

IOC STANDING COMMITTEE ON BIRD MARKING

QUESTIONNAIRE TO RINGING (BANDING) CENTRES

(Please fill and mail back to fernando.spina@infs.it within April 1st, 2006)

Ringling Centre contacts

- Country: _____
- Name of Ringing Centre: _____
- Year Established _____
- Geographical Area of Activity _____

based at: Museum University
 Non-government Organization Government

Contact Information:

- address: _____
- tel: + _____
- fax: _____
- e-mail: _____
- home page: _____

STAFF

Number of Full Time Staff:

Number of Part-time Staff:

If there are part time staff, how many person-years equivalent?

- Are there professional biologists/scientists on staff or closely associated with the ringing/banding centre whose job includes analysis of bird ringing data? If so, please indicate percentage of staff
- How many of the regular staff participate in bird-ringing activities at least once per year on average? Please indicate percentage of staff

RINGERS

- Number of ringers: _____

Permit Type	Number of People	Ring birds independently (I) or only under supervision (S)	Manage own rings?	Other benefits/restrictions

Does the ringing office provide training courses for ringers? Yes No

Are there formal requirements for the amount of experience required to get a permit? If so, are they dependent on:

- time spent in the field during the training period
- number of species ringed
- number of birds ringed
- other: _____

Do ringers need to pass an exam to get a licence? Yes No

Do ringers need to have a defined research project in order to get a licence? Yes No

Is so, who assesses the merits of the research project? _____

If not, are there incentives for ringers to work on particular projects (e.g. lower cost rings)? Yes No

If so, what type of incentives? _____

Do ringers typically require additional permits to ring birds from other agencies than the national ringing centre (e.g., other levels of government)? Yes No

If so, what types of permits? _____

RINGINGS/RECOVERIES

• average number of birds ringed/year: _____

• average number of species ringed/year: _____

• average number of recoveries/year (of both national and foreign rings): _____

• average number of recoveries of national rings/year (including recoveries within and outside the country): _____

average number of recoveries of foreign rings within the country/year _____

are also same-site recaptures collected by the Ringing Centre? Yes No

• If so, average number of same-site recaptures/year _____

RINGS/BANDS

• number of types: _____

• number of sizes: _____

• size range in mm (min./max. inner diameter): _____

• do ringers pay for the rings? Yes No

RINGING REPORTS

- Does the ringing office produce an annual ringing report? Yes No
- Ringing/banding reports distributed to other centres? Yes No
- annual ringing/banding reports available upon request: Yes No
- format of annual ringing reports: print Electronic web

COMPUTERS

- ringings computerised Yes No (since year)
- % ringings computerised Yes No (since year)
- recoveries computerised Yes No (since year)
- % recoveries computerised Yes No (since year)
- Same site recaptures/controls computerised? Yes No (since year)
- do ringers computerise ringing data and submit to ringing centre? Yes No
- % of the annual ringing total computerised by ringers _____
- Is software for this provided by the ringing centre? Yes No
- do ringers pay for this software? Yes No
- do ringers computerise retraps/controls and submit them to the ringing office? Yes No
- % of the annual retraps/controls total computerised by ringers Yes No

INTERNET AND WEB USE

- Does the Ringing Centre have regular contact with ringers via E-mail? Yes No
- % of ringers with an E-mail address known to ringing centre _____ %
- Can ringers send their data files to the Ringing Centre via E-mail or through a web site? Yes No
- has the Ringing Centre a web site? Yes No
- is the site multi-lingual? Yes No
- If so, what languages: _____
- has the Ringing Centre a web forum for ringers? Yes No

DATA

To what geographical precision is location information recorded for original ringings and re-encounters?

In addition to the date, location and species, what variables are routinely included in the central national data bank?

- sex

- Dispersal
- Atlases
- Ecological Indicators
- Other (please specify):

Are data from the ringing centre made available to independent researchers?

Yes No

Is there a fee for access to these data?

Yes No

PROJECTS

- Does the ringing centre co-ordinate projects at a national scale?:
- What types of analyses are done by ringing office staff?

Yes No

- Does the ringing centre promote participation in projects co-ordinated at an international scale?:
- mention projects:

Yes No

IOC Bird Ringing Committee

What do you think are potentially the major roles of an International Committee on bird marking? _____

What are the most important issues that such a group should address first? _____
