



PROGRAM

03 February 2026

Prague - Czechia
Czech University of Life Sciences



17:00 - 20:00

Arrival

- *Ice-breaking session; and*
- *Dinner*

20:00 - 21:00

Evening talk: Cormorant: A cultural history of Greed and Prejudice - Gordon McMullan



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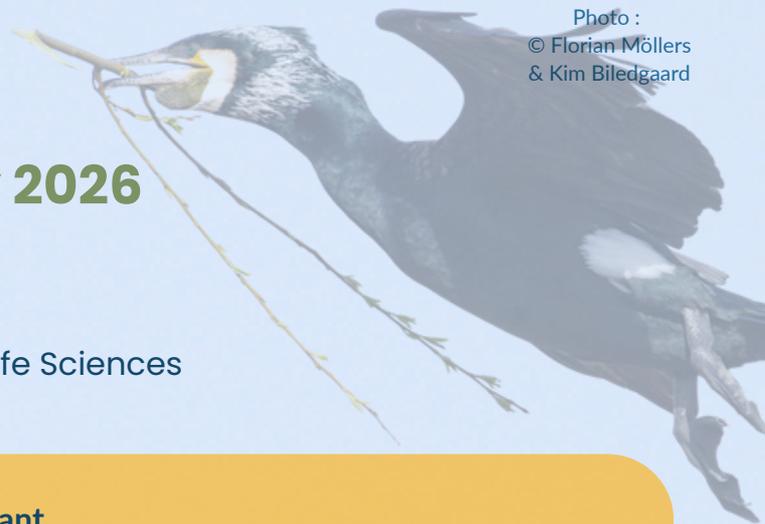
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MORNING

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09.00-12.20

9.00-9.15

Session 1 - Great Cormorant

Welcome & opening of the conference

9.15-9.30

Introduction to the ProtectFish project
Niels Jepsen

9.30-10.15

Keynote: Cormorants in a changing world: don't kill the messengers within the realm of aquatic top-predators indicating the state of coastal and inland water systems
Mennobart van Eerden

10.15-10.35

Wintering Cormorants in Czechia: Changes in numbers, distribution and habitat selection
Adéla Šenkýřová et al.

10.35-11.00

Coffee break

11.00-11.20

Inefficiency of shooting to regulate the numbers of Great Cormorants wintering in France
Loïc Marion

11.20-11.30

Cormorants in Switzerland: population trends and political implications
Stefan Werner & Claudia Müller

11.30-11.40

On the development of winter cormorant populations in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany
Melanie Wagner

11.40-11.50

Management of cormorants in Sweden
Jens Andersson & Paula Jonsson

11.50-12.00

Cormorant management in Bavaria - current situation
Jan Másiľko & Matthias Ruff

12.00-12.20

Protecting the Great Cormorant under the EU Birds Directive and managing conflicts
Anna Cheilari et al.

12.20-13.20

Lunch



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13.20-17.00

13.20-13.50

Session 2 - Great Cormorant

Keynote: There's too much confusion: microscopes and binoculars give no relief - the diet of Great Cormorants in Scottish rivers as a starting point for wider thoughts of birds, fishes, and people

David N. Carss

13.50-14.10

Long-term Great Cormorant diet data as a tool for understanding fish-bird interactions in Danish coastal ecosystems (1980-2024)

Frederick Fleet & Thomas Bregnballe

14.10-14.30

Comparison of the diet and prey characteristics of Great Cormorants in rivers and reservoirs during the migration and wintering period

Robert Gwiazda

14.30-14.50

Diet composition of great cormorants in a fish protection area on the Swedish west coast

Monica Mion et al.

14.50-15.10

Are cormorants eating all the fish? A reality check using long-term data from Estonia

Kunter Tätte

15.10-15.40

Coffee break

15.40-16.00

Great Cormorants as natural indicators and control agents of invasive round goby

Rasa Morkūnė et al.

16.00-16.20

Cormorants do it better: Cormorant pellets as natural monitors of coastal fish diversity

Monica Mion et al.

16.20-16.40

Cormorant census on selected trout-grayling fisheries: realistic estimate of predation pressure and the role of other fish-eating predators

Martin Čech et al.

16.40-16.50

Great Cormorant as Model Species for Biomonitoring of Heavy Metal Pollution in Kopački Rit (Croatia)

Alma Mikuška et al.

16.50-17.00

The management of the Great cormorant in the upper Adriatic Sea: equilibrium reached?

Mauro Cosolo

17.00-18.30

Poster session

18.30-19.30

Dinner

20.00-21.00

Evening talk: 50 years obsession with the world of cormorants - Jens Gregersen





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09.00-10.00

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Session 3 - European Counts

Development of the breeding population of cormorants in the Baltic Sea region
Thomas Bregnballe et al.

Long-term population trends and spatial distribution of breeding Great Cormorants in the Russian part of the Gulf of Finland
S.A. Kouzov & A.V. Kravchuk

Pan-European counts of breeding and wintering cormorants in 2027
Thomas Bregnballe et al.

10.00-11.00

Cormorant Research Group Meeting

11.00-17.00

Excursion (*lunch en route*)

The excursion will focus on important cormorant and waterbird wintering sites in North Bohemia (North of Prague). We will visit a flooded former mining area (Lake Most) and the Elbe River. We will travel through the Central Bohemian Uplands, which are characterized by numerous isolated volcanic hills. The highest peak is Milešovka (837 m above sea level).

Coffee will be available at Lake Most. We will walk on a paved road. Bring warm clothes and boots. The final stop will be a local winery on the edge of Melnik, where dinner will be served. We will return to the University Campus around 22:00.

17.00-22.00

Joint dinner



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11.20-11.40

11.40-12.00

12.00-12.20

12.20-13.20

Session 4 - European Shag, Pygmy Cormorant & Great Cormorant

Opening remarks

Keynote : Shags in a changing world: What can we learn from long-term studies?
Francis Daunt

Diet of the European shag: Novel information on the feeding ecology of a species recently colonising the Swedish west coast
Karl Lundström et al.

Non-breeding population size and movements of Mediterranean Shags in the Adriatic Sea
Louie Taylor et al.

Coffee break

Colonisation Dynamics and Range Expansion of the Pygmy Cormorant in Italy: A 30 Year Assessment (1994–2023)
Emiliano Verza et al.

Long-term GPS tracking reveals behavioural differences between breeder and nonbreeder Great Cormorants
Paolo Salvador et al.

Movement Diversity in an Inland Breeding Population of Great Cormorants: Management Implications from GPS Tracking
Bálint Preiszner et al.

Changes in migration patterns of Baltic Sea Cormorants
Christof Herrmann

Lunch



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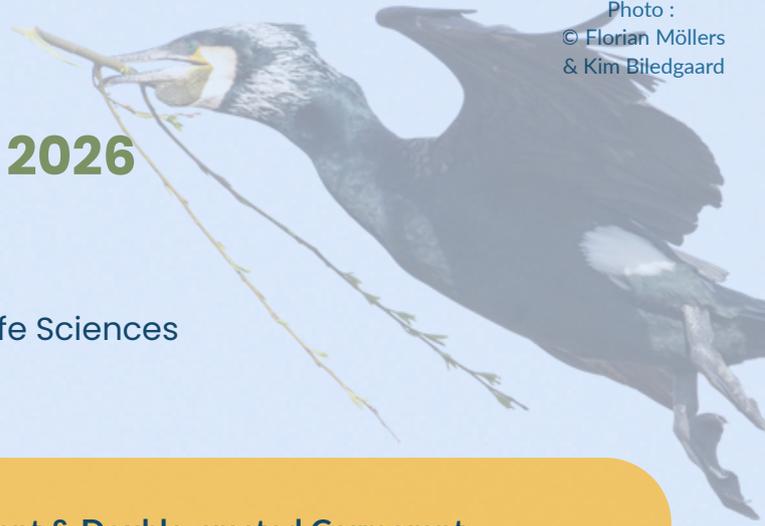
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13.30-15.20

Session 5 - Great Cormorant & Double-crested Cormorant

13.20-13.40

Evolution of the breeding and wintering population of Great Cormorant in Belgium, a small country with contrasted environmental conditions and cormorant-fisheries conflict management choices
Jean-Yves Paquet et al.

13.40-14.00

Population explosion of the Great Cormorant in the Lake Baikal basin
Evgenia Badmaeva

14.00-14.20

Change in the timing and duration of breeding season of Great Cormorant in Kopački Rit Nature park (Croatia)
Tibor Mikuska & Alma Mikuska

14.20-14.40

Seasonal Population Dynamics and Breeding Phenology of Great Cormorants at an Inland Urban Reservoir in South Korea
Sung Jin Park

14.40-15.00

Coffee break

15.00-15.20

Management of cormorant numbers and conflicts in the US
Brian Dorr

15.20-16.00

Wrap up & closing of conference



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