

Preface

WhinCHAT is the new digital „Magazine for Whinchat Research and Conservation“, published by the IWWG. It is free of charge.

There are three main goals that should be arrived with WhinCHAT:

1. Whinchat conservation and research should be brought together as close as possible. This is the base for effective conservation measures.
2. Everyone who wants to start a new whinchat conservation project should be able to profit from the positive and also from the negative results of other conservation projects.
3. A network of active whinchat workers should be build. At the moment there are more than 50 members from 13 countries registered in the IWWG. But of course we are still looking for more. It is one goal of the IWWG to have contact persons in all countries that are relevant for Whinchat research and conservation. By the way membership in the IWWG is free of charge. You just have to send a mail to juergenfeulner@yahoo.de .

It is important to note that the main responsibility lies with the authors of the articles. WhinCHAT is an annual report and should always be up to date (time between editorial deadline and publishing date: maximum 4 weeks). Therefore the manuscripts are edited not too strict.

English is of course the first language in WhinCHAT. But authors have also the possibility to write in their mother tongue as well. In that case they have to add an meaningful English summary.

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There is no print version of WhinCHAT. It is available only digital. Members of the IWWG will get WhinCHAT via email. An online-version will be here: <https://whinchat.jimdo.com>

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