

Works on breeding ponds

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On the breeding ponds belonging to the Agricultural Production Cooperative "Zgoda" in Malec and the Fish Farm "Pod Borem" in Ochaby, works to protect the islands and dikes are underway.



The work consists in restoring and completing the surface of islands that have been severely damaged in recent decades. Water erosion significantly washed the banks, causing trees and shrubs where night herons nested to fall into the water. Damaged dykes were also a great threat to birds nesting on the islands. As a result, the water level in the ponds has decreased, which is detrimental to the birds nesting on the islands as it poses a risk of penetration by predators.

Securing the islands consists in creating a ring around the island with tight walls (PVC sheet piles) and supplementing the island with earth material. On the islands where night herons nest, the contractor plants shrubs, and the islands dedicated to river terns are "finished" with special gravel beaches.

Dikes are secured using a similar technique as the islands.

This action would not be possible without good cooperation with the owners of breeding ponds. This is important because the islands are not part of the fishing industry, and without fish farming there would be no birds in the ponds. Thanks to our joint efforts, we can improve the conservation status of bird habitats. Creating a good climate for the protection of birds in the Upper Vistula Valley between institutions dealing with nature protection, ornithologists, and fishermen and water reservoir managers is one of the goals of the LIFE.VISTULA.PL project.

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