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WHAT WE DO:

- monitoring breeding population of Aquatic warbler and its habitats;
- restoration of the most important habitats in the area covering more than 1300 ha and improving the status of the entire population;
- development of innovative farming models to ensure sustainable conservation of rare bird species;
- active collaboration with farmers to promote agri-environmental measures in Lithuania and Latvia.

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A GLOBALLY THREATENED SPECIES

Aquatic Warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*) is the only globally threatened passerine bird found in mainland Europe. Lithuania and Latvia are among eight countries worldwide with suitable breeding habitats for this rare species. In 2007 around 150 singing males were observed in Lithuania, while Latvian population is only 0-3.

Aquatic Warbler is a habitat specialist occurring mainly in open sedge fen mires and marshy habitats. Today it is facing extinction due to an increasingly abandoned farmland or transformation of wet meadows into grazing land. Therefore its conservation is closely linked to sustainable farming.



FIND OUT MORE:

- about rare birds in agrarian landscape;
- about sustainable farming;
- about innovative use of late-cut biomass.

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