



Better Bird LIFE and LIFE Wadden Sea Birds networking for best practices in restoring and managing habitats for coastal and meadow birds.

The LIFE Wadden Sea Birds attended the networking seminar and field trip on 11th June 2025. The seminar was kindly arranged by Oliver Granke and colleagues from the Better Bird LIFE project.

The seminar provided an excellent opportunity to see and experience various management measures that have been implemented to improve and operate bird habitats.

Beltringharder Koog:

- We learned about efforts to improve and maintain wetland habitats, e.g. the importance of suitable mowing equipment and grazers plus the timing of actions.
- We discussed the impact of predation on breeding birds and viewed examples of both mobile and permanent fox fencing.



Figure 1 Example: mobile fencing, solar power supply, mesh is conductive, wind can impact stability, chicks can get out/in (+ small predators).



Figure 2 Example, Hydrology before and after improvements. Prerequisite for improved habitat conditions.



Figure 3: Example, Permanent fence, Mesh UK imported, 5x15 cm, 120 high + 50 cm parallel to ground, additional 3 wires conductive, top wire with improved visibility. Posts has spikes/pins,



Oehe-Schleimünde:

- We saw how predator fencing was implemented, how wildlife cameras are used to monitor breeding birds, and how decoys are employed to attract terns. The importance of ongoing monitoring and maintenance was made obvious.
- We also observed how floating bird islands can be constructed to prevent access by predators.

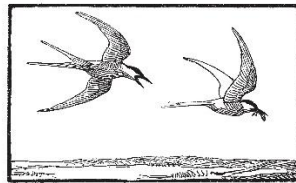


Key Conclusion:

It is crucial to implement predator control measures alongside habitat improvements, as predation can significantly influence breeding bird populations.



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