



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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THIRD MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR THE AQUATIC WARBLER

Hotel Ventainė, Nemunas Delta Regional Park, Lithuania, 20-21 May 2015

DELEGATE INFORMATION

I. Venue

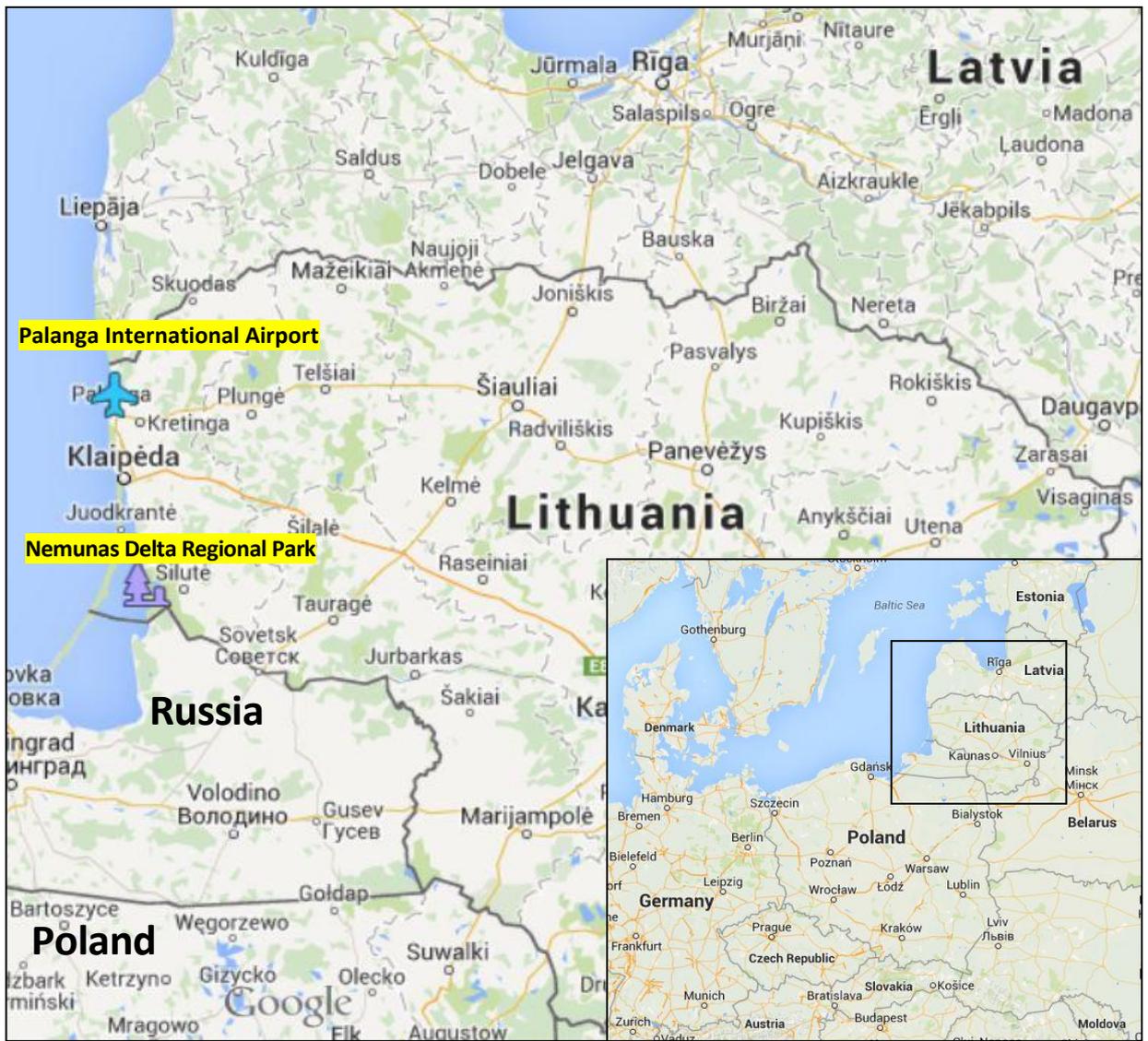
The third Meeting of the Signatories (MOS3) will take place from 20-21 May 2015 at Hotel Ventainė within the Nemunas Delta Regional Park in Lithuania.

The Hotel Ventainė is situated on the Curonian Lagoon in the Šilutė district of south-west Lithuania, approximately 330 kilometres north-west of the capital, Vilnius. It is located within the Nemunas Delta Regional Park which is part of the Natura 2000 network and is considered to be an important stopover site for bird migration. It is also one of the first bird ringing stations to have been established in Europe. Given the timing of the meeting, participants will have a good chance of seeing migratory birds on their spring migration.

Venue address:

Hotel Ventainė
Marių 7, Ventė village,
Šilutė district,
Lithuania;
Tel.: +370 441 68 525;
Mobile/Cell: + 370 686 70490
E-mail: info@ventaine.lt
Web: ventaine.lt/en

The nearest airport is Palanga International Airport. A regional map can be found below.



II. Preceding Seminar

MOS3 to the Aquatic Warbler Memorandum of Understanding will be held back to back with the international seminar on *Achievements, Success Stories and Lessons Learned of the Aquatic Warbler Conservation*, organized by the Baltic Environmental Forum and taking place from 19-20 May 2015 at the same venue. This seminar will be the final meeting for the EU LIFE+ project “Securing sustainable farming to ensure conservation of globally threatened bird species in agrarian landscapes” (project number: LIFE09 NAT/LT/000233, website: www.meldine.lt/en). All delegates invited to MOS3 for the Aquatic Warbler Memorandum of Understanding are also encouraged to attend this preceding seminar to increase their knowledge of Aquatic Warbler conservation actions.

Registration for the seminar is required by 19 April 2015 via the online form at: <http://www.meldine.lt/international-seminar/179-registration>

III. Opening and registration

The opening session of MOS3 will begin on 20 May in the afternoon.

Registration upon arrival is compulsory. For delegates attending MOS3 a registration desk will be open from 9 am. Delegates also attending the preceding seminar will be able to register on arrival and receive their information packs for both events during the seminar’s registration period from 9 am on 19 May.

IV. Field Trips

It is planned to organize field excursions to the project areas (where habitat restoration has been performed) and surrounding areas to experience bird migration. **The excursions will be organized on 18 May (a day before the Seminar) and on 20 May (in the evening after the session of the MOS).** Please consider this when arranging your travel schedule. It is expected that some excursions will be offered by local nature guides. Registration for field trips will be announced for participants after the registration deadline – 19 April. Hiking boots, windproof clothes and binoculars are highly recommended. If other clothing is necessary, it will be specified in the description of the excursion.

V. Accommodation

All non-sponsored delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

The following three hotels are recommended:

1. **Hotel Ventainė** (i.e. the MOS Venue): ventaine.lt/en
2. **Hotel Šturmu švyturys** (1 km from the MOS venue): <http://www.sturmusvyturys.lt/intro.php>
3. **Hotel Kintai** (8 km from the MOS venue - local transport to the seminar venue will be arranged) <http://www.kintai.lt/eng>

VI. Transport

All non-sponsored delegates are responsible for booking their own transportation to Lithuania.

Airport

The closest airport is Palanga International Airport located 80km north of the Nemunas Delta Regional Park. A pick-up and drop-off shuttle service will be provided for all delegates between Palanga International Airport and the accommodation venues for both the MOS and the preceding seminar.

International airports are also located at Kaunas and Vilnius. Delegates arriving at these airports are responsible for booking their own transfers to and from the meeting venue.

Ferry

There is an international ferry terminal at Klaipeda, located 50km north of Nemunas Delta Regional Park. Ferries run to and from Kiel in Germany and Karlshamn in Sweden. All delegates arriving by ferry are responsible for arranging their own transfer between Klaipeda and Hotel Ventainė.

VII. Weather

Lithuania has a temperate climate. The average temperature during the day in May at the Nemunas Delta Regional Park is around 10-15°C. Some rain showers might occur. Waterproof clothes are recommended if you plan to spend your free time outdoors. A jacket and a warm sweater are also recommended, since the nights might be cold.

VIII. Currency

The currency of Lithuania is the Euro. Palanga International Airport is small and there is no cash machine or bank there, so it is advisable to withdraw or change currency at connecting airports.

IX. Visas

All non-sponsored delegates are responsible for organizing their own visa. Lithuania is a part of the European Union and Schengen zone. Some visitors to the European Union must have a valid visa prior to departure, regardless of the length of stay. If you need our assistance in the process of getting a visa, please contact the MOS organizers using the contact information listed below.

X. Electricity

For electric apparatus, the electric current in Lithuania is 230V, with Type F power sockets. These power sockets match Type F, Type C & Type E power plugs.



Image: Type F Socket

XI. Official language of Lithuania and official working language of the meeting

The official language of Lithuania is Lithuanian. Basic English is spoken everywhere, particularly with younger generations. German is sometimes spoken or understood in Klaipėda, Neringa, Palanga and Šventoji.

The working language of MOS3 will be English. No translation will be provided.

XII. Documents

The main documents for MOS3 will be accessible prior to the meeting via the CMS website:

<http://www.cms.int/en/meeting/third-meeting-signatories-aquatic-warbler-mou>

Delegates are kindly reminded to please bring meeting documentation with them as copies will not be available at the conference facility.

XIII. Time zone

The time in Lithuania is GMT plus 2 hours.

XIV. Information and Questions

Questions regarding logistics should be posed directly to Vaida Dieninytė at vaida.dieninyte@bef.lt or Jūratė Sendžikaitė at jurate.sendzikaite@bef.lt

