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## SEA EAGLE COLOUR RINGING PROGRAMME 2012+

RINGING OF NESTLINGS ONLY, with one ring on each tarsus.

From year 2012 the ring on the left foot is uniformly black, with engraved numerals in two rows for individual identification. The individual ring number of this black ring on the left foot begins with a letter that is unique for each nation.

Thus, the ring number on the left foot is different from the ring number on the right foot

[Nestlings ringed during the period 1976-2011 were given a ring on the left foot with a colour-code indicating their year of birth, and from 1991 also with engraved numerals for individual identification]

The colour-code on the ring on the right foot indicates geographical area of birth. This ring has the address of the national Ringing Centre and the individual number on the ring is from that Ringing Centre.

The recommended time for ringing is when the nestlings are within the ages of 4 – 8 weeks. Ringing of smaller nestlings that do not have enough developed feet and tarsi should not take place. Entering of nests with very large nestlings (close to fledging age) should be avoided, to prevent flushing from the nest.

**NOTE THAT THE COLOUR RINGS USED WITHIN THIS PROGRAMME MUST NOT BE USED IN COMBINATION WITH ANY OTHER RINGS.**

### Colour combinations of left and right foot rings:

Iceland: left= black with ring number beginning with "I"; right=red-over-blue

Norway: left= black with ring number beginning with "N", right=blue

Denmark: left= black with ring number beginning with "D", right=light orange-over-white

Sweden: left= black with ring number beginning with "S"; right=black=Baltic coast, or green= right=Lapland, or white-over-blue=Inland south of Lapland,

Finland: left= black with ring number beginning with "F", right=red=Vaasa (Baltic), or white-over-red=Åbo (Baltic), or red-over-black=Åland (Baltic), or white-over-black=Lapland, or red-over-white=Inland south of Lapland

Russia, Petersburg: left= black with ring number beginning with "M", right=black-over-white

Russia, Tatarstan: left= black with ring number beginning with "M", right=white-over-green,

Estonia: left= black with ring number beginning with "E", right=blue-over-white

Latvia: left= black with ring number beginning with "K", right=blue-over-black

Lithuania: left= black with ring number beginning with "L", right=blue-over-red

Poland: left= black with ring number beginning with "P", right=uncoloured alu (white)

Western Germany: left= black with ring number beginning with "W", right=orange

Eastern Germany: left= black with ring number beginning with "A", right=yellow

Netherlands: left= black with ring number beginning with "A" (rings kindly supplied from Eastern Germany), right=orange

Czech Republic: left= black with ring number beginning with "Z", right=green-over-black

Austria: left= black with ring number beginning with "C" (rings kindly supplied from Eastern Germany), right=black-over-green

Hungary: left= black with ring number beginning with "B", right=black-over-green

Croatia: left= black with ring number beginning with "U", right=black-over-green

Romania: left=black with ring number beginning with "R", right=green-over-white

Bulgaria: left= black with ring number beginning with "J", right=green-over-white

Scotland: left= black with ring number beginning with "G", right=uncoloured BTO-ring

*With the best wishes to all for a successful breeding and ringing season!*

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