

EDITORIAL

For some years SAFRING has been encouraging project - orientated ringing to introduce a real purpose into the activity. However, project-orientated ringing has brought some problems with it such as the need for colour rings and patagial tags; extra expense in pursuing a single species over its range; the necessity of building up a file of publications relevant to the project and photographic documentation of plumage and habitats. As these items can be a drain on a ringer's resources the Steering Committee of SAFRING has decided to make funds available to assist worthwhile projects - both existing ones and new programmes. On the last page of this issue of Safring News you will find a notice giving the details of these research grants. This is an opportunity to get your projects off the ground so make the best of it. If you are one of those boffins who likes to play with statistics and numbers remember that SAFRING has a large amount of data accumulated in the days of "ring-and-pling" which still has to be analysed. Projects dealing with the analysis of existing data are also eligible for research grants.

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