

Managing invasive mammals and birds

3-4 July 2013, Ghent (Belgium)

- Government agencies, wildlife conservation groups and also business and industry need to respond to the challenge of invasive species. Organisations seek to manage invasive bird and mammal species as effectively and humanely as possible. Management approaches require systematic, targeted methods combining preventive strategies with ethical control techniques, monitoring and evaluation as well as clear communication towards stakeholders and the public.

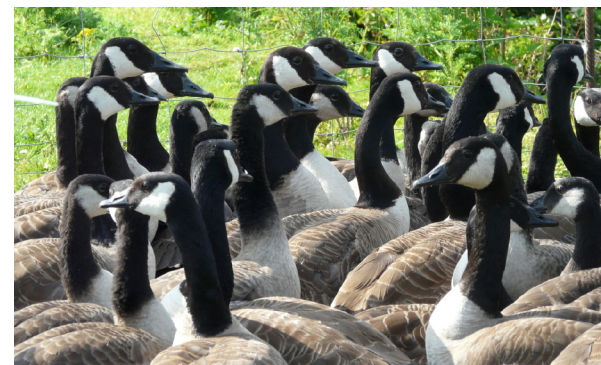
This workshop aims to contribute to this, by reviewing some success stories in eradication and providing guidance on best practices to project partners, wildlife managers and stakeholders.

- The first day will be devoted to presentations of case studies on successful control and eradication of invasive mammals and birds in the 2Seas area.

The second day, we focus on management in the field, covering all aspects of the management cycle for invasive geese. This will include a moult capture of Canada geese on location, demonstrations of active trapping techniques for Egyptian goose and demonstrations of humane lethal methods by professionals trained in this field.

- This workshop is organised within the framework of **RINSE**, an EU Interreg IVA 2 Seas project seeking to improve awareness of the threats posed by invasive non-native species and improve the methods used to address them.

Please note that the talks and demonstrations will be held in English, but **simultaneous translation** (French, Dutch) will be provided.



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DAY 1: 3 July (venue: Gouvernementstraat 22, 9000 Gent)

09:30 Welcome, registration & coffee

10:00 Outline of workshop

Session 1 : Sharing Success

10:15 – 10:45 Case Study 1: Pallas squirrel eradication (Jan Stuyck, INBO)

10:45 – 11:15 Case Study 2: Eradication of coypu in the UK (Simon Baker, UK)

Coffee break

11:45 – 12:15 Case Study 3: Eradication of Muskrat in Flanders (RATO, INBO)

12:15 – 12:45 Case Study 4: Ruddy duck eradication in Europe (Iain Henderson, AHVLA)

Lunch

Session 2 : Preparing for emerging threats: examples of best practice

13:45 – 14:15 Invasive geese management in Flanders (Tim Adriaens, INBO)

14:15 – 14:45 Managing established invasive Reeves' muntjac against legal, political and social constraints (Alastair Ward, AHVLA)

Coffee break

15:15 – 15:45 Setting up an American mink trapping network in Norfolk (Mike Sutton-Croft, NCC)

15:45 – 16:15 A management trial for Egyptian goose in the RINSE area (Frank Huysentruyt, INBO)

Questions & comments

16:45 Outline of field trip and demonstrations

17:00 Closure



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DAY 2: 4 July (On location: Loods RATO, Schaessestraat 18, 9070 Destelbergen)

Session 3 : Demonstration of Practical issues in goose management

6:30 Departure by bus (Woodrow Wilson plein, Gent)

7:00 – 9:00 Demonstration of moult capture of Canada geese on location (registration compulsory)

9:00 Debriefing

9:30 – 10:30 Practical issues in Egyptian goose management (Demo multicapture and clap net) (RATO)

10:30 - 11:00 Importance of humane killing, legislation, this includes a demonstration by a veterinarian (Paul Tavernier)

Questions & comments

12:00 *Goose Lunch (Loods RATO)*

13:00 *Closure and goodbye*

Due to technical and organizational constraints, we can only accommodate 100 participants on day 1 and 60 on day 2, so timely registration is advisable. The workshop is free, but registration is obligatory.

If you register for the second day, please also bring your boots and raincoat.



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