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

Newsletter March – April 2013

Sweden

- 20 RD killed
- 8 judas animals recaptured
- 3 RD caught to be used as judas animals
- 3 RD roadkilled
- 138 killed RD sent to SVA for autopsies
- Many observations this period have been confirmed as foxes and otters

Finland

- 34 RD killed
- 1 RD captured
- 7 judas animals recaptured
- 5 information activities
- EWS-system checked, 3210 pictures, 1030 with animals on, no pictures of RD. 650 squirrel, 209 mountain hare, 66 fox, birds 72, 10 moose and 22 pictures of roe deer.
- One media appearance

Denmark

- During this period 58 observations has been reported, 14 of them have been confirmed as raccoon dogs (RD).
- 1 raccoon dogs was terminated and 2 animals was found dead of unknown cause – one of them was a Judas animal. In all 3 dead raccoon dogs registered.
- 2 new RD have been live captured, sterilized, equipped with GPS/SMS collars and released.
- Lost contact with 2 Judas animals, it is likely that one of them drowned and the other one was hit by a car, but we never found the animals.
- 13 Judas animals have been active in management during the period.
- 3 lectures/short courses was held in this period
- In April the Copenhagen University arranged a biodiversity symposium and the RD project was shortly presented by a student at the poster session, where she presented her bachelor project about activity and habitat preference for RD in Denmark.

Norway

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