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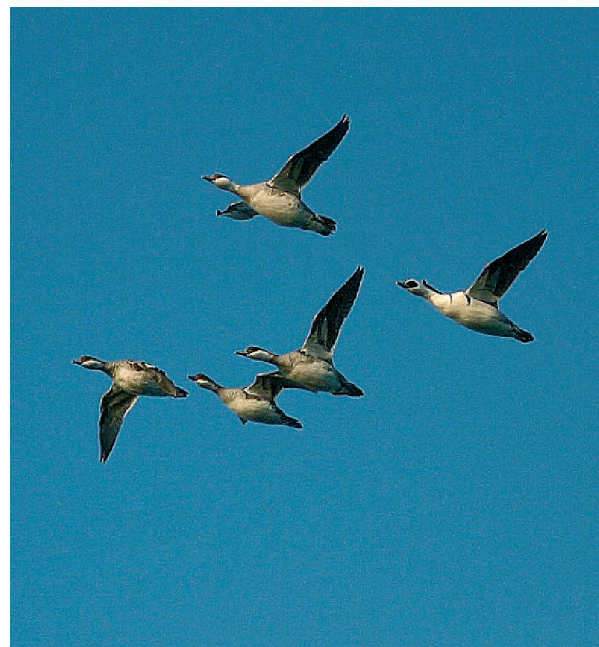
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# MANAGEMENT OF WETLANDS ALONG THE GULF OF FINLAND MIGRATORY FLYWAY 2003-2007



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## The most important measures within Wetland Life project include:

- the restoration of meadowland habitats suitable for waders
- the removal of aquatic vegetation and the creation of diverse wetland habitat patchworks
- the creation of suitable open aquatic habitat for large white-faced darters (*Leucorrhinia pectoralis*)



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Ruff  
*Philomachus pugnax*



Marsh harrier  
*Circus aeruginosus*



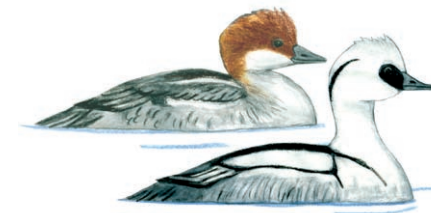
Bittern  
*Botaurus stellaris*

THIS WETLAND LIFE project involves habitat restoration work in 12 bird wetland sites, all of which form part of the Natura 2000 network and lie along the Gulf of Finland migratory flyway.

The project aims to improve the significance of these sites as staging areas for birds on migration, and to improve the habitat prospects for wetland species listed in the Bird Directive and the Habitats Directive. During the project period (2003-2007) overgrown

shore meadows and open waters have been actively cleared, and steps have been taken to reduce the numbers of small predatory mammals. Facilities for the recreational use of the wetlands have been improved by constructing viewing towers, duckboard trails, notice boards and nature trails.

The project is financed by the EU Life Nature Fund and 27 Finnish partners in addition to the regional environment centres of Uusimaa and Southeast Finland.



Smew  
*Mergus albellus*

#### Project sites



1. Saltjärden, Kirkkonummi
2. Medvastö-Stormossen, Kirkkonummi
3. Laajalahti Bay, Espoo
4. Lake Tuusula, Tuusula
5. Vanhankaupunginlahti Bay, Helsinki
6. Porvoonjoki estuary-Stensböle, Porvoo
7. Pernajanlahti Bay, Pernaja
8. Pyhäjärvi, Iitti, Jaala and Valkeala
9. Salminlahti Bay, Kotka and Hamina
10. Lake Kirkkojärvi, Hamina
11. Pappilansaari-Lupinlahti Bay, Hamina
12. Kirkon-Vilkkiläntura, Virolahti