



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

03-06 February 2026

Prague – Czech Republic
Czech University of Life Sciences

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TUE
17.00-21.00

17.00-20.00
20.00-21.00

Arrival, Ice-breaking session & Dinner

Evening talk : Gordon McMullan

Cormorant: A cultural history of Greed and Prejudice

04
WED
9.00-21.00

09.00-12.15

Session 1 - Great Cormorant

Welcome, opening of the conference

Keynote (**Mennobart van Eerden**)

Presentations

12.20-13.20

Lunch

13.20-17.00

Session 2 - Great Cormorant

Keynote (**David N. Carss**)

Presentations & poster pitches

17.00-20.00

Poster session

Dinner & drinks

20.00-21.00

Evening talk : Jens Gregersen

50 years obsession with the world of cormorants

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THUR
9.00-17.00

09.00-10.00

Session 3 - Pan-European Counts

10.00-11.00

Cormorant Research Group meeting

11.00-17.00

Excursion - Lunch en route

17.00-20.00

Joint dinner

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9.00-16.00

09.00-12.20

Session 4 - European Shag, Pygmy Cormorant & Great Cormorant

Opening remarks

Keynote (**Francis Daunt**)

Presentations

12.20-13.30

Lunch

13.20-15.00

Session 5 - Great Cormorant

Presentations

15.20-16.00

Wrap up & closing of conference



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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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04 February 2026
MORNING

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09.00-12.30

9.00-9.15

9.15-9.30

9.30-10.15

10.15-10.35

10.35-11.00

11.00-11.20

11.20-11.30

11.30-11.40

11.40-11.50

11.50-12.00

12.00-12.20

12.20-13.20

Session 1 - Great Cormorant

Welcome & opening of the conference

Introduction to ProtectFish
Niels Jepsen

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

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

Coffee break

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

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

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

Management of cormorants in Sweden
Jens Andersson & Paula Jonsson

Cormorant management in Bavaria – current situation
Jan Másík & Matthias Ruff

EU perspective
Anna Cheilari

Lunch



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04 February 2026
AFTERNOON

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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

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

Cormorants do it better: Cormorant pellets as natural monitors of coastal fish diversity
Monica Mion et al.

16.00-16.20

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

16.20-16.50

Poster pitches

20.00-21.00

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





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09.00-11.00

9.00-9.15

Session 3 - European Counts

Development of the breeding population of cormorants in the Baltic Sea region

Thomas Bregnballe et al.

9.15-9.35

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

9.35-10.00

Pan-European counts of breeding and wintering cormorants in 2027

Thomas Bregnballe et al.

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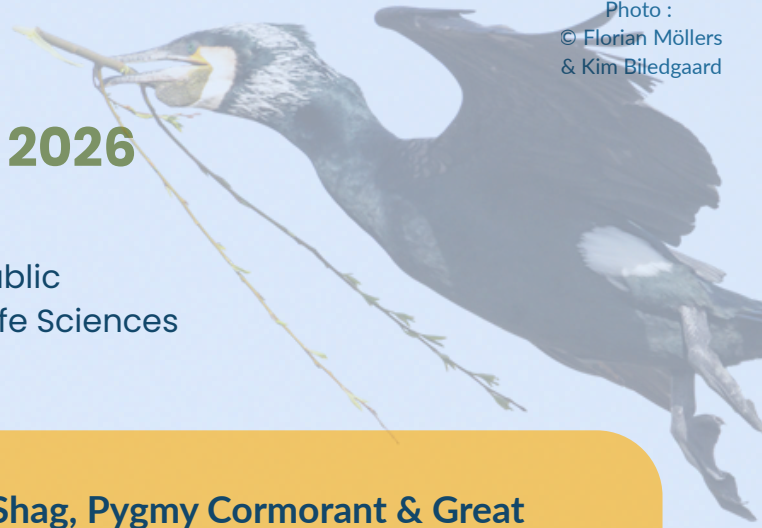
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09.00-12.20

Session 4 - European Shag, Pygmy Cormorant & Great Cormorant

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Opening remarks

9.15-10.00

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

Francis Daunt

10.00-10.20

Diet of the European shag: Novel information on the feeding ecology of a species recently colonising the Swedish west coast

Karl Lundström et al.

10.20-10.40

Non-breeding population size and movements of Mediterranean Shags in the Adriatic Sea

Louie Taylor et al.

10.40-11.00

Coffee break

11.00-11.20

Colonisation Dynamics and Range Expansion of the Pygmy Cormorant (*Microcarbo pygmeus*) in Italy: A 30 Year Assessment (1994–2023)

Emiliano Verza et al.

11.20-11.40

Long-term GPS tracking reveals behavioural differences between breeder and nonbreeder Great Cormorants

Paolo Salvador et al.

11.40-12.00

Movement Diversity in an Inland Breeding Population of Great Cormorants: Management Implications from GPS Tracking

Bálint Preiszner et al.

12.00-12.20

Changes in migration patterns of Baltic Sea Cormorants

Christof Herrmann

12.20-13.30

Lunch



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Session 5 - Great 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
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

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