



## Project Vogelwarte Madárvárta 2 takes steps for biodiversity



Fertő-Hanság National Park, Land Burgenland, Lake Neusiedl National Park and the WasserCluster Lunz initiated in mid2017 extensive coordinated research and conservation actions to enhance biodiversity in Natura 2000 areas, and they are already bearing fruit!

Results of first measurements were exposed during the Research Day held at the Biological Station Lake Neusiedl (BSI) on 23rd November 2018.

A three-year long bird ringing and observation program was also launched to scrutinize, besides other species, greylag geese, mute swans and white-tailed eagles and this, to help better understand migration routes and patterns as well as the use of surrounding habitats. In 2018 only, more than 200 wild geese were caught by researchers on the Austrian side, on top of the 80 geese which were already equipped with rings in Hungary in 2017. Sixteen geese were even marked with GPS tags so that their movements can be followed with the mobile application "Animal Tracker" (<https://youtu.be/XHInUUemp1s>).

The research center Esterházy Madárvárta has also been modernized and eighteen birdwatching platforms are being installed in Hungary, e.g. in Oslí-Hány, Nyirkai-Hány and Kóny, for experts to better apprehend and preserve the fabulous regional fauna.

For more information on project activities and events, please visit the project microsite!

