

WILDLIFE STRIKE HAZARD REDUCTION IN FINNISH AIRPORTS

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General

- 25 State owned airports
- Airport holder is Finavia (Civil Aviation Administration) which is state-owned business
- National aviation regulations, ICAO standards and recommendations, Own instructions (KeKO)
- National Bird Strike Committee
 - Twice a year
 - Members from: Finavia, Airlines, Finnish Air Force, Helsinki University, Hunters' Organization, Meteorological Institute.

Birds

- BIRDSTRIKES IN OUR AIRPORTS:
- About 80 hits per year (60....100)
- Mainly small birds
- Majority of medium size are gulls
- Typical large bird is swan or crane
- No any real "problem airports"

Birds

- THE THREAT!! ==> BRANTA GEESE
 - Canada Goose and Barnacle Goose
 - Dark-bellied Brent Goose
- E.g. in Helsinki area is nesting appr. 8000 Barnacle geese
- Population is growing up rapidly
- Approaching airport (EFHK) for food

Birds

- OUR ACTIONS
- Dissertation from university
- Refuse to establish pasture land in vicinity of airports
- Low nutritious grass in runway stripes
- Warnings during migrations of arctic birds (based on meteorological forecasting)
- "Zero -tolerans"

Birds

- FINAVIA have a permission to kill birds and animals
- Reports of shot birds and animals to department annually
- Conditions of permission are tightening all the time
- "Gull identification manual"

Birds





Details and living environment,
typical behaviour and food, etc.

BIRD STRIKE STATISTICS In Finland

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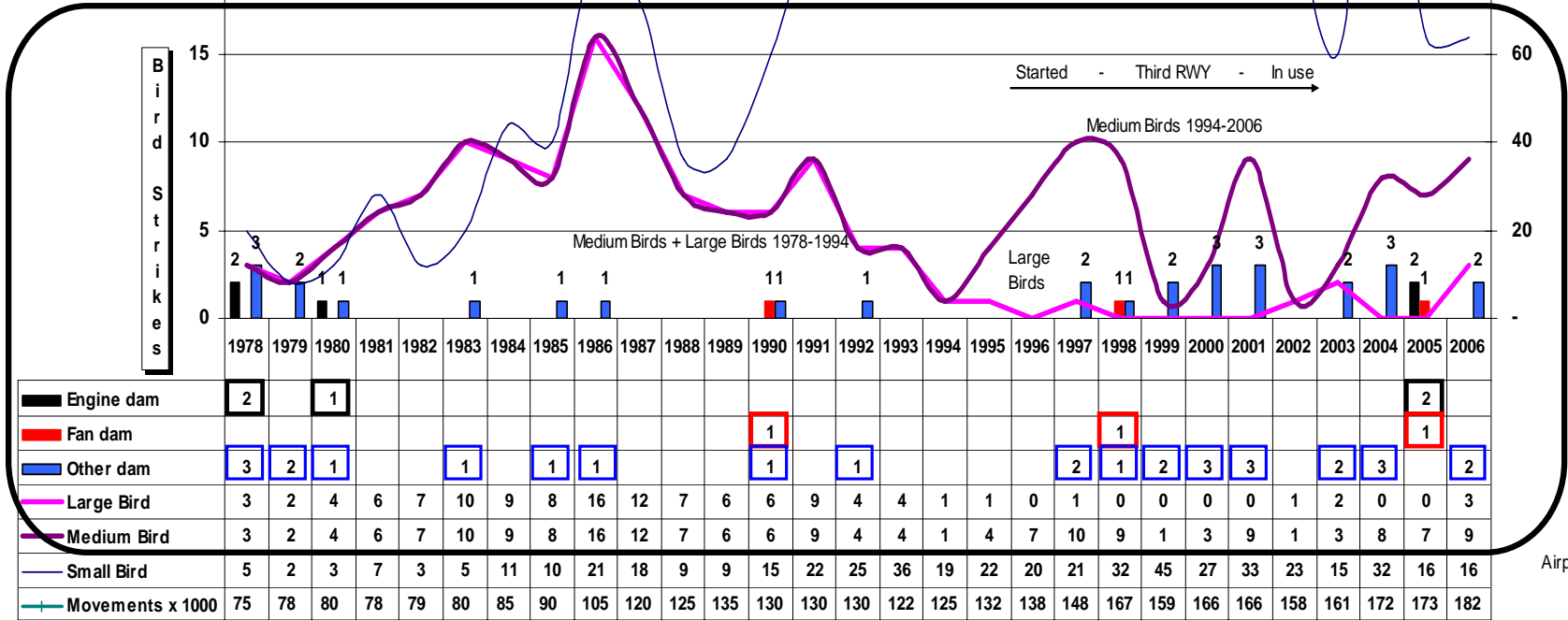
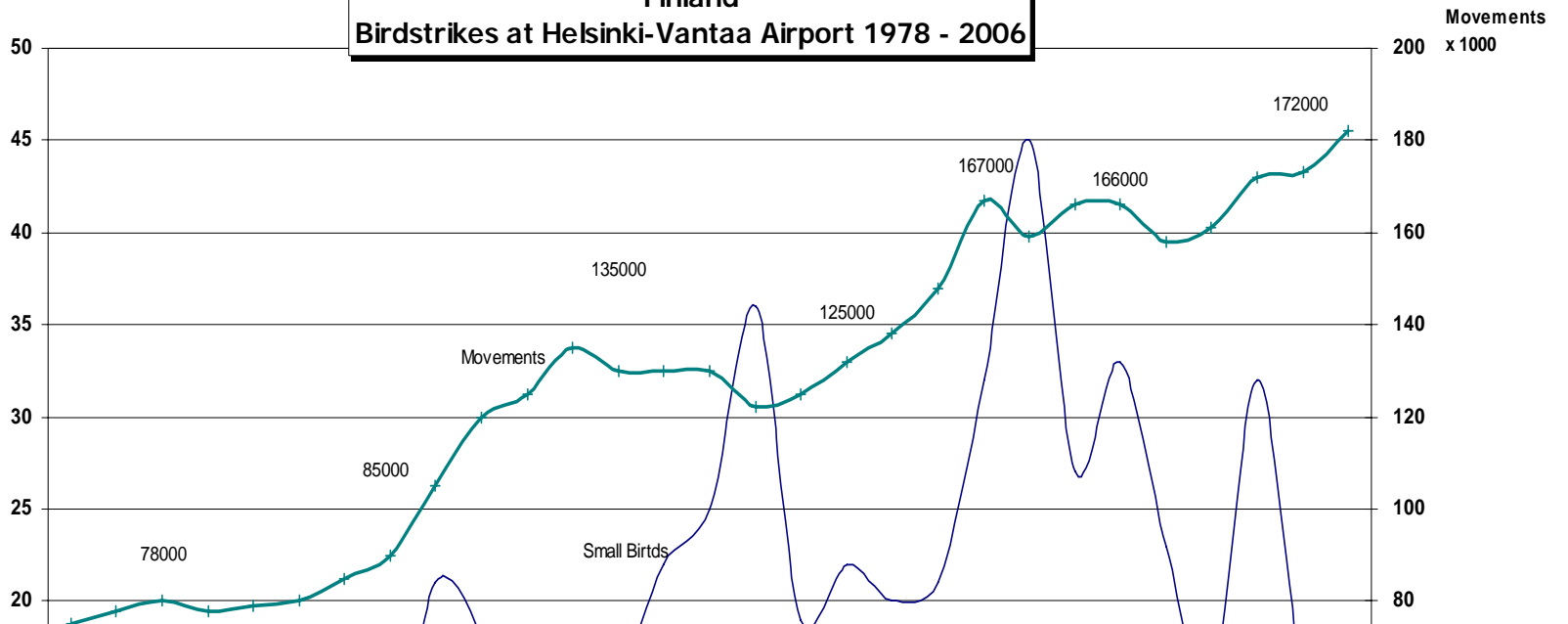


Model of statistics

- Bird strikes
 - small, medium and large birds
- Caused damages
 - Engine dam, fan dam, other dam.
- Volume of movements
- Events and actions



Finland Birdstrikes at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport 1978 - 2006



	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Engine dam	2		1																		1							2	
Fan dam													1								1							1	
Other dam	3	2	1			1		1	1				1		1					2	1	2	3	3		2	3		2
Large Bird	3	2	4	6	7	10	9	8	16	12	7	6	6	9	4	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
Medium Bird	3	2	4	6	7	10	9	8	16	12	7	6	6	9	4	4	1	4	7	10	9	1	3	9	1	3	8	7	9
Small Bird	5	2	3	7	3	5	11	10	21	18	9	9	15	22	25	36	19	22	20	21	32	45	27	33	23	15	32	16	16
Movements x 1000	75	78	80	78	79	80	85	90	105	120	125	135	130	130	130	122	125	132	138	148	167	159	166	166	158	161	172	173	182

Source:
Airport Operator Finavia
and
CAA FI