

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats



Standing Committee

Recommendation No. 124 (2007) of the Standing Committee on progress in the eradication of the Ruddy duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

(adopted by the Standing Committee on 29 November 2007)

The Standing Committee of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, acting under the terms of Article 14 of the Convention,

Recalling that hybridisation with Ruddy ducks is a major cause of concern for the long-term survival of the White-headed duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*), a species protected by the Convention;

Recalling its Recommendation No. 61 (1997) on the conservation of the White-headed Duck (*Oxyura leucocephala*);

Welcoming the very substantial eradication efforts carried out by the United Kingdom and other states;

Noting, however, that some states that have small or very small populations of Ruddy duck are failing to act,

Recommends relevant Parties:

1. carry extensive surveys to detect the presence of Ruddy-ducks in their territory;
2. eradicate as a matter of urgency all Ruddy duck found in their territory in the wild and control strictly them in captivity;
3. establish efficient alert mechanisms that may record new entries;
4. remove all legal barriers to carry out the operations above if there necessary.
5. enact legislation restricting the sale, keeping and release of Ruddy-ducks.