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INVITATION TO THE SEMINAR

Conservation of Island Breeding Birds: Challenges and Best Practices

18-19 October 2023

Venue: to be confirmed, Vilnius, Lithuania

On behalf of the Lithuanian Ornithological Society (LOD), we kindly invite you to a seminar dedicated to bringing together specialists from various sectors and countries to share their experiences in the conservation of shore birds breeding on islands. The seminar will address challenges related to conserving island breeding waterbirds. It will explore more effective ways to protect species by utilising the capacities of different sectors (nature conservation, shipping, aquaculture, recreation, etc.) and modern technologies, including satellite tracking. The seminar is being organised by the LOD LIFE project “Adjustment of key stakeholders’ capacity for improvement of Common and Little terns conservation status in Lithuania” (LIFE TERNS, LIFE17 NAT/LT/000545).

The seminar’s plenary sessions will take place in Vilnius on 18 October, followed by a field visit to observe practical examples of managed habitats in the central part of Lithuania on 19 October. Please find below the preliminary agenda of the plenary sessions. A more detailed agenda will be provided closer to the event date. If you have expertise in this area, we would appreciate your participation and the sharing of your experience.

Kindly express your interest and proposed presentation topic by 20 September.

Please follow this [link to register for the seminar](#). Please be aware that the same link also serves for registering to the back-to-back Final Conference of the LIFE TERNS project on 20 October in Vilnius.

The registration deadline for the participants is 25 September.

Additionally, we would like to inform you that LOD can reimburse travel and cover accommodation expenses for all presenters and several other participants. If you are interested in applying for it, please kindly indicate this in the registration form. We will be in touch with you by mid-September.

In the case you have any inquiries regarding the seminar, please kindly contact us by lod@birdlife.lt or inga@birdlife.lt.

On behalf of the Lithuanian Ornithological Society,

Director Liutauras Raudonikis

Preliminary programme of the plenary sessions for 18 October 2023

- 9:00-11:00 Session I:
Conservation challenges of island breeding terns and other waterbirds. The session will cover topics such as habitat management and sustainable long-term solutions, control of invasive species and predators, legislation, and other challenges in the conservation of shorebirds.
- 11:00-14:00 Session II:
Telemetry methods for effective conservation of the breeding waterbirds. The session will explore the advantages and opportunities of using telemetry methods.
- 15:00-16:30 Session III:
Cooperation of the industries and nature sector for better conservation of breeding waterbirds. The session will focus on the conservation opportunities that are brought by adaptive maintenance of the waterways and other possible synergies.
- 16:30-17:00 *Discussion and closing the seminar.*