

Project Update: January 2012

On January 18th 2012, a meeting took place in Kazan at the public corporation Electricity Distribution Company Tatenergo looking at the problem of destruction of birds on 6-10 kV power lines (electric lines, transmission lines) in Tatarstan Republic territory.

The meeting was conducted by the assistant of operation managers of Electricity Distribution Company Tatenergo, Yuriy Vasilev. The company was also represented by the chief of distributive networks service, Ilshat Galimzyanov, the chief of ecology department, Andrey Busygin, and leading experts of other technical services.

At the meeting were the member of the Central Board of Birds Protection Union in Russia, the project coordinator "Birds and power lines" Andrey Saltykov (Ulyanovsk), the manager of nature museum of National Park "Nizhnyaya Kama" Rinur Bekmansurov (Yelabuga), scientist (research officer) of Volzhsko-Kamskiy state natural biospheric reserve Anvar Ayupov (Kazan), the chief editor of "Feathery predators and their protection" magazine Igor Karyakin (Nyzhniy Novgorod), and the acting of general director of limited liability company « EkoNIOKR» Sergey Tetnev (Ulyanovsk). Representatives of Bird's Protection Union identified dangerous points of power line (electric lines) concentration in Tatarstan Republic and different ways of protecting birds. We also discussed prime bird protective actions and operative interaction between ornithologists and power engineering specialists. We considered the experience of 6-10 kV power lines with special bird protective arrangement done from an isolating material. This allows the protection of birds without changing designs of power lines (electric lines).

At the meeting we discussed the questions of carrying out of emergency actions on nesting sites of rare kinds of birds listed in the Red Book.

A long-term programme will use the recommendations of Bird's Protection Union in Russia, who will help to coordinate the system work in this direction. We reached the arrangement on carrying out of the first stage of a complex of works on installation of bird's protective bearing of 6-10 kV power lines (electric lines) in 2012. After its completion we will hold a working meeting where the further course of works on this direction will be coordinated.

Information on the meeting was posted on the website:

<http://www.rbcu.ru/news/21856/>

<http://nkama.my1.ru/news/2012-01-20-417>

<http://volgabirds.ru/news.php?readmore=186>

