

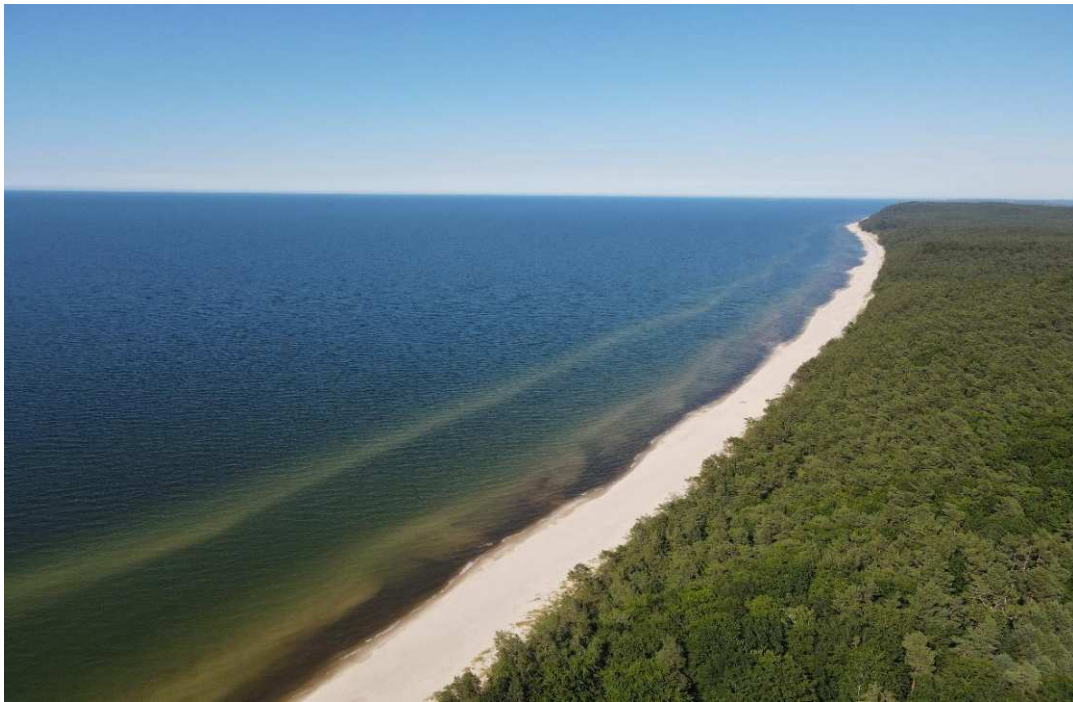
SB MANTA Pilot activities in Wolin National Park

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We are thrilled to welcome you in the first marine National Park in Poland – Wolin National Park (establ.1960, area 10 937 ha), located in the northern- west part of this country, on the biggest island of Poland – Wolin Island. The site is home to a wide variety of ecosystems, from typically marine through forests and meadows to Revers Delta of Świna. This place plays a crucial role during migrations as a resting and refuel place. Especially for a birds which cross the Baltic Sea.

The species diversity of avifauna from a scientific point of view is essential, especially its knowledge and documentation. For this reason, we will visit several sites that are very good for monitoring:



1. **Beaches of Wolin National Park**

The northern shore of Wolin Island and thus the National Park are beaches. The Park encompasses some 14 kilometres of beaches, which are continuously shaped by the Baltic Sea. Abrasion plays a key role in forming them and the cliffs and dunes. Along these coastline are the highest cliffs in Poland. The highest one, called Gosań, is 95 m a.s.l. Under the cliffs and dunes seagulls and waders have a comfortable habitat.

Planned activity:

The beaches are home not only to birds, but also to many other animals and plants. Due to the park's location near tourist resorts, but also to the action of the sea, it is very common to find litter on the beaches. To help keep these places in good condition, we organise beach cleaning campaigns. This is also a nod to us beachgoers, who after all also use the beach. The aim of this action is to make the beaches safe and enjoyable for all beings.



2. Łunowo

Place located in the west part of Wolin National Park. From here, you can see a mosaic of landscape created by a lind ice and of ecosystems, from the waters of Lake Wicko Wielkie to forests and marshy meadows.



3. Karnocice

Place located in southern part of Wolin National Park. From here, you can see dead cliffs, which means that abrasion no longer shapes them. The cliff is now covered in forest, shrub thickets and reed beds. What is more important, you have a perfect panorama on the Szczecin Lagoon. The bottom of this water is home to shoals of bivalve molluscs, many species of snails, crayfish and numerous species of fish. It's a safe and incredibly valuable spot for a migrating and nesting birds.

Planned activities for Łunowo and Karnocie:

These sites are ideal for waterfowl or grassland birds. Here we can see a thousands of birds during migration and wintering time. It's a perfect monitoring spot. Therefore we are going to do birdwatching. The observational data will help to collect concrete data that will later be used for analysis at national and international level for scientific as well as educational purposes.

Observations at the platform locations will be part of bird monitoring routes, which we will carry out in guided groups along the island's shores.

4. Planned other activities in Wolin National Park area:

Additional measures include support for the restoration of thermophilic grassland after tree and bushes removal – removal of shredded branches, twigs and stumps (grassland near Wisetka and Wicko village) and removal of young specimens of alien tree species (forest in the Old Park district area).

You are arriving in a rather uncertain month in terms of weather, it could be nice or could be storms. Therefore, below is a very short list with essentials:

- clothes with long sleeves,
- waterproof and windproof jacket,
- outdoor walking shoes,
- headgear,
- rubber boots,

And open mind. 😊

Nevertheless, please check the weather forecast 2 days before arrival.

We are looking forward to seeing you! 😊