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Recommendations for Bird Control on Airports

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It is proposed that BSCE publishes the following recommendations for the existing or not existing bird control on civil airports:

1. Chief Bird Control

on each airport a Chief and deputy for bird control should be designated.

the Chief should work according to special directions of the airport authorities indicating his duties and responsibilities.

the Chief should develop an activity plan and should be the coordinator and organisator of all provisions against birds in the airport area and its surroundings; he should be able to work interdisciplinary within the airport authority.

the Chief should have a strong cooperation with the chairman of the national committee for birdstrike prevention.

for ad-hoc-provisions against birds the Chief should make use of a special already existing service on the airport, f.i. bird control, fire brigade, air traffic services etc.) and that on call and over 24 hours so far as flight operations require it.

the phone number of the Chief should be indicated to ATC and to all airport authorities.

all airport authorities (departments, sections) should be informed about the existence, responsibilities and duties of the Chief and should involve him at problems which could be relevant for birdstrike prevention.

the Chief should control the airport vicinity two times the year for information about bird relevant measures.

the Chief should be informed about the daily/seasonal bird migration situation in order to prepare prophylactic measures.

the Chief should keep a log-book (central documentation) about all observations and activities for prevention of birdstrikes. The log-book and the reports given by the Chief should deliver basic material for ecological reports.

the Chief should collect birdstrike-reports and exchange it with the chairman of the national committee.

the Chief should contact other authorities which are responsible for landscape management in the vicinity of the airport.

the Chief should participate in special information meetings.

the Chief is responsible for development of special airport relating scaring and controlling procedures which can be different from airport to airport.

2. Bird Control

On every airport a mobile bird control should be available; it could be a separate staff or identical with the fire brigade or ramp services. //

- the Staff should be available from sunrise to sunset, if required during night, too. *per 2/ps - some volatile birds do migrate*
- the Staff should work according to a special airport relating guidance on demand of the Chief or AIC. This guidance should regard birdstrike statistics, many years bird observation, frequency of the movements and local ecological conditions (f.i. mowing periods, precipitation, sunrise, sunset),
- the Staff should be equipped with all necessary bird scaring devices; the personal should be trained in bird observation and application technics,
- the Staff should keep a log-book.