

Project Update: February 2010

In October 2009 we organised a conference for all stakeholders involved in the Dnieper Delta and discussed the future possibilities of nature protection in the delta. The delta will be designated as national park by the Ukraine government and they were happy with the input from this workshop. Issues on zonation, hunting and fishing were discussed and the intention for nature conservation was clear. A draft outline of a management plan was presented by us during the seminar.

Apart from this we disseminated posters, brochures and booklets on rare birds and nature values of the delta area.

In December 2009 we visited the area again for a follow up of some discussions. The last months my counterparts prepared a Ukraine management vision for the area. We've asked them to translate the most important sections. We will disseminate this soon in hardcopy and through websites. Although it is beyond the direct products of the Rufford Grant, we foresee a meeting this year to discuss the management proposals as presented in the report. Also the Ukraine government showed their interest in the report and will consult in their designation process.