

# The third visit of Project Monitor

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In the LIFE.VISTULA.PL project the end of June was the time of the Project Monitor's visit. A monitor is a person who checks the progress of project activities on behalf of the European Commission.



The visit took place on June 22-23 this year. The monitor of the LIFE.VISTULA.PL project is Mr. Stanisław Tworek from the European NEEMO EIUG agency, which monitors and informs about projects financed under the LIFE mechanism.

On the first day of the visit, we organized a Monitor videoconference with project beneficiaries, during which we discussed the progress of the activities.

We started the field visit from the Zakole B reservoir near Zator. On the beach renovated as part of the project, we noticed nesting not only of the black-headed gull, which has been inhabiting the island in great numbers for many years, but also for the first time - the river tern. This proves that the protection of the tern as part of the project is paying off.

Another point of the field visit was the Goczałkowicki Reservoir, where in December 2020 we completed the construction of an island for birds with an area of 450 m<sup>2</sup>. The trip to the island was accompanied by excitement and uncertainty whether the birds had settled in a new home, built in an area where every year black-headed gulls and terns nested on sandbanks, often flooded by July rains.

When we reached the island, we noticed birds circling over the island in large numbers, which was a good omen. On the spot, we saw many nests of black-headed gulls with chicks and single nests of the river tern. This bird is more careful when choosing new places and very often breeds later than the black-headed gull. The conclusions of the inspections on the island inspire enthusiasm and hope for the future.

The ponds in Ochaby were the last point of the field visit. The local islands will also be secured as a good nesting site for night herons and river terns. By the way, we were able to meet the pond manager, who told about the specificity of the fishing industry and the problems that the fishing industry has been struggling with in recent years.

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