

Conception of the Strategy on crane conservation and study in North Eurasia



Goals of the strategy

- Determine priorities in crane research and conservation in Russia, Ukraine and Central Asian countries, involved in CWGE activity
- Seek finance, organizing and political support to these priorities

Mid-term strategy

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- Basis for preparation of the Regional Action Plan of the CWGE for 4-years
- Information source about undertaken and necessary measures for next Red Data Book issue

Protection of species

- Improve legislation on crane conservation
- Revision of regional Red Data Books concerning if it is need to list Eurasian and Demoiselle Cranes to the these Red Data Book.

Conservation of crane habitats

- Strengthen protection and management of existed nature conservation territories
- Give status of international important wetlands to key territories used by cranes during migration
- Organization of season wildlife refuges along migration routes of cranes

Management of cranes habitats

- Determine of damage by Demoiselle and Eurasian Cranes during pre-migratory congregations to agriculture
- Разработка программы по снижению ущерба, которая может включать:
 - ведение политики, направленной на оптимизацию отношений землепользователей к журавлям
 - экономическая компенсация землепользователям за ущерб, причиненный журавлями

Marking

- Determine goals, tasks and methods of research of migration and for color banding and marking with radio and satellite transmitters
- Follow to schemes developed by European Crane Working Group for banding in Europe and by North-East Asian Site Network for banding in East Asia



Captive breeding and reintroduction

- Continue to breed cranes in Oka Crane Breeding Center.
- Participate in Program “Cranes of Eurasia” approved by the Euro-Asian Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
- Seek finance support for breeding centers and zoos for rearing crane chicks for reintroduction

Ecological Education

- Provide mass actions for public awareness about cranes;
- Participate in traditional Crane Celebration;
- Участие в международных экопросветительских и образовательных проектах
- Participate in international education projects and programs as “Three white cranes, two flyways, and the one world”
- Develop education program and use them at national, regional, and local levels

Ecological Education

- Further development program “Cranes are in suitcase”, using such program for other cranes species during Crane Celebration
- Develop local education programs including specific information about nature of this site and about cranes as a part of the nature.
- Involve people to protection of cranes and their habitats.

International cooperation

- Participate in international and bilateral agreements, projects and programs
- Strengthen cooperation with regional and national Crane Working Groups, and with International Crane foundation and some other nature conservation agencies on information exchange, rare cranes sightings, census results and join researches



A large flock of Siberian cranes is shown in flight against a clear, bright blue sky. The birds are white with black wingtips and long necks. They are scattered across the frame, some in the foreground and some in the background, creating a sense of movement and depth. The title 'Siberian Crane' is centered in the upper half of the image in a bold, dark blue font.

Siberian Crane

- **Monitoring**
- **Habitat protection**
- **Captive breeding and reintroduction**
- **International Cooperation**

Red-crowned Crane

Biology research
Monitoring
Habitat protection

Photo by O. Goroshko



White-naped Crane

- Monitoring
- Habitat protection



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Captive breeding and reintroduction for Red-crowned and White-naped Cranes

- Keep reserve population of these species in captivity
- Continue to rear chicks from eggs received from foreign and own zoos and breeding centers for following reintroduction into the wild
- Release chicks reared in breeding centers and zoos according to special technique or by parents and following release into the wild
- Rearing cranes from eggs taken from the wild as special measure for protection because fair.
- Continue “safe” crane release into the wild

International Cooperation concerning Red-crowned and White-naped Cranes

- Participate in development of international project proposed by “Tancho Protection” Group and NEACSN
- Provide international cooperation on trans boundary territories



Hooded Crane



- Monitoring
- Habitat protection
- Captive breeding and reintroduction

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Sandhill Crane

■ Monitoring



Demoiselle Crane

- Biology Research
- Monitoring
- Habitat protection
- International Cooperation



Eurasian Crane



- Biology/Research
- Monitoring
- Habitat protection
- International Cooperation