



Photo: Sulmierzyce Wind Farm

## Sulmierzyce

**During the operation of the Wind Farm (WF) Sulmierzyce in the reporting period from January to December 2025, it was found that:**

- compliance of the activities carried out during the reporting period as part of the Project implementation in accordance with the Environmental Decision (ED) requirements was verified and confirmed. There were no exceedances of the permissible noise levels, noise monitoring was carried out in accordance with Polish guidelines, the third (and, in accordance with the ED, final) year of the operational monitoring of birds and bats was completed, carried out in accordance with Polish guidelines. The annual monitoring reports from the second year of monitoring were submitted to the relevant environmental authorities,
- the Project was operating in compliance with all actions required in Environmental and Social Action Plan, as noise monitoring was carried out, third year of operational monitoring of birds and bats was conducted, the annual reports with the results from the second year of monitoring were submitted to the relevant environmental authorities; grievance mechanism is in place, the summary of the previous Environmental and Social Monitoring Report (IV) was disclosed on Project's official website, the Project made an annual notification to the landlords

of the updated contact details of the WF managers, and Corporate Social Responsibility actions were implemented, as the Project supported the funding of prizes in a battery collection competition organized by the Odolanów Municipality and the County Office Krotoszyn,

- no grievances were received during the reporting period,
- based on the estimation of the actual bird mortality, the Independent Ornithological Expert (IOE) assumed that the annual actual bird mortality at the WF Sulmierzyce was in the range of 10-13 casualties per entire WF, resulting in a mortality of 1.5-2.0 casualties/turbine/year, which is low,
- based on the results of 3-year monitoring of birds, the IOE concluded that measures should be taken to minimise the negative impact on birds (mainly due to the collision of 2 white-tailed eagles, a common kestrel and common buzzard (during the first year of monitoring)). IOE recommended that the mortality monitoring of birds should be extended for another 2-3 years, and a detection and reaction system should be installed on one of the wind turbines (with which the white-tailed eagles collided),
- based on the estimation of the actual bat mortality, the IOE assumed that the annual actual bat mortality at the WF Sulmierzyce was in the range of 15-17 fatalities for the entire WF, resulting in a mortality rate of 2.0-2.5 casualties/turbine/year, which is moderate,
- as the bat mortality rate during the third year of monitoring was three times lower compared to 2024 and twice lower than in 2023, the IOE stated there is no need to introduce measures in the near future to minimise the negative impact on bats,
- IOE recommended extending the monitoring of bat mortality for another 2-3 years, as the longer observation period will allow for the collection and analysis of more comprehensive data, which may have a significant impact on decisions to take mitigation measures,
- an inspection was carried out of bat shelters (46 units) and bird nesting boxes (32 units) installed as part of nature compensation measures (in 2024). The occupancy rate of nesting boxes by birds was not high (as they probably could inhabit natural tree hollows in the nearby forests), and no occupation was found in the case of bat shelters (due to the same reasons). IOE stated that in the case of bats, it is common for shelters to remain unoccupied in the first year,
- no Health, Safety and Environment incidents or accidents occurred during the reporting period,
- a Health, Safety, and Environmental Management Plan was developed and implemented. This document constitutes a general plan for managing H&S issues during the operational phase of the Project,

- there were no major changes in the Environmental and Social related personnel, and there were two changes in Contractors for the operational phase of the Project.