

Project Update: August 2008

From June 5 till June 13, 2008 we organized the large expedition on an island "Tjulenij". In connection with inaccessibility of an island and possible risks for the people we were compelled to use the large research vessel. It has resulted in some change of the budget, but in the whole financial maintenance of the project remains sufficient. All potential nesting places on an island are surveyed. In particular we find the small colony of terns and gulls, and the biggest in Russia colony of blue-cheeked bee-eaters. 14 June repeatedly surveyed island "Chechen". In both islands we are assembled by a photo and video materials, on the basis of which in a near future will be made the poster, colorful stand and film about a nature of islands.

In September the third expedition on islands «Chechen» and job on organization workshop for the local inhabitants and excursions of children is planned. Will be continued also the ornithological research. The next expedition to "Tjulenij" island will plan in November 2008. In project activities are involved Russian bird conservation Union, reserve "Dagestanskij", institute of biogeography and landscape ecology, Dagestan geographical society and other organizations. We negotiate with the Caucasian office WWF Russia for expansion of researches of islands and development ecology-economic substantiations for expansion of territory of reserve "Dagestanskij" in future.