

## Project Update: May 2017

### First Results of the Project.

During March, April and May 2017 we investigated some territories both protected and non-protected, but nearest to the protected areas. We were examined the national nature park (NNP) “Gomil’shans’ky Lisy” (10 000 ha), some parts of NNP “Slobojansky” (3 000 ha) – in Kharkiv region, NNP “Golosiivs’ky” and forests near Kyiv-city (15 000) – in Kyiv region. Also we examined some parts of forests beyond the protected areas (20 000 ha).

We found 150 raptor nest sites. These data were sent to the Ministry of Environment protection and to land users. Based on the information provided by us at the present time, 83 protected zones around the raptors nests have been created and 67 such zones are in work.

The work that we started has become an incentive for other national parks and some forests users. In total (including 150 sites submitted by us), more than 900 protected areas around the raptors nests was created and submitted in Ukraine. In others working groups and national parks these works are controlled and initiated by Kyiv ecological and cultural center (the head is Vladimir Boreiko) and at active our consulting participation.

At present, we have completed about 40% of the work under the grant programme and we will continue our active research in June-August 2017.



Polesie – forest region in eastern Poland – northern Ukraine and southern Belarus.



Lesser Spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*) – is one of the 5 true Eagles species in Ukraine. Kyiv region, National nature park “Golosiivs’ky”.



Lesser Spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*) nest. Kyiv region, National nature park "Golosiivs`ky".



Our work on the bogs in Polesie region of Ukraine.



Landscape on the White-tailed sea-Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) in Polesie, Kyiv region, National nature park "Golosiivs`ky".



Some rare non-raptor species, which can be protected during the project implementation: European green lizard (*Lacerta viridis*)