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**Will conspicuous pied propellers keep
birds away from the aircraft?**

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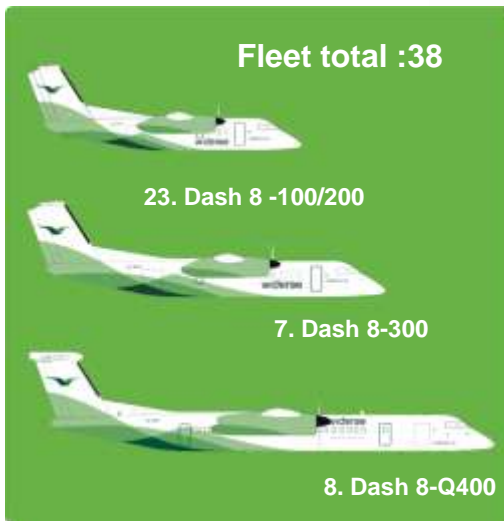
Widerøe – Established 1934



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Widerøes Operation & fleet 2012



420 departures pr. day.

Allmost all airports are located on the coastline.

”Special operation” on 24 airports,

-shorth field, less than

800 meter rwy, with steep

approach.





Every other minute a Widerøe aircraft lands or departs



Bird strikes is a major safety issue
Average 50 pr. year.

- Cost
- Down time
- Inspections
- >250 000 €



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The propeller painting project

Lufttransport Coast Guard

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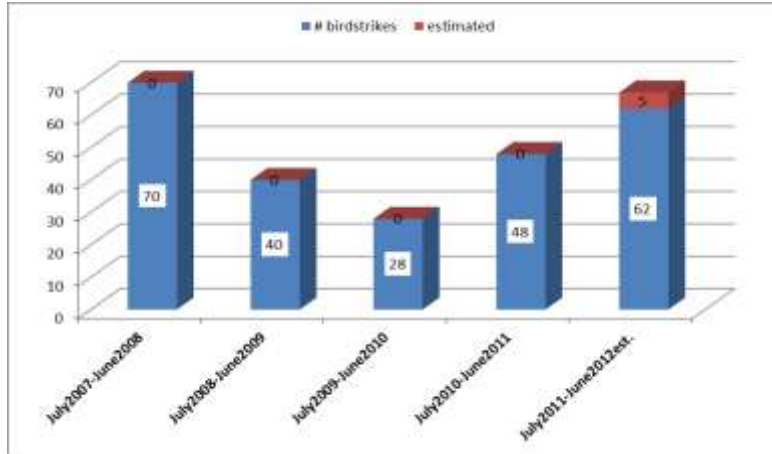


The propeller painting project

The five aircraft included in the propeller painting project by 15 June 2012

Aircraft registration	Date of technical order
LN-WIP	31 January 2012
LN-WIL	17 April 2012
LN-WII	21 April 2012
LN-WSB	03 May 2012
LN-WIA	15 May 2012

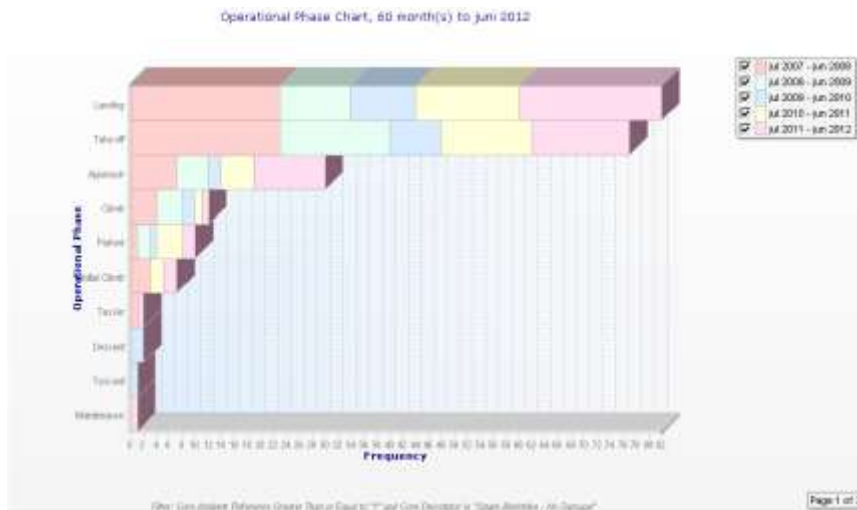
Birdstrikes in Widerøe last 5 years



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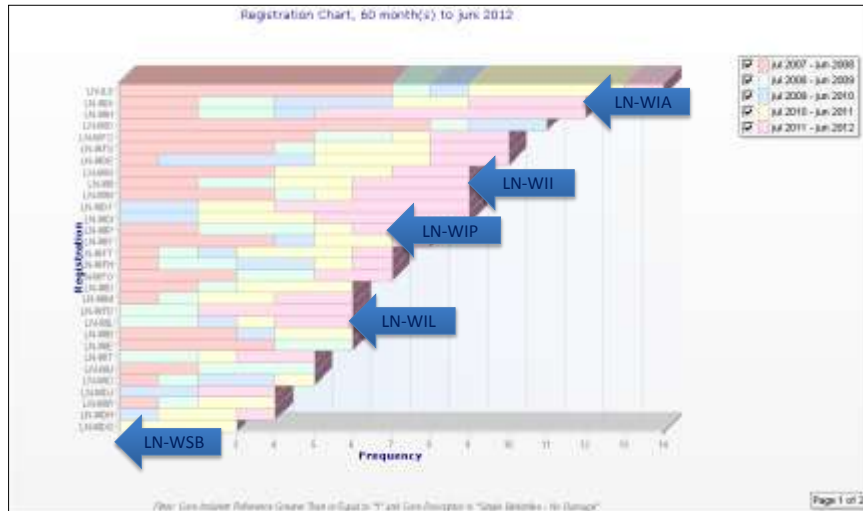
Birdstrikes by flight phase



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Birdstrikes by aircraft registration



Preliminary results

- The 5 aircraft included in the project struck birds 28 times prior to the project, and 3 times after the project was initiated =>
 - Before: 0,12 birdstrikes per "aircraft-month"
 - After: 0,35 birdstrikes per "aircraft-month"
- Spring season only:
 - Before: 0,14 birdstrikes per "aircraft-spring-month"
 - After: 0,19 birdstrikes per "aircraft-spring-month"
- **Very surprisingly! But...**

Discussion

- The data are very scarce! Only 0,5-4 months.
- The project will go on for several years and include another 25 aircraft
- There could be geographical differences
- The size or risk of the birds not yet considered
 - Two out of three birdstrikes in 2012 with small birds
- Finally, we cannot rule out the possibility that the project may not be as effective as desired.