



Eradicating Ruddy Ducks in the Western Palaearctic

Action Plan progress 2011–2016

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Ruddy Duck Eradication – 2016 update

Recommendation No. 149 (2010) of the Standing Committee

All Contracting Parties to:

Implement without delay the actions specified in the ‘Action Plan for the Eradication of the Ruddy Duck in the Western Palearctic, 2011–15’

General targets

- Eradication of the Ruddy Duck in the wild in the Western Palearctic by 2015
- Phase out all captive populations of Ruddy Ducks, if possible by 2020



Ruddy Duck Eradication – 2016 update

Update methods and responses

- Questionnaire about progress against targets and actions
- 18 – answered at least part of the questionnaire
- 10 – provided only information on Ruddy Ducks
- 20 – no response, notably Denmark, Germany, Ireland



Prioritisation and responses

1. Regularly held >10 Ruddy Ducks, 2010 to 2016
or where poses major concern for breeding White-headed Duck

BE

FR

NL

ES

GB

2. Held <5 Ruddy Ducks at least once, 2010 to 2016

CZ

HU

IT

FI

NO

PL

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SK

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3. No Ruddy Ducks, 2010 to 2016

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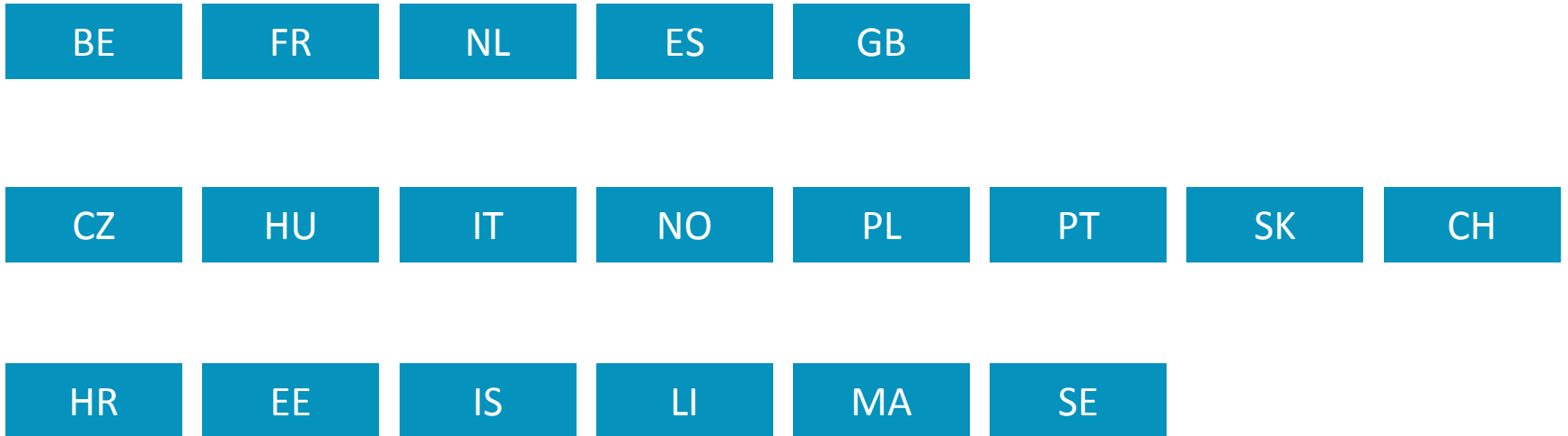
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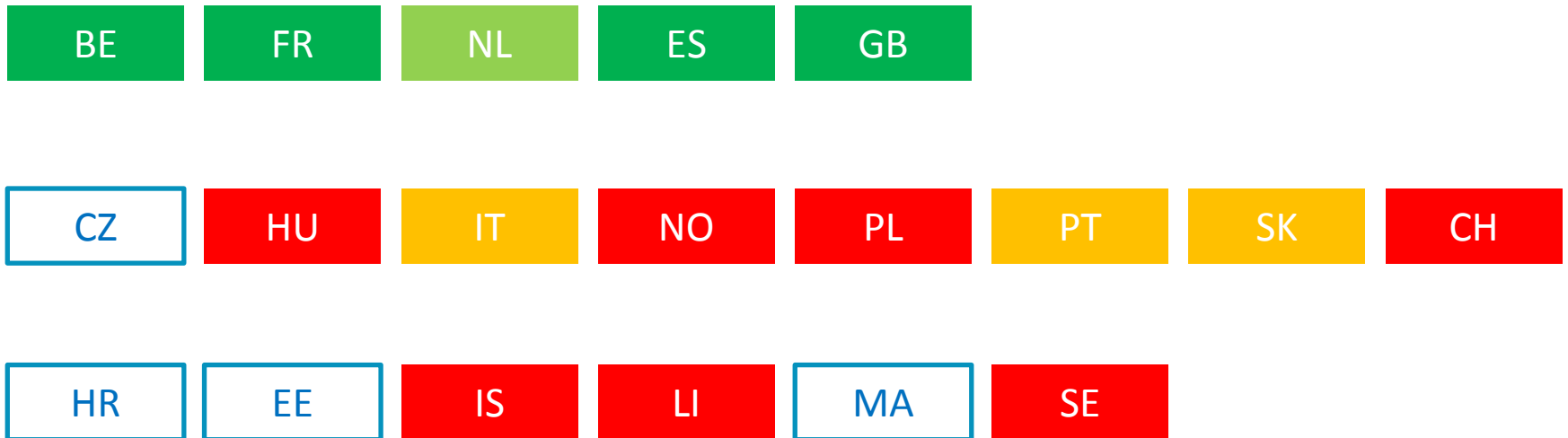
Progress against actions and targets



Response options



Action 4. Establish national working group



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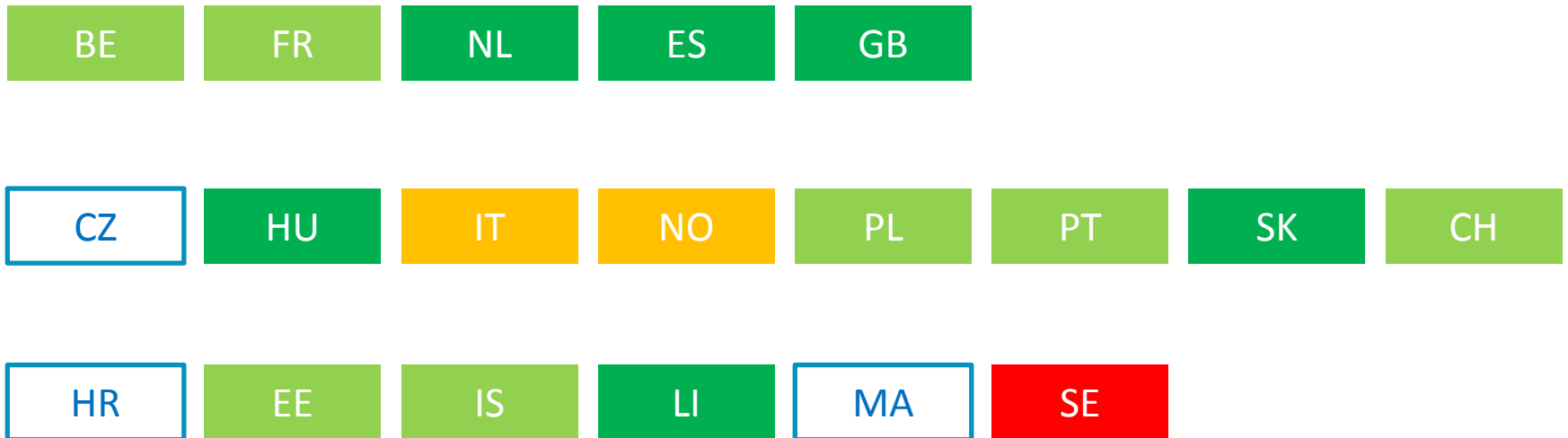
partly established

planned

not yet planned

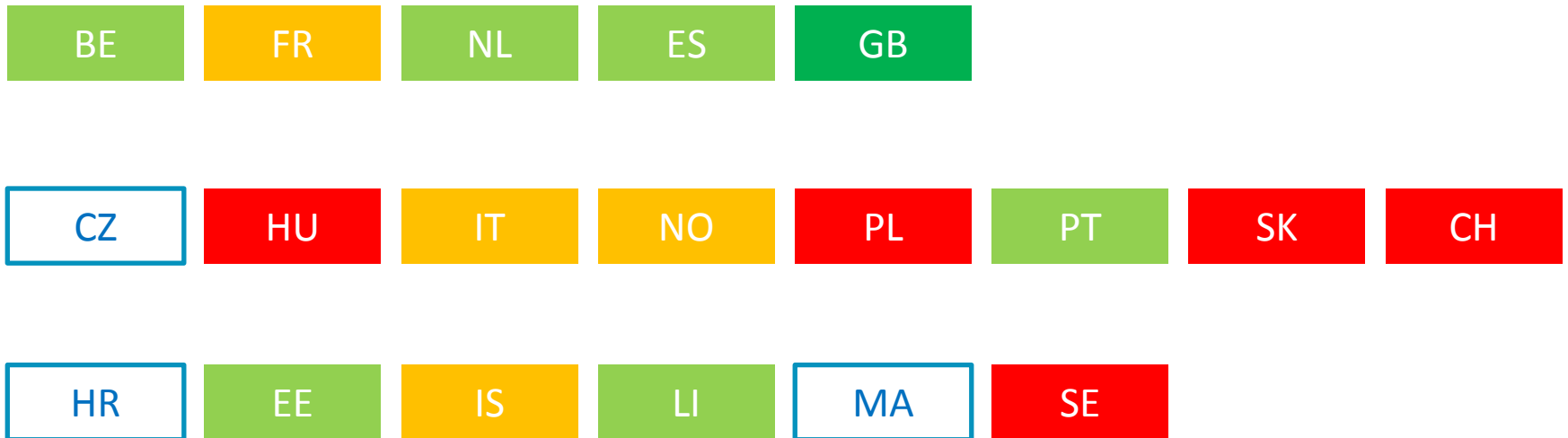


Action 2. Monitor wild birds – non-breeding



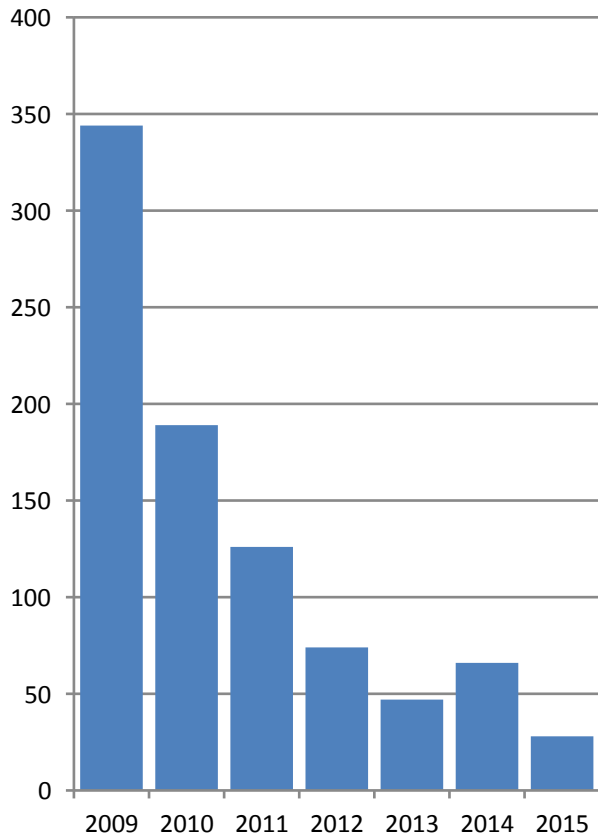


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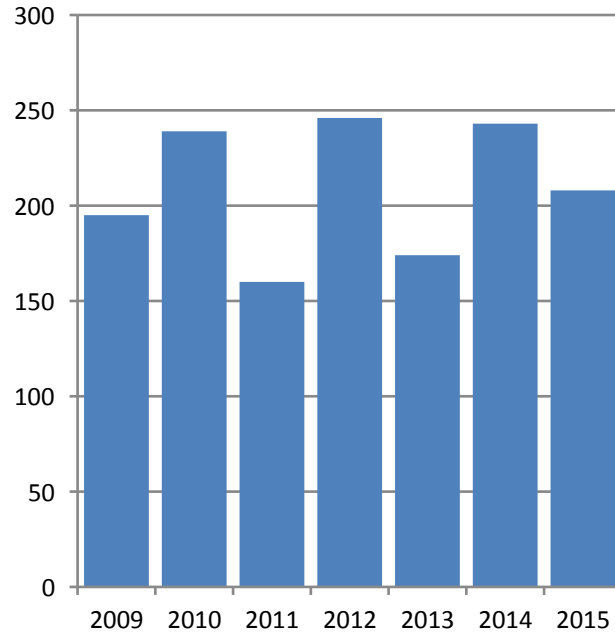


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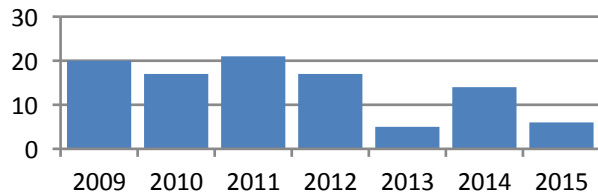


Wintering numbers – selected countries

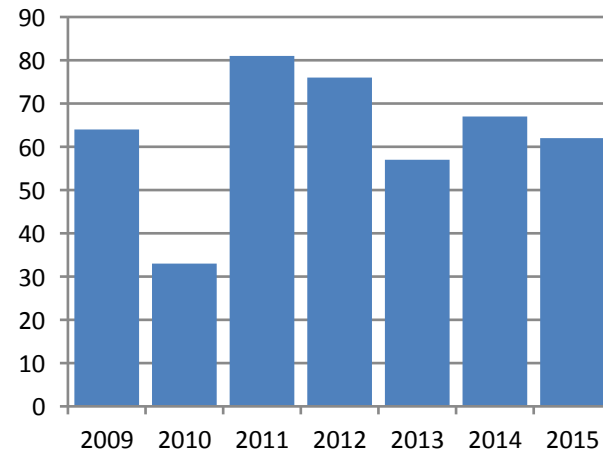
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Winter numbers – mean 2013/14–15/16

BE	FR	NL	ES	GB
8	208	62	1	47
16	215	63	2	125

mean 2009/10–13/14

CZ	HU	IT	NO	PL	PT	SK	CH
0	<1	4	0	0	<1	1	1

HR	EE	IS	LI	MA	SE
0	0	0	0	0	0



Summer numbers – mean 2014–16

BE	FR	NL	ES	GB	
15	137	35	0	43	
8	208	62	1	47	winter 3-yr mean

CZ	HU	IT	NO	PL	PT	SK	CH
0	<1	?	0	<1	0	?	2

HR	EE	IS	LI	MA	SE
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Breeding pairs – estimate 2014–16

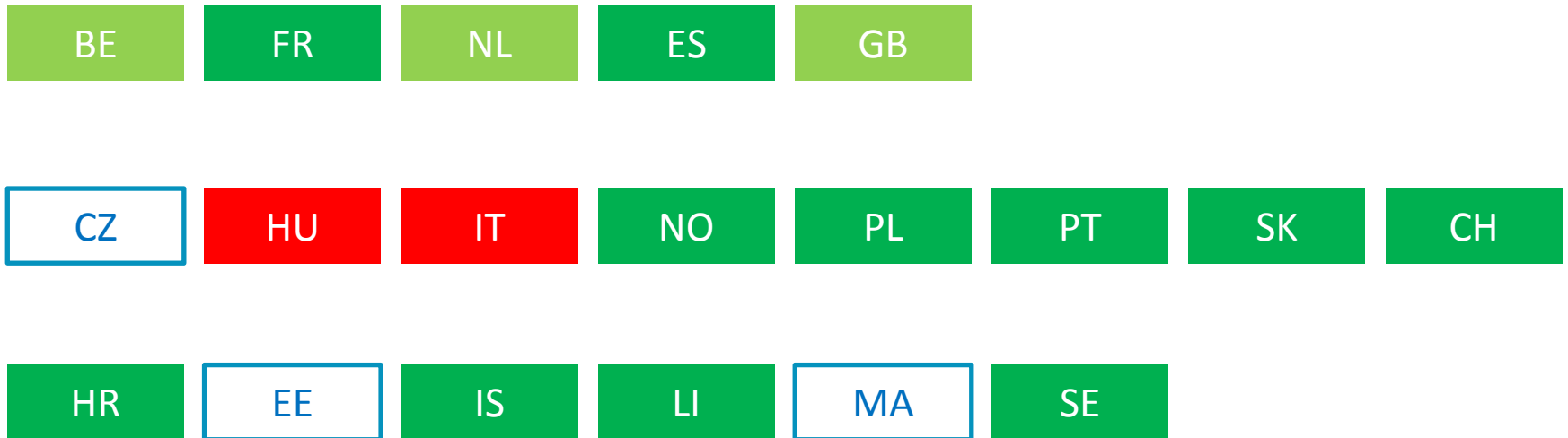
BE	FR	NL	ES	GB	
1	40–60	12–16	0	5–7	
8	208	62	0	47	winter 3-yr mean

CZ	HU	IT	NO	PL	PT	SK	CH
0	0	0	0	0	0	?	0

HR	EE	IS	LI	MA	SE
0	0	0	0	0	0



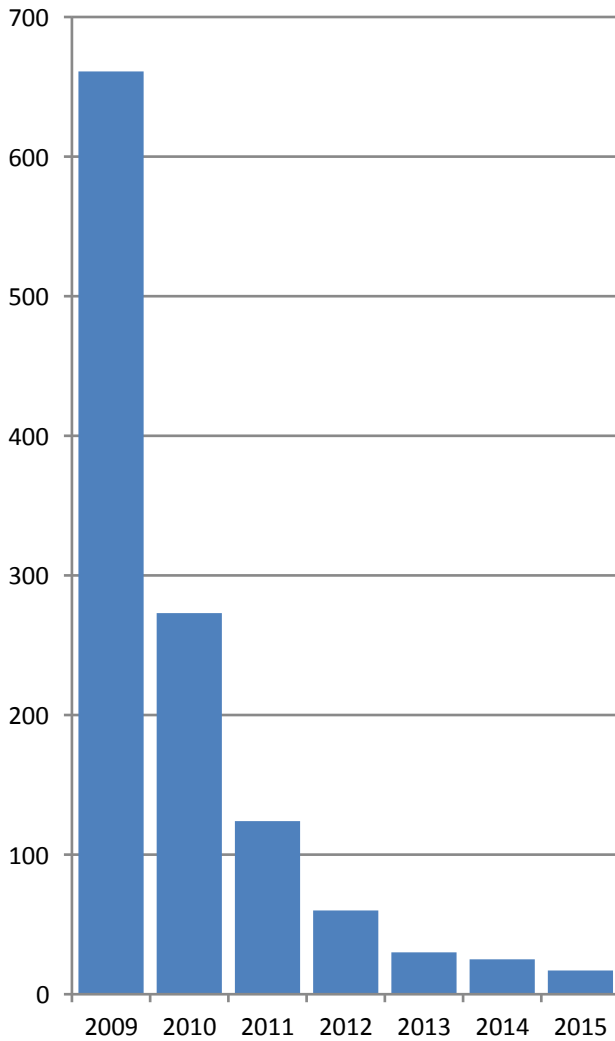
Action 1. Remove legal barriers to control



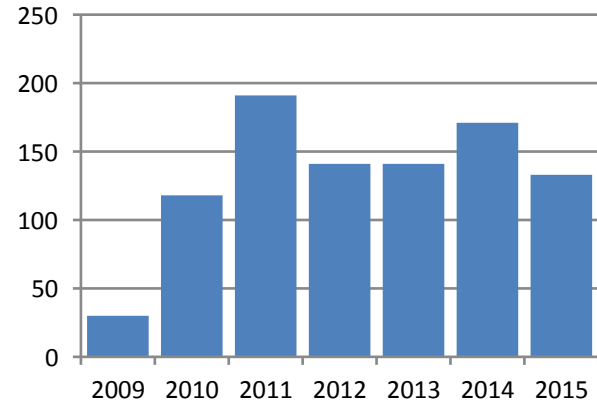
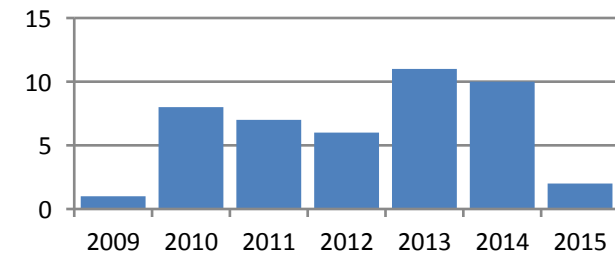


Numbers controlled – selected countries

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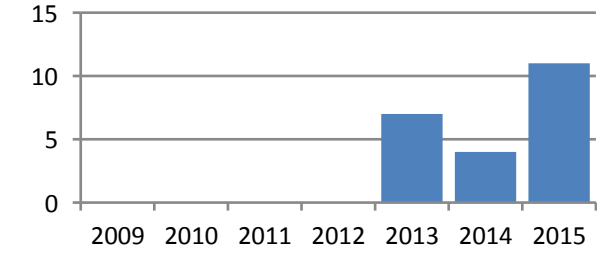


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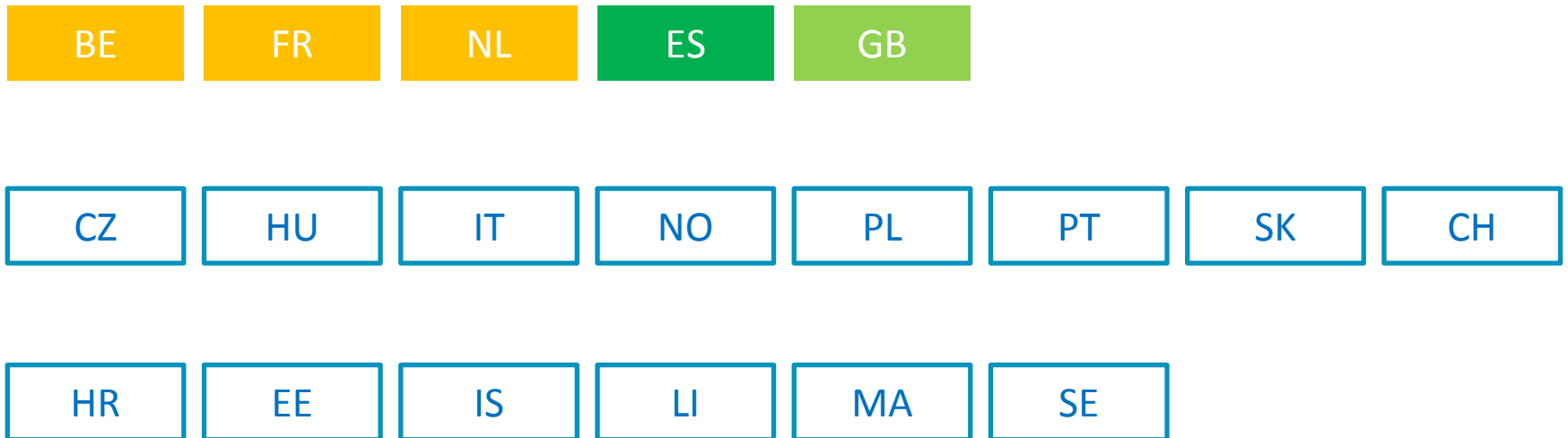


Birds controlled, 2010–16

BE	FR	NL	ES	GB						
41	895	11	2	529						
CZ	HU	IT	NO	PL	PT	SK	CH			
0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1			
HR	EE	IS	LI	MA	SE					
0	0	0	0	0	0					

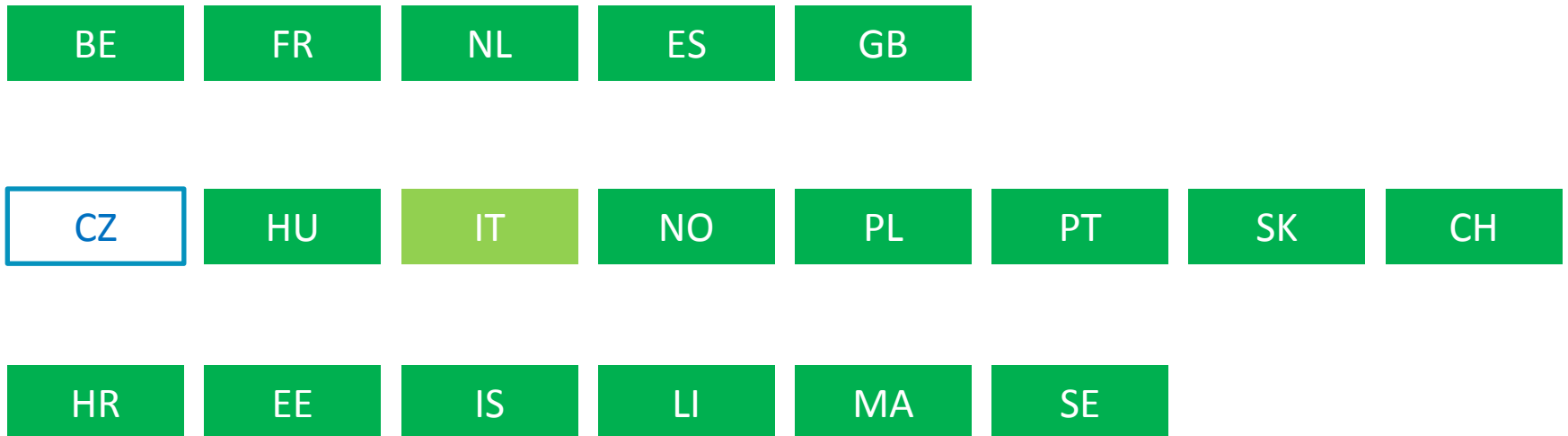


Action 3. Eradicate wild Ruddy Ducks*



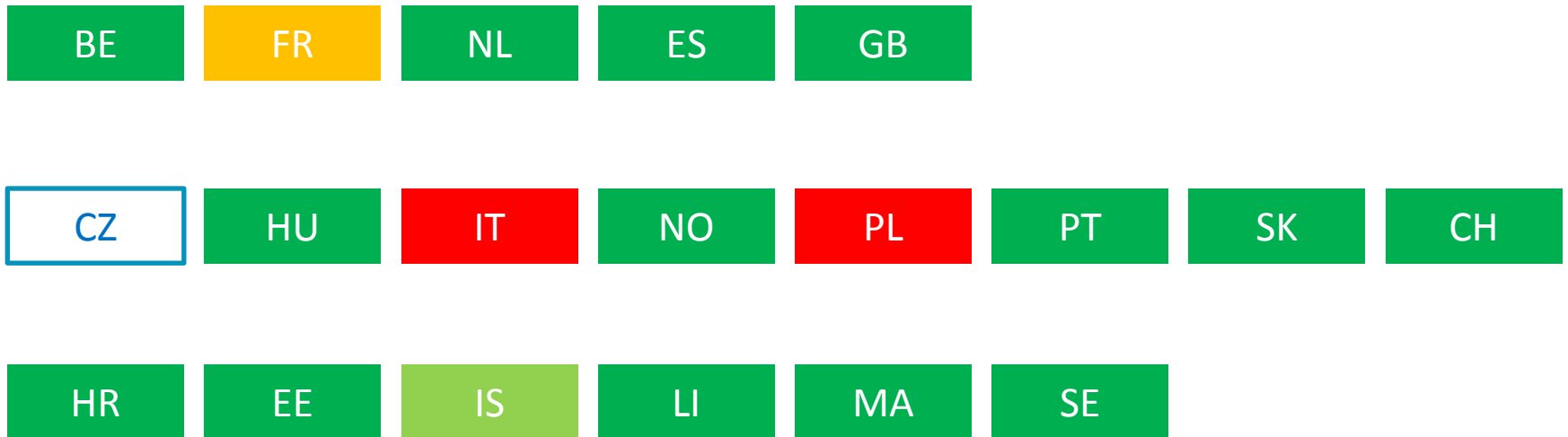


Action 5. Prohibit release from captivity





Action 6. Establish legislation to prohibit trade



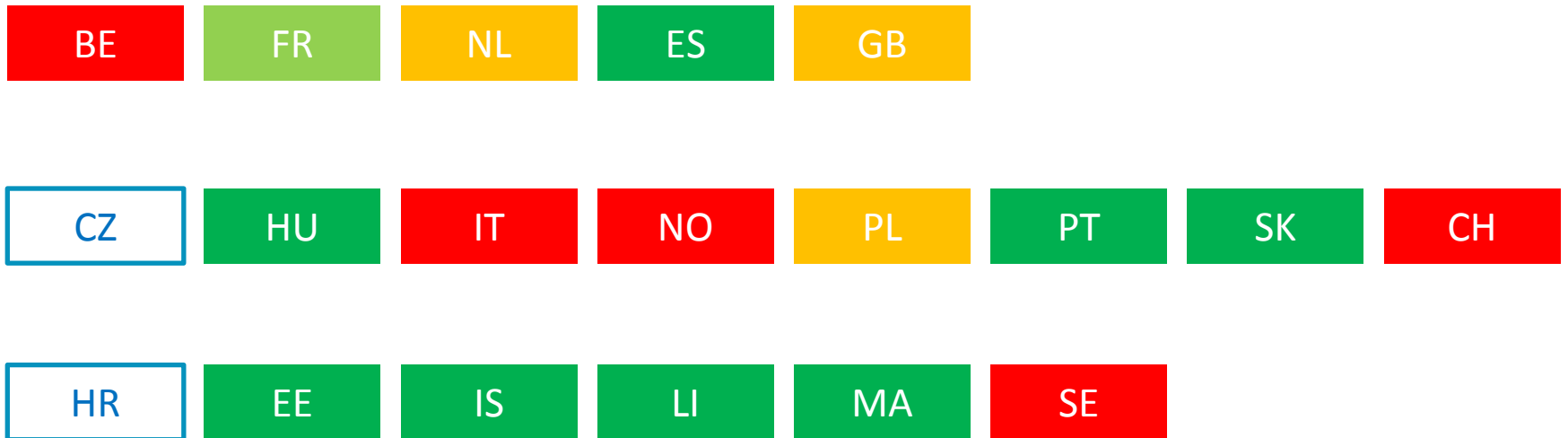


Action 6. Prohibit trade in Ruddy Ducks by 2015





Action 7. Monitor Ruddy Ducks in captivity



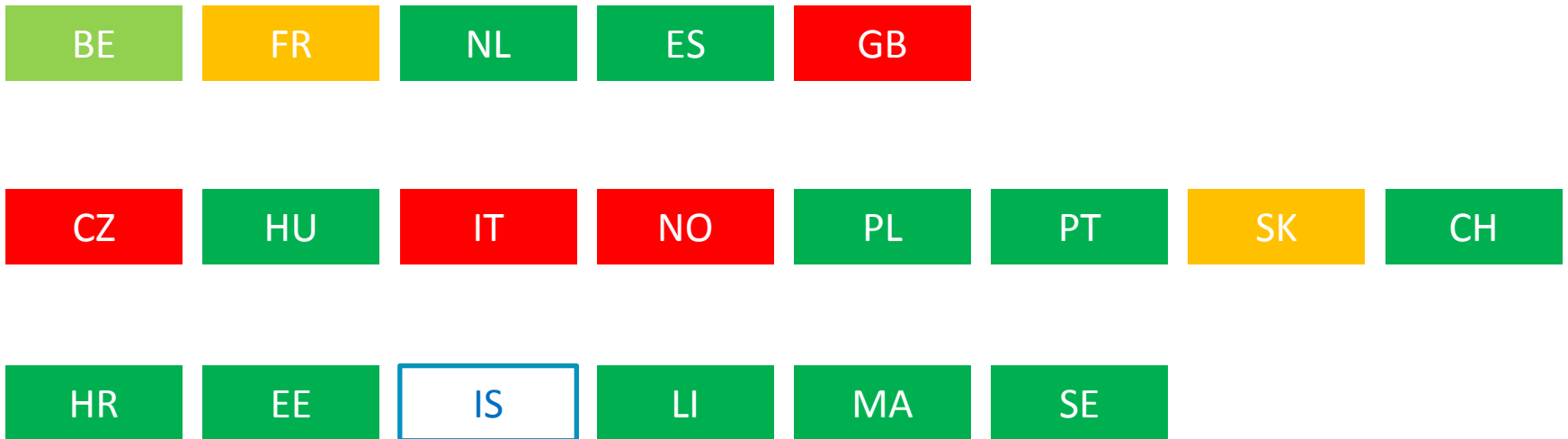


Ruddy Ducks in captivity (estimate)

BE	FR	NL	ES	GB					
8–900	220	2–500*	0	50					
CZ	HU	IT	NO	PL	PT	SK	CH		
9	0	?	0	<30	0	?	–		
HR	EE	IS	LI	MA	SE				
0	0	0	0	0	0				

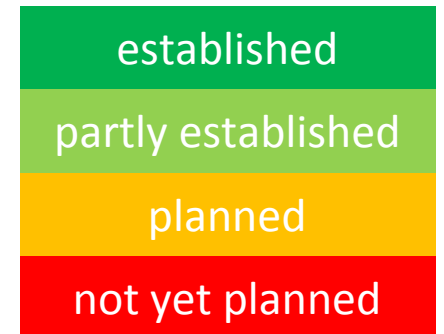
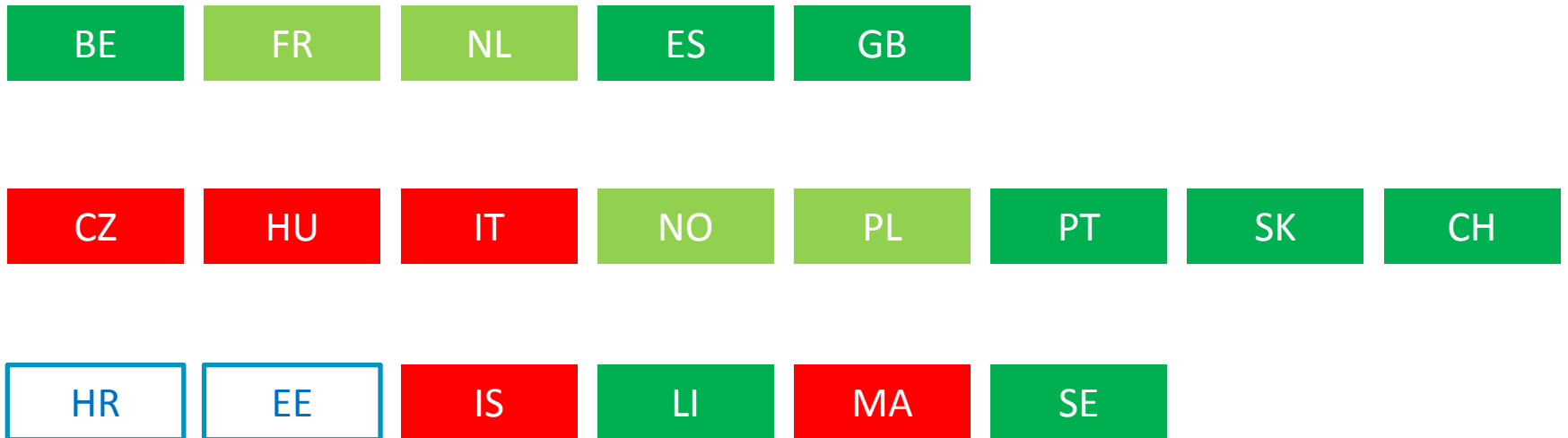


Action 8. Prevent captive Ruddy Ducks breeding





Action 9. Raise awareness about control



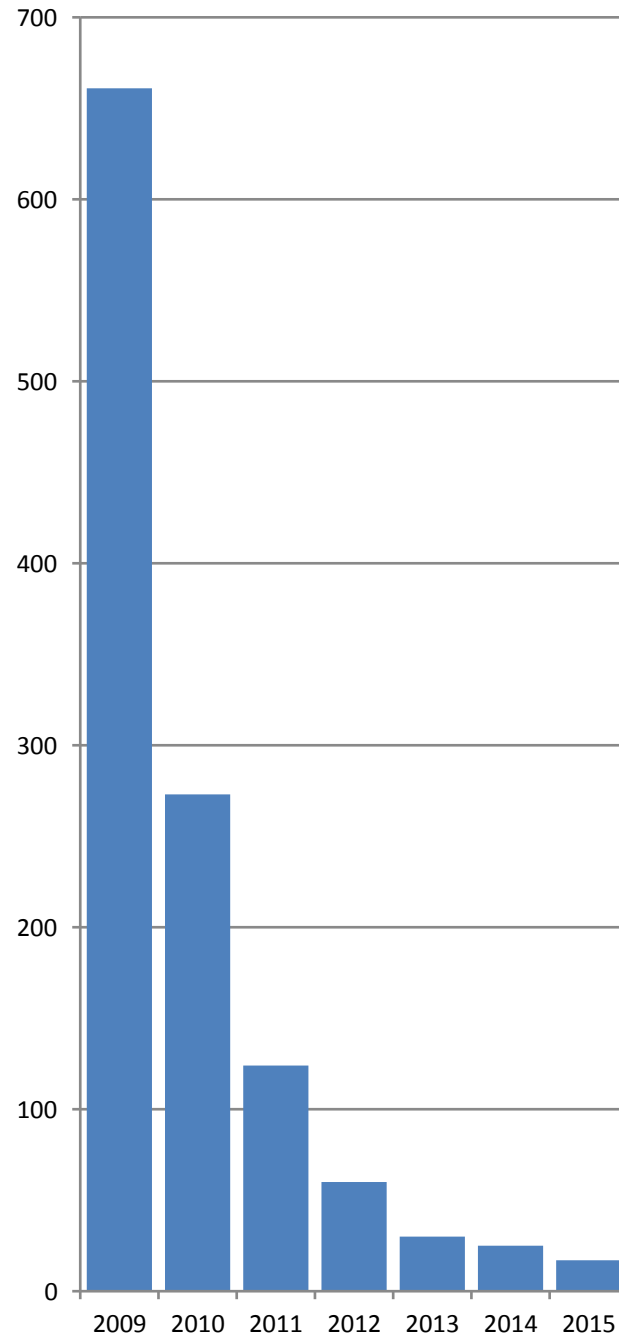
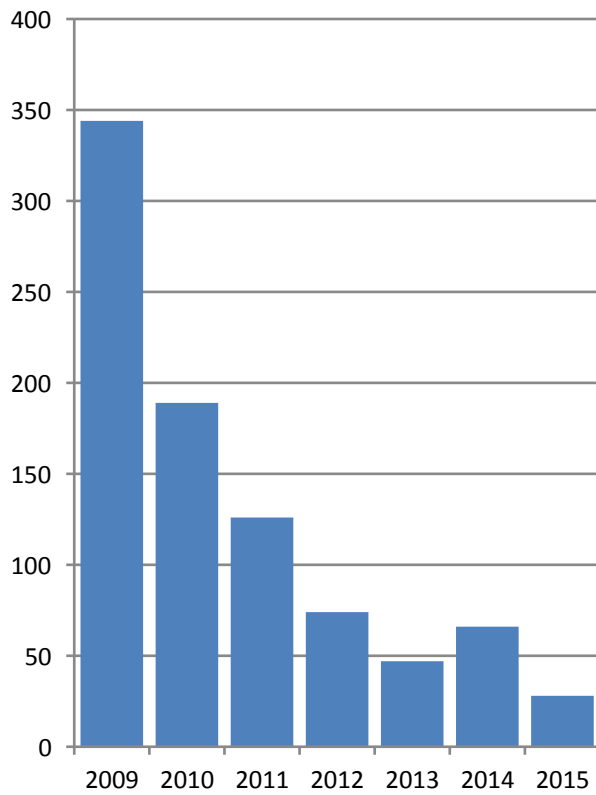


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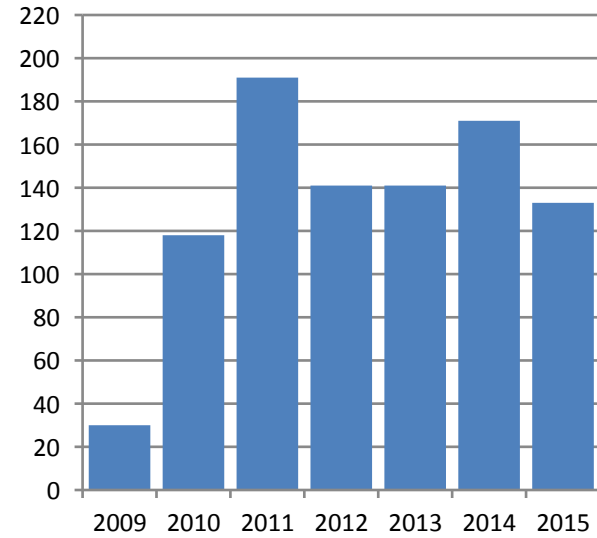
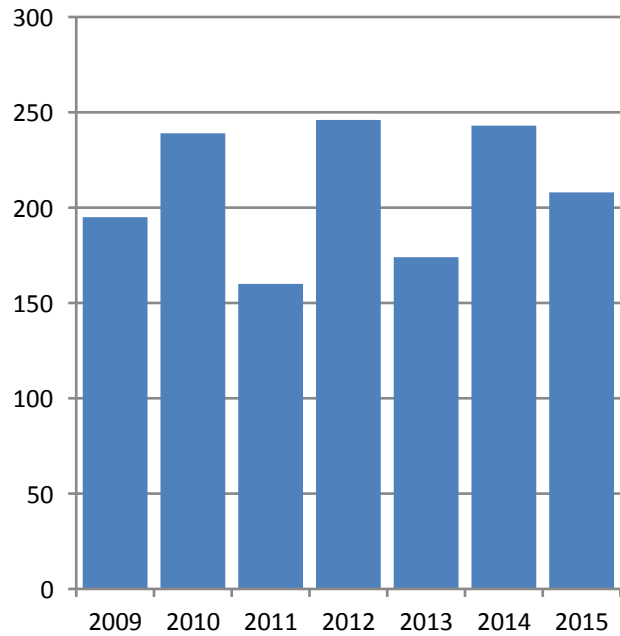


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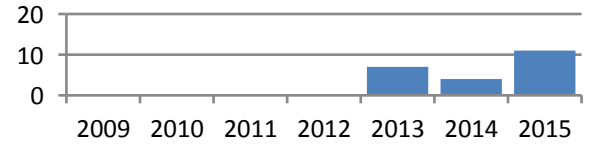
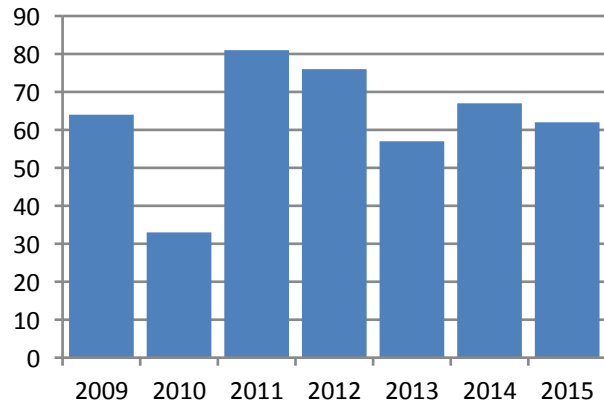




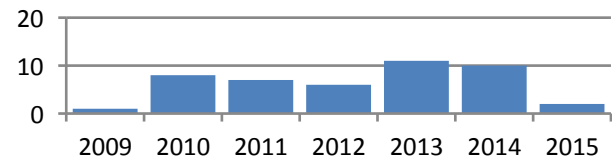
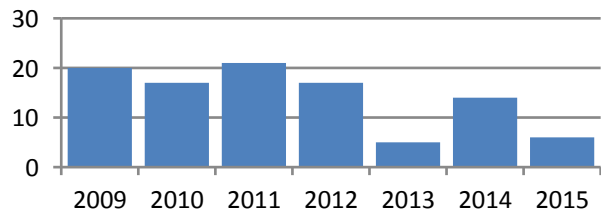
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- Perhaps little movement between countries – each needs to enact a control programme
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- Concerted programmes, involving year-round effort, are needed
- Additional drive needed to complete task in the UK
- Information gap in Germany, Ireland & Denmark – addressed by IAS?
- Information gap on captive birds needs addressing
- Release of captive birds is a potential concern