



**Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species
of Wild Animals**



**First Meeting of the Signatory States of the Memorandum of
Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-
European Population of the Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*)**

*National Park Neusiedler See-Seewinkel, Burgenland, Illmitz, Austria
17-18 September 2004*

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AGENDA OF THE GREAT BUSTARD SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE GREAT BUSTARD
SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM AND FIRST MEETING OF SIGNATORIES**

Illmitz, Austria, 14 - 18 September 2004

Agenda

13th September, 2004 (Monday)

Arrival to Illmitz - Welcome Reception hosted by National Park Hohe Tauern

1 SYMPOSIUM

14th September, 2004 (Tuesday)

09.00-10.00: Opening ceremony

Welcome and introductory words.

A. Bankovics: "A brief introduction of the Great Bustard Memorandum of Understanding under the Bonn Convention."

Session I: Populations and Trends (10.00-12.30)

Chairman: H. P. Kollar

Population estimates, population trends and synchronic censuses: Short Reports from national experts (5-10 min. each)

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

Overview for Europe

Discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch

Session II: Habitat Management (14.00-16.00)

Chairman: S. Nagy

Landscape and habitat management: Reports from national experts about management measures in their countries (5-15 min. each)

Discussion, Conclusions and Recommendations

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

Session III: Threats and Methods of Protection, Part 1 (16.30-18.45)

Chairman: P. E. Osborne

A. Bankovics : “A general overview on threats of the Great Bustard in Hungary.”

A. S. Reiter: “Protection of clutches and chicks of the Great Bustard in the Austrian part of Hanság (Burgenland) and western Weinviertel (Lower Austria).”

G. Halmos, I. Fatér, L. Demeter & B. Motkó: “Results of the MME (BirdLife Hungary) Great Bustard Protection Program (1994-2004).”

H. Litzbarski & T. Langgemach: “Predation management to improve reproductive success of the Great Bustard (Otis tarda L.) in Germany.”

Discussion

18.45 Evening program: videos, slides and research posters on the Great Bustard

Posters:

Y. Andryushchenko: “Results of the Great Bustard Census in Southern Ukraine in February 2004.”

E. Boros, I. Kurpé & A. Széll: “Spatial differences and periodical changes in some breeding biology measures on South-Hungarian Great Bustard populations.”

S. Faragó, G. Dittrich & D. Winkler: “Animal food availability for Great Bustards in the LAJTA Project, Hungary.”

S. Faragó, G. Dittrich, & F. Jánoska: “Long-term monitoring of raptors in the LAJTA Project, Hungary.”

B. Hóber: “Possibilities of adoption of GIS for the habitat analysis of the Great Bustard.”

A. Király: “Preliminary report on the weed monitoring in the LAJTA Project, Hungary.”

A. Kiss: „The current situation of the Great Bustard population in the West of Romania.”

H. Litzbarski: “The Great Bustard (Otis tarda L.) and wind energy in Germany.”

B. Motkó, G. Vetési & I. Fatér: “Ethological observations in a traditional Great Bustard (Otis tarda) display site in Eastern Hungary.”

O. S. Oparina & M. L. Oparin: “Number, spatial structure and habitat distribution of the Great Bustard population in Saratov Zavolzhye, Russia.”

19.30 Reception hosted by ministry of environment Vienna

15th September, 2004 (Wednesday)

Session IV: Threats and Methods of Protection, Part 2 (09.00-13.00)

Chairman: T. Langgemach

S. Faragó: "One hundred years' trend of the Great Bustard in the Little Hungarian Plain."

A.V. Khrustov & V.G. Tabachishin: "Current state and trends of the Great Bustard populations in the Saratov region (Russia)."

A. Bankovics, E. Boros, Á. Németh & A. Bankovics: "Reasons of Great Bustard population increase in the Kiskunság region, Hungary."

Discussion

10.45-11.15 Coffe Break

Y. Andryushchenko: "Current state of the Great Bustard in Southern Ukraine"

P. Osborne: "Re-introducing great bustards to Britain: context, challenges and achievements."

R. Raab: "New cross-border initiative against collision with power lines."

Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch

Session V: Threats and Methods of Protection, Part 3 (14.30-16.15)

Chairman: P. D. Goriup

J. C. Alonso: "The Great Bustard in Spain: conservation status and research projects."

H. Watzke & H. Litzbarski: "The migration of Great bustards from the Saratov region (Russia) - results of a satellite tracking study."

*T. Langgemach & H. Litzbarski: "Results of artificial breeding in the German Great Bustard (*Otis tarda* L.) project."*

Discussion

16.15-16.45 Coffee Break

Session VI: Implementation – Action Plans, Directives and Future Actions (16.45-18.45)

Chairman: J. O'Sullivan

Short reports from national experts (5-15 min. each)

Discussion, Conclusions and Recommendations

19.30 Reception hosted by land Burgenland

FIELD TRIP

16th September, 2004 (Thursday)

Habitats in Hungary (organized by Hungary)

2 FIRST MEETING OF SIGNATORIES

17th September, 2004 (Friday) and 18th September, 2004 (Saturday)

MoU Meeting on the Great Bustard

18 - 19th September, 2004 (Saturday or Sunday)

Departure