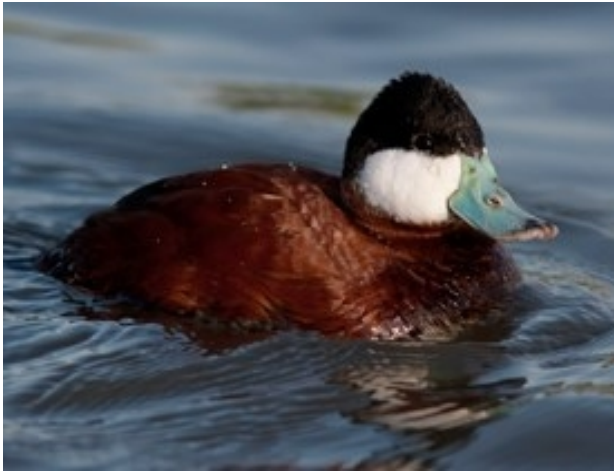




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Eradication of ruddy duck in the Netherlands

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Outline

- National Plan 2015-2016
- Results 2015-2016
- National Plan 2016-2017



National Plan 2015-2016

- Based on findings 2013-2015
- Involvement of Provincial and Regional Wildlife management Units
- Communication with stakeholders
- Review in June 2015
- Decision on continuation in July 2015



Results 2015-2016

I. Actions concerning of ruddy duck in the wild

Action 1: Remove legal barriers that may hinder the control of ruddy ducks

Result 1: 8 Provinces have made that decision, 4 provinces haven't



Results 2015-2016

I. Actions concerning ruddy duck in the wild

Action 2: Monitor the status and distribution of ruddy duck in the wild

Result 2:

	2010/2011 1 sept-30 march	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
Peak wintering numbers	33	81	76	57	67	62

	2011 1 april- 30 aug	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Peak summering numbers	78	25	38	32	34	40



Results 2015-2016

I. Actions concerning ruddy duck in the wild

Action 3: Eliminate ruddy ducks in the wild following the national target

Result 3:

Year	Male	Female	Chicks	Total
2013/2014 1 april-30 march	-	-	-	-
2014/2015 1 april-30 march	1	1	5	7
2015/2016 1 april-30 march	2	1	1	4
2016/2017 1 april-25 jan	1	2	-	3



Results 2015-2016

I. Actions concerning ruddy ducks in the wild

Action 4: Establish, as necessary, national working groups to guide the implementation of this eradication strategy and appoint a national focal point for international coordination.

Result 4: overall coordination by NVWA. Elimination by external parties



Results 2015-2016

II. Actions concerning ruddy duck in captivity

Action 5: Prohibit the release of ruddy ducks from captivity

Result 5: Prohibited in Flora and Fauna law

Action 6: Prohibit trade in ruddy ducks by 2013

Result 6: Forbidden to trade and release species,
Regulation and EU list



Results 2015-2016

II. Actions concerning ruddy duck in captivity

Action 7: Monitor the status of ruddy ducks in captivity

Result 7: Unknown (best guess between 200 and 500 birds)

Action 8: Encourage the sterilisation and/or elimination of ruddy ducks in captivity

Result 8: Part of the implementation of EU IAS regulation



Results 2015-2016

III. Actions concerning public awareness, reporting and international coordination

Action 9: Implement public awareness activities on the need to control ruddy ducks

Result 9: Awareness Regulation IAS stakeholders

Action 10: Report annually to the Bern Convention on national action and collaborate with other states, the Bern Convention, AEWA and other appropriate bodies in the implementation of this eradication plan and the Action plan for the conservation of the white-headed duck

Result 10: AEWA/WWT informed Sept 2016



National Plan 2016-2017

Improvements:

- * Authorisations actions Special Areas of Conservation
- * Cooperation with site management
- * Reinforcement & communication with provinces and with regard to Priorities on eradication of ruddy ducks
- * Transfer of responsibility control/elimination of IAS to provinces (New legislation for nature since 2017)



Thank you for your attention

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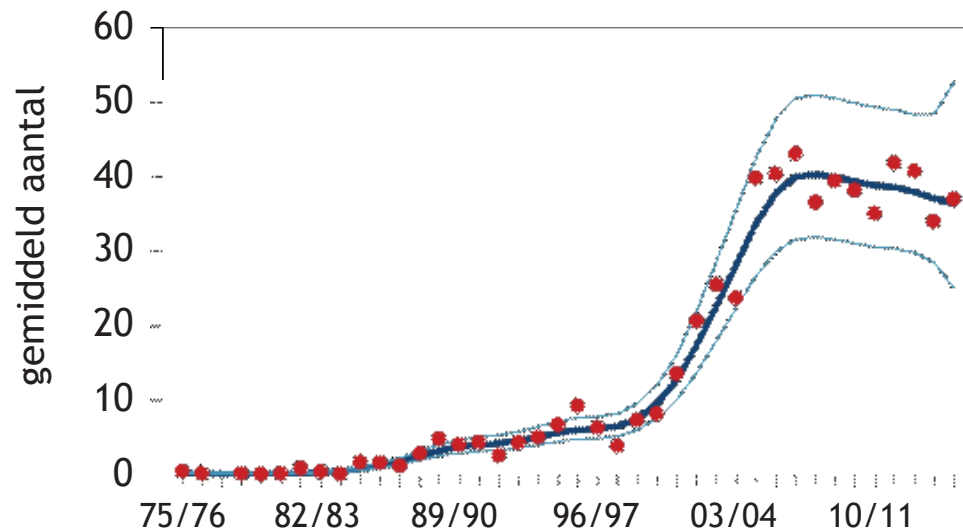
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Results 2015-2016

I. Actions concerning ruddy ducks in the wild

trend in monthly counted areas



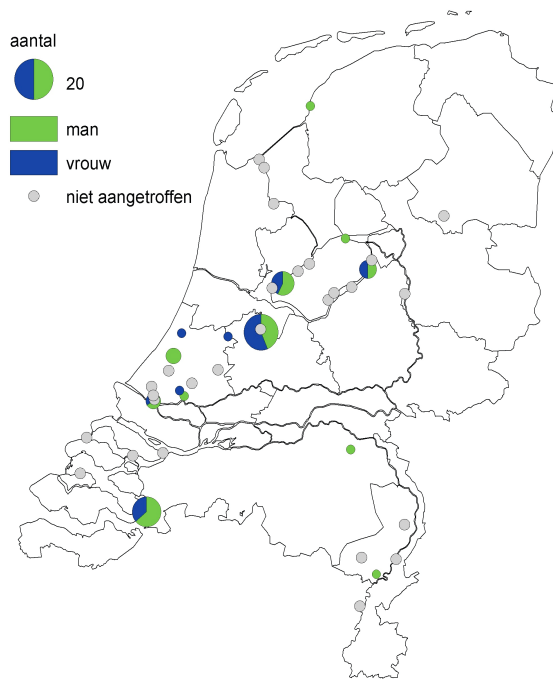


Locations 2014 and 2016

I. Actions concerning ruddy ducks in the wild

year 2014 : 53 numbers

year 2016 : 34 numbers

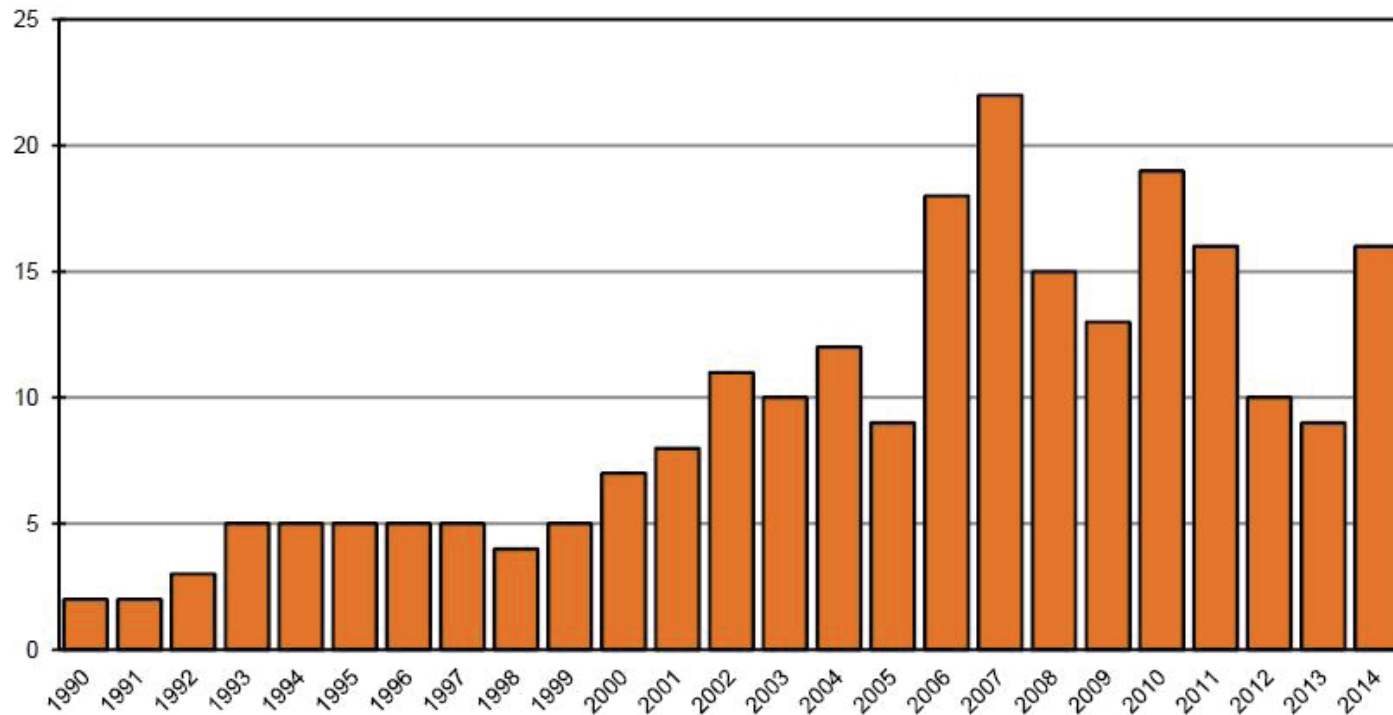




Results 2015-2016

I. Actions concerning eradication of ruddy ducks in the wild

Estimate number of breeding pairs





Results 2015-2016

I. Actions concerning eradication of ruddy ducks in the wild

Peak wintering numbers

