



LIFE09 NAT/SE/000344 "Management of the invasive raccoon dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*) in the north-European countries"

Newsletter July – August 2013

#### Sweden

- 8 RD killed
- 2 judas animals recaptured
- 3 RD caught to be used as judas animals
- 3 judas animals has been equipped with new collars
- Meeting with field staff was conducted 14-15 August

#### Finland

- 22 RD killed
- 4 new RD captured
- 2 judas animals recaptured
- 4 information activities
- Cooperation with Rural wetlands LIFE+ and Natnet LIFE+
- 1 media appearance
- Gathering of pictures from EWS-system, 11 025 pictures of witch 4 458 was of animals, no pictures of RD,s.
- Test of the MINKPOLICE trap alarm, 30 units out in testing
- Last meeting with the volunteer hunters that have helped the project, 28 people attended the meeting

## Denmark

- During this period 55 new observations has been reported, 16 of them were confirmed as raccoon dogs (RD).
- 13 raccoon dogs was terminated - 1 of these was a Judas animal shut in Germany, 1 Judas animal died of unknown reason and other 7 raccoon dogs were found road killed; In all 21 dead raccoon dogs registered.
- During July and August 2 Judas Animals crossed the border to Germany. One of these animals was court in a trap and unfortunately shut before the hunter registered that the raccoon dog wore a GPS collar. The other animal ran all the way to the area near the end of the river *Elben*. Here it was court on a game camera set up by a German LIFE project LIMOSA (NAT/DE/353). In august this raccoon dog was court again and brought back to Denmark by the Danish field personnel.
- In August we lost contact to 1 Judas animal.
- 12 Judas animals have been active in management during the period.
- Active management with catching and culling is in progress – especially in the southern and western parts of Jutland, in areas near Limfjorden and on Djursland in the eastern part of Jutland. Catch of couples of adult animals and litters has been in focus for a great part of the activities in June and July. In August the litters disperse and we start finding road killed puppies.
- In the end of August was held a meeting for the voluntary hunters. The theme was training in use of game cameras and traps in combination, and a discussion of experiences from the catching's during the summer.

## Norway

- No confirmed raccoon dog activity in Norway during the period and we do our best to keep it that way.