



**LIFE06 NAT/H/000096 Conservation of Falco cherrug
in the Carpathian basin**

Beneficiary: Bükk National Park Directorate
3304 EGER, Sánc u. 6. Hungary



CONSERVATION OF SAKER FALCON (*FALCO CHERRUG*) IN EUROPE

Presenting the Results of the Hungarian-Slovak Saker Conservation LIFE-Nature Programme and Other Saker Conservation Programmes, overview the present conservation status of the species

Bükk National Park Directorate, Eger, Hungary
16-18 September 2010

The Hungarian – Slovak Saker conservation LIFE-Nature project supported by the European Union has started in 2006. Bükk National Park Directorate has been taking the overall management of a team of more than a dozen organisations working on the project, and BirdLife Hungary has been the co-ordinator in chief as for conservation work about the species. The project is coming to an end in September 2010. During these years a vast amount of information have been gathered about the species and an enormous effort have been made in the field and behind desks in order to improve the conservation status of Sakers not only in these two, but also in other countries.

There are results, of course, and those results – we believe – are impressive. As a final major act of the project, we would like to share our findings with every colleagues interested in conservation of Sakers (or raptors general) and related fields of conservation.

In the conference, we plan to cover the following topics:

- Reviewing recent population figures and trends in Europe;
- Reviewing endangering factors
- Thematic presentations on practical conservation activities and experiences related to Saker conservation based on findings of the LIFE project (e.g. habitat analysis to identify key factors for the species; analyses of temporary settlement areas and wintering sites to map mortality factors; conservation of prey species like Suslik; electrocution: surveys, insulation, monitoring; disappearing nesting sites; other human threats: shooting, nest robbing, trapping, poisoning (surveys, egg analysis, etc.);
- Importance and possibilities of communication and PR related to Saker conservation (co-operation with media; farmers; hunters and falconers).

We also plan round tables: on the matter of hybrids (*based on the proposal in Saker Action Plan*) and a round table will be assigned for drawing conclusion of the project experience, discussion and phrasing proposals for a more efficient work against threats involving various stakeholders.

A field trip to former mountain and recent lowland habitats used by Sakers will be organised in the end of the conference.



Partners in Hungary: Aggtelek-, Balaton-, Duna-Dráva-, Duna-Ipoly-, Fertő-Hanság-, Hortobágy-, Kiskunság-, Körös-Maros -, Őrség- National Park Directorates, E-misszió Environmental Association, MME/BirdLife Hungary, Provértés Public Foundation for Nature Conservation

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The conference is opened for anyone interested. Experts outside of the Hungarian – Slovak LIFE-Nature project are encouraged as well to give presentations or to submit posters. It must be noted that presentations focused explicitly on Saker Falcon and its conservation will be considered only. Presentations on other species will be refused.

Date and place of the conference is planned as follows:

Host: Bükk National Park Directorate – beneficiary of the project

Venue: Hotel Flora Eger, Fördő u. 5. Hungary

Date: planned for 16 – 18 September 2010 (the meeting will be 2 days long - and a one-day excursion for interested participants. It will be finalised until mid-March.)

Costs: The registration fee of the conference is €120 that includes conference proceedings and meals during the conference. Registration fee will be € 150 after 1st of June.

Participation fee of the field trip (18 September) is an additional €20.

Registration fee should be paid to:

Bank account owner: MME/BirdLife Hungary
Bank: OTP BANK Nyrt.
Bank address: 1126 BUDAPEST,
Böszörményi út 9-11.
SWIFT: OTPVHUHB
Bank account number: 11763127-17460884
IBAN number: HU71117631271746088400000000

Please, refer to: ‘Saker Conference’ when making the transfer. Deadline for payment (and registration) is 1st of June.

Accommodations: for participants rooms are reserved in Hotel Flóra (https://www.hunguesthotels.hu/en/hotel/eger/hunguest_hotel_flora/) until 15th of June 2010.

Prices for accommodation: Single room: € 51 /room/night
Double room: € 70 /room/night

Prices include VAT, breakfast, use of the wellness department (Jacuzzi, saunas, etc.) of the hotel. Parking fee (€ 3 /car/night) and tourist tax (€ 1.5 /room/night) is not included in the price.



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Participants are kindly asked to make their own bookings. Please, refer to the conference when booking.

For experts from South-Eastern Europe it is possible to request financial assistance covering some of the costs of the participation. Due to limited sources, in principle, one applicant can be considered from a country, possibly experts of the local BirdLife partner. However, there may be exceptions to that. Request will be considered on an individual base. Decision about the financial support will be decided in the first week of June, before the deadline of Hotel booking. Please, contact the organisers on the e-mail address below.

For further information on the conference, please contact: Mr. Mátyás Prommer at saker.conference@gmail.com

Best regards,

MME/BirdLife Hungary and Bükk National Park Directorate on behalf of Saker Conservation LIFE-Nature project



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