), Estonian Fund for Nature (EE), and Swedish Botanical Society (SE)

Workshop

`Involvment of general public in biodiversity monitoring: experience in the Nordic-Baltic region`

October 24, 2009, 25 Peldu Street (Old City of Riga), Riga, Ministry of Environment of Latvia, 1st floor, Room 101

The goal of the workshop

- to exchange best experience on the biodiversity monitoring for general public in the Nordic-Baltic region;
- to discuss particular organisational and methodological questions regarding biodiversity monitoring for general public

Topics for discussion

- Basic rules to initiate a good BD monitoring for general public
- The quality of data. Calibration of people involved.
- How and who and to what extent can use the data gathered by general public?
- How to provide feedback for people involved? The cost effective way of doing it.

Target audience: nature conservation NGOs, involved or planning to implement biodiversity monitoring for general public



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Programme

Saturday, October 24

9:45 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 10:05 Welcome by Ms. Liene Salmina, Latvian Fund for Nature 10:05 – 10:10 Welcome by Ms. Daina Mežecka, the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Latvia

10:10 – 10:15 Introduction by Ms. Liene Salmina, Latvian Fund for Nature 10:15 – 10:55 Ms. Margareta Edqvist. Experience of Swedish Botanical Society in involving general public in monitoring of threatened plant species in Sweden. Swedish Botanical Society, Sweden.

10:55 – 11:20 Mr. Veljo Runnel. On biodiversity databases in Estonia. Natural History Museum, Tartu University, Estonia.

11:20 - 11:40 Coffee break

11:40 – 12:05 Mr. Ainārs Auniņš. Volunteer-based common bird monitoring in Latvia. Latvian Fund for Nature/Latvian Ornithological Society.
12:05 – 12:30 Ms. Sigita Baronaite. Monitoring of the White-tailed Eagles (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) in Lithuania as a practical mean of protection of species. Foundation for the Development of Nature Protection Projects, Lithuania.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 13:55 Ms. Inta Soma. Biodiversity monitoring for general public in the North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve. Administration of the North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve, Latvia.

13:55 – 14:20 Mr. Andris Klepers. Project `Dabas dati` (Nature data): progress so far. Latvian Fund for Nature.

14:20 – 15:20 Discussion facilitated by Ms. Liene Salmiņa.

15:20 Closing of the workshop