



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

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- 3 telephone meetings with the national project leaders have been conducted, normally every second Tuesday.

Sweden

- One RD that was collared during the previous project has been recaptured together with our Judas animal 063. This female is now 071.
- 10 RD have been culled during the period.
- 3 RD have been live captured, sterilized, equipped with GPS/SMS collars and released.
- Swedish television visited our field worker Mikael Paavola

http://www.svt.se/nyheter/regionalt/nordnytt/#./folj-med-pa-mardhundsjakt?&_suid=134726636091806154139306435433

- Reproduction of RD is confirmed on 4 places in the county of Norrbotten. Field workers are working on culling them.
- Inga Racinska from Astrale visited the project 8-9 august
- Active management with catching and culling is in progress.

Finland

- 18 RD,s have been captured during this period.
- 3 information events have been conducted in Ivalo, Torneå and Keminmaa
- 3 new judas animals has been recruited
- 8 transmitters have been changed
- EWS-system has produces 7 844 pictures, 1236 on animals and out of them 27 pictures is on RD,s and 10 of them on judas animals
- 2 articles in newspapers and one interview in regional radio
- Trap test of the Soft-Catch trap conducted. 8 RD,s and 2 foxes caught in Soft-Catch and 1 RD and 2 foxes caught in the KA-NU control traps. All trapped animals have been shipped to EVIRA for autopsies
- EWS on Valsöarna island active, no pictures on RD,s

Denmark

- During this period 80 observations has been reported, 24 of them was confirmed as raccoon dogs (RD).
- 18 raccoon dogs was terminated, and 9 animals were found road killed. In all 27 dead raccoon dogs registered.
- No new animals was sterilized and equipped with GPS/SMS collars and released.
- Active management with catching and culling is in progress. Catch of couples of adult animals and litters is in focus for a great part of the activities during this part of the summer. The puppies are active and are both found nearby bait places and they are found road killed.
- In the start of July we lost contact to 1 Judas animal.
- Several Judas animals have been captured because of problems with the collars – suddenly low battery. There have been several technical problems with collars and receivers - a lot of the equipment in Sweden waiting for reparation.
- During July and August in all 10 Judas animals have been in the hotel waiting for a GPS collar some time.
- By the end of august in all 17 Judas animals are out working and no animals are in the hotel.
- In July were held a meeting/course with the voluntary RD hunters organized in the project, staff from the Danish Hunters association and staff from the Nature Agency. The meeting was about the methods for efficient catch of RD, share of experiences from the project so far and education in use of game cameras especially MMS cameras.

Norway

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