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P05-4 Migrations of yellow-legged gull *Larus cachinnans* ringed in the middle Dniepr area, Ukraine

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Yellow-legged gulls have expanded up-stream of the Dnieper after the creation of reservoirs. The colony near the Kaniv hydroelectric power station has arisen in 1991. Last years its number fluctuates about 300 breeding pairs. We started ringing on the colony in 1997. During 6 years 1715 chicks were ringed. 100 recoveries (including sight records) were received (5.8%). The majority of recoveries are originated from Poland (43%), Germany (27%) and the Netherlands (12%). One of our birds was tagged in Germany by A. BUCHHEIM in December of 1999 (white 2H) and gave 13 recoveries from the Netherlands to France and Great Britain during 2000–2002. The extreme records of gulls ringed in Kaniv: to the South – Czech Republic (Ostrava) and South Germany (Bodensee); to the West – France and South England (area of the English Channel); to the North – Denmark, South Finland (Tampere) and Estonia. The majority of birds was found in a relatively narrow strip in the latitude of 51–55 degrees. First yellow-legged gulls from Kaniv are observed in Poland and Germany already since middle of July (the earliest date is 12.07.2002, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, 48 days after ringing). Two recoveries from South Belarus allows to suppose, that gulls after breeding season fly up-stream of the Dnieper and migrate on valley of the Pripiat river to North Poland.