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1) Sport-Audit Luftsport (air sports audit scheme)

In 2012 the financial support for the air sports audit scheme ended. The Deutscher Modellflieger Verband (DMFV) and the DAeC agreed to continue the project with their own funds. In February we accomplished a further education for the auditors. Furthermore we conducted more workshops and certified more air sport clubs. In summer 2012 we applied the air sports audit scheme as UN Decade-project (Education for Sustainable Development). Unfortunately, our project was not awarded because the requirements were very specific.

In 2013 the duration for the certificates will increase up to two years for step I and up to four years for steps II –IV. Thus the effort for the clubs will be reduce and the offering will be more attractive. We hope to reach more clubs with this action.

2) Natura 2000 brochure

The Natura 2000 areas are a network of protected areas in the European Union to receive the biodiversity. The brochure „Gemeinsam für Natur und Landschaft – Natura2000 und Sport (Together for nature and landscape-Natura 2000 and sports)“ shows that ecologically sound sport exercise is also possible in EU-protected areas. Six outdoor sports associations, including the DAeC, and the Association for Environment and Nature Conservation Germany (BUND) have selected examples of best practice with the theme “Conflict Resolution and increase acceptance” and published them. The brochure procures the togetherness of sports and nature conservation in the Natura 2000 areas with the use of a collection of positive, sport-specific sample solutions.

With the brochure, the friendly-useful interaction between sports and nature conservation can be deepened: Sports federations respect the priority of nature conservation willingly and the nature conservation associations recognize an important partner in sports.

The brochure can be downloaded from the DAeC-homepage. (in german)
(<http://www.daec.de/fachbereiche/umwelt-natur/umwelt-luftsport/>)

3) DAeC-study: „Luftige Begegnungen“ – „airy meetings“

The DAeC and the Deutsche Hängegleiterverband (DHV) use the project "airy meetings" to inform, collect important data and help to answer questions like “Where pilots encounter which kind of birds?” and “How our feathered colleagues react to aircraft?”

Consistently pilots report on common circle in a thermal. In reporting portal at the homepage www.luftige-begegnungen.de such flights are recording in a database and going to analyze later.

In June 2012 the Bavarian TV started the production of a documentary for TV about the project and the cooperation between DHV/DAeC and the National Park of Berchtesgaden. The broadcast is going to arrange for spring 2013.

The Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) introduce 66 projects about biodiversity to its website. One of these is "airy meetings"

Further we applied the "airy meetings" as an UN Decade-project (Biodiversity). The award will be in spring 2013.