EBBA2

Objectives and Coordination of the second European Breeding Bird Atlas

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Workshop Mikulov 2012

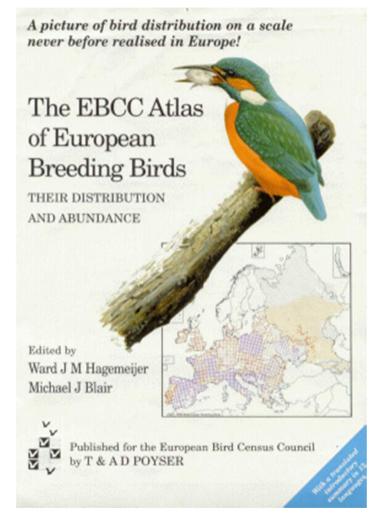






The first European Breeding Bird Atlas

- Published in 1997
- Spatial coverage: all of Europe except parts of European Russia and Turkey
- Species coverage: comprehensive
- Grid size: 50x50 km
- Data sampling period
 Intention: 1985-88
 Reality: (70)/80-90/(95)
- General method: field work for atlas
- Estimates of breeding numbers



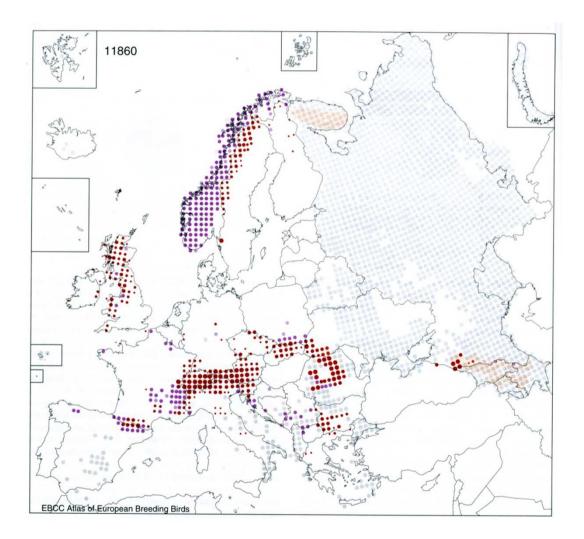




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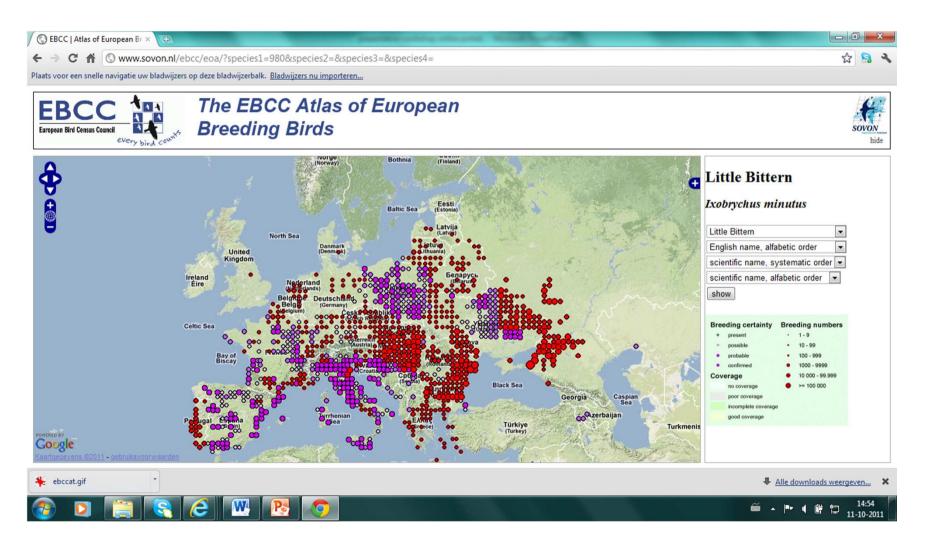
EU: 280'000 BP







Maps also available on web: www.ebcc.info





First EBCC Atlas: coverage

- Large gaps
- Poor coverage E-Europe •

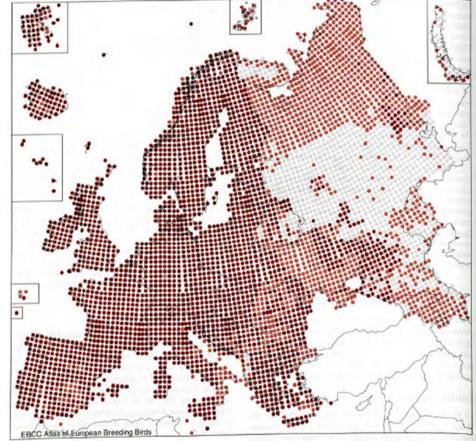


Figure 1 Completeness of coverage. The map limits show the area of intended coverage and the symbols show the area of

- achieved coverage.
 Data received for at least 75% of expected breeding species.
 Data received for less than 75% of expected breeding species.
- No data received.





Why a new atlas?

- Knowing where birds occur, and how this has changed, is a crucial part in targeting conservation action
- Over the last 30 years, many environmental changes have impacted on populations of birds across Europe.
- We need up-to-date information
- New opportunities have arisen, improving our ability to incorporate even the most remote parts of Europe
- New baseline for future monitoring across the whole continent.
- It also provides valuable data for scientific analyses





What will the new Atlas achieve?

- Up-to-date distribution maps for birds across the whole of Europe.
- Changes in distribution since the 1980s
- One of the most comprehensive biodiversity data sets in the world
- New analytical approaches will allow better maps of range and relative abundance than ever before
- Capacity building for conservation and monitoring in areas where this is most needed





How will the Atlas be produced?

- Data collection by volunteer citizen scientists and professional ornithologists
- Main data collection period: 2013-2017
- National Atlas coordinators responsible for compiling the data
- EBCC: overall coordination
- Use of existing data where possible, but new data will have to be collected from many areas
- Analysis and production of maps in collaboration with specialists of EBCC member organisations





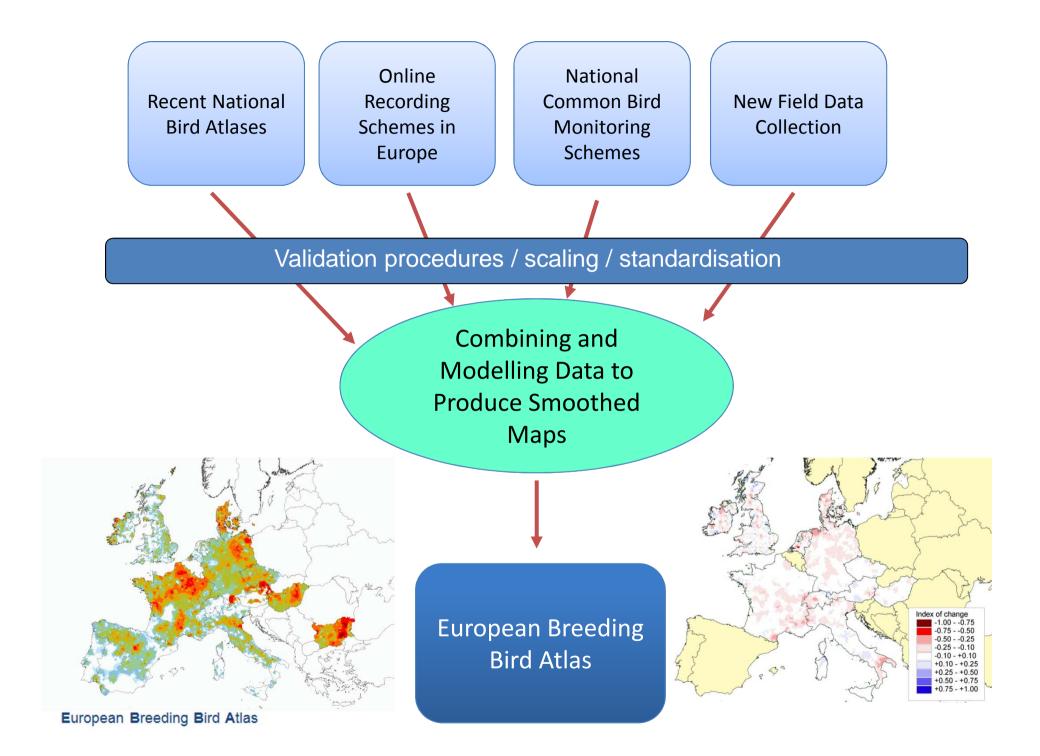
The EBCC: how we work

- Network
- Not a top-down approach
- Enthusiasm dedication to a common goal









What outputs are planned?

- Results presented in a book
- Publication by 2020
- Interactive maps available online
- Summaries to highlight the most crucial findings
- Atlas database available for further scientific work



EBBA2 Steering Committee

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What we have achieved so far







What we have achieved so far

2010

• Workshop EBCC Conference Caceres: "do it!"

2011

- June: Workshop online portals
- August: Board establishes Atlas Steering Committee
- October: First ASC Meeting: timeframe, organisation
- November: Questionnaires to EBCC delegates





What we have achieved so far

2012

- February: Presentation at BiE3 Meeting in Mikulov
- Call to host atlas coordination
- Setting up coordination team
- First guidelines, species list
- Methodology
- Establishing network of national coordinators
- Exploring funding possibilities
- Promotion at conferences

2013

• March: Workshop for east-/southeast European countries





Challenges

2013

- Securing funding for central coordination
- Data collection in east-/southeast Europe, secure national projects





EBBA2 and BiE3

EU Art. 12 reporting

• 2013: range data often not yet available. EBBA2 will provide range data for 2019

Non-EU countries

- range data often not yet available. EBBA2 will provide range data
- Data collection in east-/southeast Europe





Europe is not just EU

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Questionnaires

- Sent out end of October 2011 to EBCC delegates
- Sent out to 46 countries
- Answers received : 42 countries

All countries answering want to collaborate!

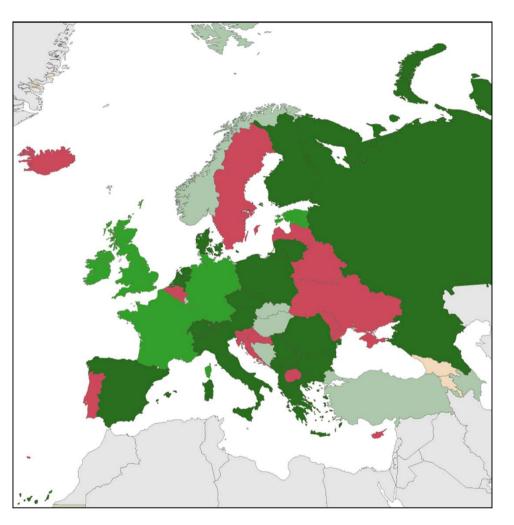




Planned Atlases

yes, fieldwork 2013ff no, but atlas just finished uncertain no

Map 2012: outdated!

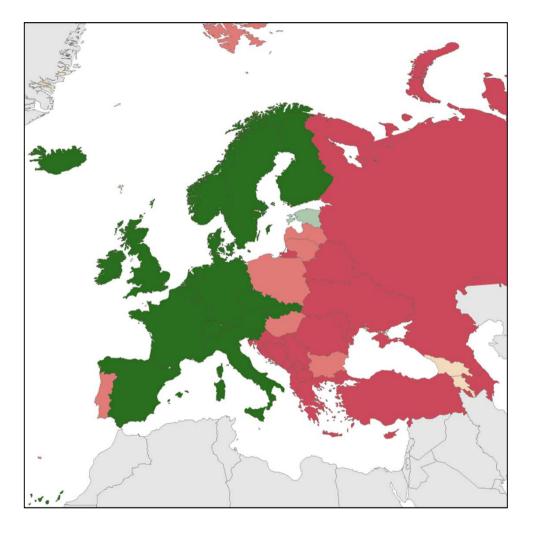






Support from outside country needed

no
uncertain
funding
funding plus advice,
material, observers etc.







A word about language

- Speak clearly!
- Speak loudly!
- Ask, if you don't understand!

