



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

Newsletter November – December 2012

Sweden

- 7 RD killed
- 2 RD caught to be used as judas animals
- Two day meeting with field staff to plan the coming springs field work
- One (LASSE 1) judas animal from Finland has crossed the border to Sweden and is now caught, sterilized and will become NP\_SE\_12\_100 to work on the Swedish side of the project
- 10 new GPS-transmitters from SLU has been sent to the RD-hotel to be used within the project

Finland

- 35 RD,s killed
- 2 RD caught to be used as judas animals
- 3 new Information activitys
- EWS-system has caught 5312 pictures, 1735 on animales, 5 on RD,s
- EWS on Valsöarna islands active, no pictures on RD,s
- Media, one article in local newspaper and 2 interwies in radio

Denmark

- During this period 51 new observations has been reported, 20 of them were confirmed as raccoon dogs (RD)
- 14 raccoon dogs was terminated - 1 of these was a Judas animal; killed because disease. 3 raccoon dogs were found road killed and 2 animals was found dead of unknown cause – 1 of these was a Judas animal. In all 19 dead raccoon dogs registered.
- In the start of December we lost contact to 1 Judas animal.
- 2 new RD have been live captured, sterilized, equipped with GPS/SMS collars and released.
- 19 Judas animals have been active in management during the period.
- There are still no pictures of RD on the cameras from the EWS-system near the German border despite the expansion of the line.

Norway

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