



EIFAAC PROJECT

Developing sustainable management actions on cormorant populations

Understanding the interactions among fish, fisheries, and cormorants is in the interest of a number of different stakeholders. A pan-European management plan is presently being put together by EIFAAC. Currently only national, regional and local management actions exist but to date a pan-European plan has not been attainable. The number of cormorants is still increasing creating interactions in new areas and polarizing situations in other areas.

In this EIFAAC project the national situation for cormorants and the findings from the management plans will be collected and updated annually. The project will develop the elements (e.g. management actions on cormorant colonies and migrating cormorants) needed for sustainable management of the cormorant population at the-European level. The work will be done in cooperation with fishery, aquaculture and conservation interests.

Cormorants are protected species causing severe damage to the fish stocks (including endangered fish species), fisheries and aquaculture. The number of cormorants continues to increase in spite of management actions and there is urgent need to bring together those management action which have proved successful on the pan-European scale.

A key outcome will be a coherent action plan aimed at reducing the problem in a sustainable manner. The plan will need input from key stakeholders; fish conservationists, fisher organizations, aquaculture companies, fisheries researchers, bird conservation organizations and fisheries and environment authorities.

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