



# International Conference on the Conservation of the Lesser Spotted Eagle (*Aquila pomarina*)

25-27 September 2014  
Lesanka Gesthouse, Košická Belá, Slovakia



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### **Introduction**

International Conference on the Conservation of the Lesser Spotted Eagle will be held in Lesanka Guesthouse, Košická Bela, Slovakia, on 25 – 27 September 2014.

Conference is organized within a framework of the project LIFE09NAT/SK/000396 Conservation of *Aquila pomarina* in Slovakia, which is implemented by Raptor Protection of Slovakia, Východoslovenská energetika, a.s., Stredoslovenská energetika, .a.s. and is cofinanced by EU-LIFE and Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic.

Conference represents a follow up to the conference held in autumn 2013 in Romania, in Bâlea Cascadă, Făgăraș Mountains as a part of the project LIFE08/NAT/RO/000501 „Conservation of *Aquila pomarina* in Romania”.

Conference will be focused on delivering further inputs for the updating of the European Action Plan for the species and sharing information on biology and ecology of the species and effective species conservation measures.

In particular, the following topics will be covered by the Conference

- Recent population status and trends;
- Endangering factors;
- Practical conservation activities and experiences;
- Update of the European action Plan for the Lesser Spotted Eagle

### **Dates**

25 – 27 September 2014

### **Venue**

The venue of the meeting will be the Lesanka Guesthouse, Kosická Bela, Slovakia

[http:// www.penzion-lesanka.sk](http://www.penzion-lesanka.sk)

Lesanka guesthouse is set in the beautiful scenery of the Ruzin water dam, just 22 km away from the town of Kosice (GPS : 48°49'38.28" N, 21°4'55.56" E) .

### **Official Language**

Official language of the Conference will be English: Interpretation to and from Slovak will be available.



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### **Registration**

On-line registration is available at web page [www.dravce.sk/apomarina](http://www.dravce.sk/apomarina). Advanced registration for the Conference is mandatory. **Registration will be closed on 10 September 2014.**

### **Call for presentations**

Presentations are invited on the following topics:

- The Lesser Spotted Eagle population status and trends
- Threatening factors and measures to eliminate them
- Innovative or best practice conservation measures
- Review of on-going projects addressing Lesser Spotted Eagle

Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat by 10 September 2014.

In the Registration form, please indicate your interest to deliver presentation or poster and state presentation/poster title.

### **Accommodation and meals**

Accommodation and meals for the participants will be provided in Lesanka Guesthouse and hotels nearby from 24 September till 27 September 2014.

Longer stay in Lesanka Gesthouse may be agreed individually by writing e-mail to [guziova@dravce.sk](mailto:guziova@dravce.sk), c/o [dravecky@dravce.sk](mailto:dravecky@dravce.sk). The participants are kindly requested to indicate date and time of arrival and date of departure in the on-line registration form.

Cost of accommodation and meals in course of the conference for the conference participants will be covered by organizers.

### **Currency and credit cards**

The local currency in Slovakia is the Euro (EUR). You are advised to have EUR in cash for small shopping as the credit cards may not be used in some shops. The credit cards (VISA, MASTERS, Diners) are normally accepted by hotels, supermarkets, gasolinstations, etc.



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### **Weather conditions**

Lesanka Gesthouse is situated in Volovske vrchy Mountains. In late September colder and rainy weather is possible.

Weather forecast is available at:

[http://www.shmu.sk/en/?page=1&id=meteo\\_num\\_mgram](http://www.shmu.sk/en/?page=1&id=meteo_num_mgram)

Select Kosice (letisko) for forecast.

### **Excursion**

Excursion will be organized on 27 September 2014 to typical habitats of the Lesser Spotted Eagle covered by activities of the project LIFE09NAT/SK/000396 Conservation of *Aquila pomarina* in Slovakia. Please indicate in the Registration Form whether you wish to participate at the excursion.

### **Visa requirement**

Participants from some countries may need a visa to enter the Slovak Republic/Schengen area of the European Union. In case of uncertainty, please check your respective status here: [www.mzv.sk](http://www.mzv.sk) (consult Travel and consular information).

Visa, if required, will be issued by the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in your country/region. The invitation letter will be sent to the participants upon request by e-mail to [guziova@dravce.sk](mailto:guziova@dravce.sk). Please, consult the respective Embassy of the Slovak Republic whether the invitation letter is required and let us have your request on time.

### **Getting to Slovakia:**

By plain, you can fly to:

**Košice Airport** [www.airportkosice.sk/](http://www.airportkosice.sk/)

If you wish to arrive by train or by bus, connections are listed on [www.cp.sk](http://www.cp.sk).

### **Getting to Lesanka Gesthouse from Kosice (an airport or from bus/train stations):**

For transfer from the Kosice Airport or from bus/train stations in City of Kosice it is possible to use public transport, taxi or request transport assistance from the organizers by writing an e-mail to [guziova@dravce.sk](mailto:guziova@dravce.sk), c/o [dravecky@dravce.sk](mailto:dravecky@dravce.sk).

In the Conference budget, limited amount is available for covering the travel costs of participants. **Please indicate the need for support and indicative travel costs in the registration form or consult travel assistance by writing e-mail to [guziova@dravce.sk](mailto:guziova@dravce.sk) by 25 August 2014.**



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**Tentative Time Table**

Wednesday 24 September 2014:	Arrival and Registration of participants
Thursday 25 September 2014:	Opening of the meeting Technical or informative presentations on biology, and conservation of the Lesser Spotted Eagle
Friday 26 September 2014:	Plenary session to comment on draft Species Action Plan Plenary session
Saturday 27 September 2014:	Excursion and departure



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