



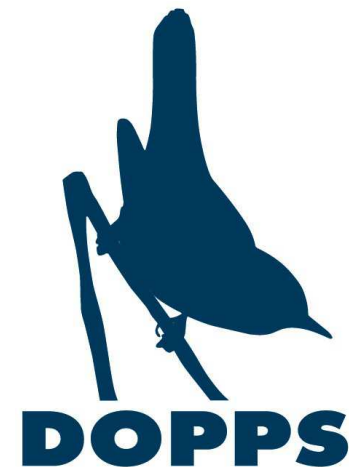
# Protection of Corncrake

## “Establishing Long-Term Protection of *Crex crex* in Slovenia”

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# Bird Life Slovenia

- The Society for observation and research of birds of Slovenia.
- It is the best organized NGO in the nature conservation in Slovenia.
- Initiative was in the beginning very voluntary.



# Threats to Crex Crex

- Population of corncrake was decreasing and also suitable habitats were disappearing.



- First two inventories of corncrake were in 1992 and 1999 by NGO members. The results were worrismatic.

 apply for Life financial instrument to provide long-term conservation of corncrake.

# The main objectives of Life Crex Crex

- developed conservation tools for efficient long-term protection of Corn-crake,
- speeded up implementation of the EU Birds Directive in Slovenia,
- expanded the knowledge on Corncrake,
- achieved bird-friendly management practices in extensive wet meadows in a pilot area,
- shared the awareness on bird-friendly farming.



# Collaboration with stakeholders

They were in the tight connections with different stakeholders:

- state and local authorities,
- local decision-makers,
- protected area authorities,
- farmers and land owners,
- general public.



# Results

- BirdLife Slovenia established a nature reserve of 50 ha of extensive wet meadows.
- They also establish educational trail with interpretation materials.
- All the local authorities are still very active in the protection of wet meadows and birds.
- developed conservation tools for efficient long-term protection of Corn-crake.

