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**EUROPEAN CONSERVATION ACTION NETWORK**

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**CONSERVATION VISIT TO ESTONIA**

**June 3rd – 15th 2016**

RISK ANALYSIS

**Telephone number for Emergency Services in Estonia**:

- All emergences 112

- European emergency number (all services English spoken) – 112

**Telephone number of nearest doctor  Estonia:**

**+372**322 9099

**Where is the nearest hospital to Tudulinna:  Rakvere**

**Telephone number for ELF representative in our work area**:

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| Hazard | Severity | Likelihood | Risk Severity | Action to be taken |  Risk Severity after  action taken |
| **On the journey** |
| Risks on the journey: losing people while disembarking, stop points (language problems, loss of tickets etc) | 1 | 2 | 2 | Thorough briefing during the journey. This only applies to the journey from Tallinn to the guesthouses. | 1 |
| Loss of passports, money, bank cards etc | 1 | 2 | 2 | Ditto, participants to bring photocopies of passport and emergency numbers for card loss. | 2 |
| Dangers resulting from being in a foreign country with a difficult language and different customs | 2 | 1 | 2 | Ditto. Particularly in towns where traffic comes from the ‘wrong’ direction. | 1 |
| **In the field – natural hazards** |
| Slipping, tripping,falling over branches, on steep slope, mud, bogs, pools  | 2 | 3 | 6 | Everyone needs to be aware of the lie of the land and the need for appropriate footwear. | 4 |
| Barbed wire and discarded rubbish – risk of cuts. Tetanus. |  3 |  1 |  3 | Assess dangers in the work area before starting. All participants will have checked that their Tetanus immunity is up to date before the visit.  | 3 |
| Effects of hot or cold weather, dehydration, sunburn, chills from being wet, cold | 2 | 3 | 6 | Advice in advance about correct clothing, provision of water in hot weather, leaders to look out for signs of dehydration, group to be warned in advance to bring sunblock/hats | 2 |
| Allergies to plants: grass pollen, dust | 2 | 3 | 6 | Find out about hay fever/asthma sufferers in advance. Everyone to be alert for signs. | 4 |
| Plant hazards: scratches, eye damage, blackthorn punctures, poisonous berries, fungi, allergenic plants | 2 | 3 | 6 | Assess presence of allergenic plants on arrival and give advice during introductory talk. Advise on potential problems, preliminary talk on risks, emphasise sensible clothing. Everyone to be alert for signs. | 2 |
| Insect bites: midges, horseflies and mosquitoes. | 2 | 3 | 6 | Discuss risks during introductory talk. Wear protective clothing and use insect repellent on exposed parts, preferably not DEET or aerosol. Pump-action ‘Smidge’ recommended. Be aware that some people react very severely to bites. | 4 |
| Lyme disease and TBE from bites by ticks. | 4 | 3 | 12 | Ticks can be plentiful in Estonia – important to wear trousers tucked in, cover arms and to check regularly for ticks. Participants to report tick bites and be alert for signs of infection from tick bites. All to familiarise themselves with TBE (google) and all to be sent Lyme Disease Action info leaflet.  | 4 |
| Snake bites ?scorpions | 3 | 1 | 3 | Discuss risks with hosts and during safety talk.  | 3 |
| Incidents with animals – kicks/bites from wild animals and stray dogs | 3 | 2 | 6 | Assess the risks on arrival, give advice on avoidance of animals during preliminary talk. | 3 |
| Leptospirosis (Weil’s Disease) from contact with pond water, and other biological agents | 4 | 2 | 8 | Discuss risks and procedures with hosts and participants. Medicated wipes to be used on hands before eating.  | 4 |
| Danger of rabies | 4 | 1 | 4 | Warn of risks from wild mammals, avoid contact. | 4 |
| Becoming lost as a result of the remoteness and unfamiliarity of the site | 2 | 2 | 4 | Leaders and hosts to ensure that participants never work alone, always in pairs, with gps, mobile phone and whistle with each pair. Introductory talk essential. | 2 |
| Hazards from other people – vehicles, guns | 4 | 1 | 4 | Assess and discuss risk on arrival. | 4 |
| Fire hazard | 2 | 2 | 4 | Assess and discuss risk on arrival. Smokers to be made aware of level of fire danger. | 2 |
| **First Aid** | All participants to be made aware of position of the First Aid box and the identities of the First Aiders.  |  |  |  |  |

#  Severity Rating Likelihood Rating

1. Death/permanent disability 5 will most certainly happen
2. Serious injury/longterm sickness 4 highly likely to happen
3. Temporary disability – 3 day absence 3 possible
4. Required Medical attention 2 might happen/less likely

 1 Minor injury e.g. bruise, graze 1 remote possibility

**Risk Assessment updated:**  May 2016 Nigel Spring.