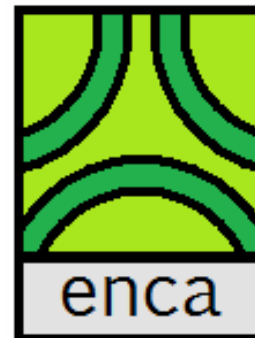


Heads of European Nature Conservation Agencies (ENCA network)



Update on ENCA activities and actions from the ENCA secretariat

Berne, 30th March 2010

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1. Meetings

Passed meeting in Urdaibai, Spain

Major outputs of the 6th ENCA meeting in Urdaibai, at Basque IHOBE's Biodiversity Centre were:

- **Communication** in the field of **biodiversity** was considered as highly important to support the work of ENCA agencies. The topic will be on the agenda of an expert **workshop** during EU green week (cp.2.6).
- **IG** reports and progress in work. The work was highly appreciated and heads of agencies are very grateful for the big commitment of active experts bringing their topic forward.
- Next steps on TEEB and protected areas **statements** were discussed:
- Internal issues have settled.
- Side events have been organised: a preparatory **meeting on Marine Biodiversity** and the **excursion** to the Urdaibai biosphere reserve.
- A wonderful setting of the meeting allowed dedicated informal exchange. Warm thanks to the hosts of the meeting.



Upcoming 7th meeting in Croatia

The next meeting organized by the Croatian SINP from 4th to 7th September 2010 in Mljet National park (www.np-mljet.hr) will highlight marine biodiversity and

sustainable fisheries and the integration of economic aspects in nature conservation works more generally.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for participation of ENCAs from the Balkan region.

2. Interest groups and workshops

2.1 Sustainable Land Use

Chaired by Karin Robinet, BfN, Karin.Robinet@BfN.de

Nine ENCA-members and observers take actively part in the IGs work. Next IG **meeting** is scheduled for **23rd April** in Brussels after the seminar on "Environmental

Land Management from the CAP - Evidence of Past Success and the Scale of Future Need" on 22nd April. Two statements are planned in 2010 on the financial needs of environmental land use and on a proposals for an effective and efficient European agri-environmental

policy.

IG outputs soon available:

<http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=suslaus>

2.2 Monitoring and Assessment

Chaired by CCW's Alan Brown a.brown@ccw.gov.uk

A joint ENCA/EBONE workshop was held on 10th/11th March 2010 in Wageningen (Alterra) with a very active participation from EBONE and ENCA members. The meeting showed promising opportunities for nature

conservation due to new types of data available, so next meeting and further documents are on their way.

Alterra meeting documents will be presented soon here: <http://encanet.eu/home/index.php?id=monitoring>

2.3 Climate Change and Adaptation

Chaired by Caroline Cowan, Natural England caroline.cowan@naturalengland.org.uk

IG is currently organising its activities. In fall 2010 a joint meeting with the EPA IG will be organised.

2.4 GMO and Hazardous Organism

New chair due to Georg Karlaganis' retirement: Hans Hosbach, FOEN hans.hosbach@bafu.admin.ch and coordinated by Andrea Raps andrea.raps@bafu.admin.ch

IG will further work on statements on the EFSA document and by drafting a common position to be endorsed by EPA and ENCA plenaries, and to be sent to the relevant EU competent entities. Next **meeting** of the IG GMOs will take place on **5 and 6 July 2010** in Bern. Topics discussed will be risk assessment of non-food GM crops (especially bioplastiques) and feasibility of monitoring of butterflies in the context of the GMO monitoring obligations.

2.5 Workshop on Marine Biodiversity

Coordinated by Ana Štrbenac of the Croatian (SINP): Ana.Strbenac@dzzp.hr

A survey has been carried out (6 agencies participated) to identify the most important topics in relation to marine biodiversity.

The workshop agenda drafted during the preparatory meeting held on 21st March contains inputs to "**Establishment and management of marine protected areas**".

The workshop is scheduled for spring 2011.

2.6 Workshop on Communication of Biodiversity

Coordinated by Giuseppe Traverso of the Basque IHOBE: Giuseppe.Traverso@ihobe.net

A workshop to identify ENCAs specific needs will be organised during Brussels Green week in the first week of June 2010. Please name experts to participate.

<p>All IGs are happy to welcome new members for participation.</p>

A big thank to all participating experts and especially to the IGs chairs for their enormous work.

3. Statements

TEEB (www.teebweb.org): Statement is prepared by Welsh CCW and German BfN and will be finalised by September 2010 for the release of the TEEB reports.

Protected Areas

The Lithuanian SSPA is working on the document and finalise it in the next months.

A letter on behalf of ENCA network has been **sent to all commissioners** to inform them about ENCA and to offer ENCAs expertise in the field of biodiversity. The letter was created by the UK liaison office in Brussels.

A warm thank you to all agencies and involved persons for your huge efforts in working on the above mentioned statements.

4. ENCA challenges and outlook

Participation in the ENCA network

Russia has been invited to the 6th meeting in Urdaibai by the Lithuanian SSPA, but no reply was received despite Russia's earlier stated interest in ENCA activities.

ENCA-website in progress: www.encanet.eu

Information from several workshops as well as from the plenary meeting will be uploaded soon.

Password and user name will be provided on request.

New agencies in the ENCA network

Dutch Staatsbosbeheer

Head of agency: Chris Kalden (Director) seconded within ENCA by Sandra Bakker (public affairs coordinator).

Head quarter: Driebergen

Staff: 1000

Number of protected areas managed:

619 with a total area of 258.696 ha

Commissioned by: Dutch government

Task/slogan: Staatsbosbeheer takes care of a considerable share of the natural heritage of the Netherlands, for and on behalf of society, contributing to a sustainable living environment for man, plant and animal.

Typical activity: cp. Image below.

Further information: www.staatsbosbeheer.nl

5. Conferences, publications, projects from ENCA members

Upcoming workshops and conferences

1. German BfN presents from 3rd to 7th of May 2010 a workshop on Vilm Island:

Natura 2000 and Climate Change - a Challenge

Topics of the workshop are consequences, vulnerability and challenges protected area are/will be facing by climate change in Europe; examples from different European regions management possibilities and options for adaptation to climate change and; potential of intact ecosystems in Natura 2000 areas to mitigation and adaptation of habitats and species to climate change

Details and registration:

[www.bfn.de/0603_kalender.html?&no_cache=1&L=1&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1\[qlist\]=2&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1\[uid\]=14&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1\[cmd\]=single](http://www.bfn.de/0603_kalender.html?&no_cache=1&L=1&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1[qlist]=2&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1[uid]=14&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1[cmd]=single)

Further information: Martina.Finger@bfn-vilm.de

2. Estonian Environmental Board presents:

Conference "Nature Conservaton Beyond 2010". May 27-29 2010 in Tallinn, Estonia.

Topic of the scientific conference: address development of nature conservation so far, its current situation and further trends in international and national context.

Details: www.ncbeyond2010.eu

Please forward interesting project which are currently carried out in your agency and which might be of interest for other agencies.

6. Other business

Further topics

The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) is involved in the national development and implementation of the **European "high nature value (HNV) farmland indicator"**, which is connected to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. BfN is interested in an exchange on different national approaches. Please contact Armin Benzler from the Monitoring-Unit of BfN (armin.benzler@bfn.de).

Berne, March 2010, ENCA-Secretary

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Typical activity organised by the Dutch Staatsbosbeheer (Foto: © Staatsbosbeheer)