

Monday 2nd of June, 2025

Theme: Wolves Across Borders - Overview

10:00 - 12:30	Conference Check-In				
12:30 - 12:45	Opening talk - VIP guest				
12:45 - 13:15	Opening talk - David Mech				
13:15 - 13:45	TBA - (North-America)				
13:45 - 14:15	Claudio Sillero (Africa)				
14:15 - 14:30	Break				
14:30 - 15:00	Geraldine Werhahn (Asia)				
15:00- 15:30	TBA - (Europe)				
15:30 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 18:00	Break Out Talks				
	Behavioural dynamics	Wolves and genetics	Species interactions	Spatial ecology	Survival and mortality
16:00-16:20	How the temporal dynamics of wolf predation during summer are shaped by resource pulses, prey availability, and pup-rearing demands. Thomas Gable	Identification of single nucleotide polymorphisms in 270 wolf genomes. Arkadiusz Dziech	Interactions between recolonizing wolves and mammal communities based on long-term camera-trapping data. Veronika Braunisch	Wolf recolonization, ecology, and coexistence: comparison within and between North America and Europe. Jesse Lewis	Anthropogenic and natural factors causing wolf mortality in Italy. Carmela Musto
16:20 - 16:40		High diversity of grey wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>) paternal lineages in central and eastern Europe. Maciej Szewczyk	Influence of wolves on relative abundance and activity patterns of wild ungulates in human-influenced forested ecosystems. Kerrian Chauvière	Recovery of Gray Wolves in Wisconsin USA: from extirpation to coexistence. Adrian Wydeven	Road mortality of wolves in human-dominated landscapes in Poland. Sabina Nowak
16:40 - 17:00	Can experience explain inter-territorial variation in wolf dietary response to ungulates abundance? Cecilia Di Bernardi	Who are the wolves that make the difference?: Genetic reconstruction of wolf recolonization history in the Italian Alps. Francesca Rolle	Comparing activity patterns of the Himalayan wolf with Himalayan marmots and kiangs in a high-altitude landscape. Antonio Sampredo Garrido	How to connect? Possible movement corridors for wolf packs in a human-impacted Swedish landscape. Anna Treydte	Breeder turnover and its cascading effects on wolf pack structure. David Ausband
17:00 - 17:20	Voyageurs Wolf Project: insights from a decade of research in northern Minnesota, USA. Joseph Bump	Genetic admixture between Central European and Alpine wolf populations. Barbora Černá Bolfíková	Badgers and wolves: close encounters on the set. Pauline Arends	The use of spatial capture-recapture to improve environmental impact assessments on wolves - Goncalo Costa	Apparent survival of mated wolves across West-central Europe. Peter Sunde
17:20 - 17:40	Linking individual and collective behaviours: Insights from wild Indian wolves. Adwait Mahesh Deshpande	How can changes in the genetic health of wolf populations cascade to influence boreal forests? Sarah R. Hoy	Wolf and jackal interaction patterns in Croatia. Josip Kusak	Linking age and social status of wolves to vulnerability throughout the harvest season - Peter Rebholz	Patterns and determinants of mortality in grey wolves (<i>Canis lupus</i>). Ana Morales-González & Héctor Ruíz-Villar
17:40 - 18:00	TBA	The origin and spread of coat color anomalies in a highly inbred wolf population. Øystein Flagstad	Niche differentiation within a sympatric population of Wolves and Golden Jackals in the Eastern Marmara Region of Türkiye. Melis Töke	Uncovering the triggers of wolf fatigue: From sports science to wolf energetics. Ane Eriksen	Impact of wolf predation as well as environmental and anthropogenic factors on moose harvest in Scandinavia, Camilla Wikenros
18:00 - 19:00	Break / Check-in				
19:00 - 21:00	Opening Dinner				

Tuesday, 3rd of June

Theme: Ecology & Society

7:00 - 8:30	Breakfast				
08:30 - 09:00	Arguing along fault-lines: How rhetorical practices polarize debates on wolf comeback in the Netherlands and				
09:00-09:30	The challenge of making sense of wolves in cultural landscapes - Martin Drenthen				
09:30 - 10:30	Topic TBA - Kevin Crooks and Mireille Gonzalez				
10:30-10:40	Break				
10:40 - 12:00	Break Out Talks				Session
	Attitudes	Co-existence	Farmers	Wolves in landscapes	Citizen initiatives for co-existence with wolves
10:40-11:00	Navigating Socio-Ecological Dynamics: Changes in Human Attitudes and Wolf Management in Switzerland - Carolyn Schaltegger	Voices from the Mountains: Using in-person interviews to understand livestock farmers' attitudes on wolves and wolf management in the Italian Alps - Ronja Kraus	Wolves as sentinels of farmers' compliance with sanitary regulations in Poland - Robert Myslajek	Himalayan Wolves: Ecology and Conservation in Human Dominated Landscapes - Salvador Lyngdoh	Wolf Fencing Team Belgium (Belgium)
11:00-11:20	Media Attitudes Toward Wolves: The Role of Recolonization Phases, Pasture Seasons, and Proximity to Elections in the Italian Alpine Regions - Davide Ravaglia	Insights of coexistence between humans and wolves: a case study from Tandoure National Park in Iran - Nima Badelu	Fences and Shepherds Are Just the Start: Navigating the Complex Challenges of Implementing Livestock Protection Measures - Julia Stauder	Wolves recolonize novel ecosystems in Europe leading to novel interactions - Dries Kuijper	Pasturs (Italy)

11:20 - 11:40	Exploring the role of implicit and explicit attitudes in human-wolf coexistence - Svenja Capitain	Perspectives of traditional Himalayan communities on fostering coexistence with Himalayan wolf and snow leopard - Naresh Kusi	Living labs - a shared management tool for wolf, livestock and hunting coexistence: The case study of the 4Pethabeco project (Ipa-Adrión Interreg Project) in the areas of the Dinaric Alps and the North Eastern Alps. - Stefano Filacorda	TBC - Tariku Mekonnen Gutema	<i>Entre chien et loup (France)</i>		
11:40-12:00	Age-Defying Conservation: Cogeneration from Boomers to Zoomers - Cassiopeia Camara	It takes a village: thanks to inclusive conservation, an NGO implemented a successful livestock protection program in Switzerland - Jérémie Moulin	The relationships between wolves and pastoralists in the context of shrinking grasslands in Surendranagar district, Gujarat, India - Malaika Mathew Chawla	Transboundary Monitoring of the Wolf Alpine Population over 7 countries and 24 years - Francesca Marucco	<i>Herdenschutz Niedersachsen (Germany)</i>		
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch</i>						
13:00-15:30	Break Out Talks					Session	Movies
	Wolves and society	Wolf habitat / Wolf-dog	Genetics & Health / Public engagement	Feeding and predation	Navigating challenges of co-existence	Including emotions in science and policy (TBA)	
13:00-13:20	25 years since the return of wolves in Germany – is the public as polarised as we think? - Emu-Felicitas Ostermann-Miyashita	Habitat protection is crucial for the future well-being of Poland's wolf population - Roman Gula	Echoes of survival: hidden genetic challenges in the Iberian wolf, Isabel Salado	Feeding Ecology of Wolves in the Netherlands, Kevin Groen	Dilemma's in nature management since the return of wolves, Annelies van Ginkel		
13:20-13:40	The Political Ecology of German Wolf Management - Narrowing Ideological Divides through Conservation Performance Payments, Rebecca Albrecht	Modeling habitat- and conflict potential for wolves in Austria to inform management - Jennifer Hatlauf	From wilderness to urban edge: genetic insights into a newly established wolf population in Parnitha National Park—Central Greece, Aimilia Ioakeimidou	Unveiling the Feeding Patterns & Preferences of Wolves in Switzerland, Florin Kunz	On wolves and commons: Institutionalizing local deliberation and social learning in Danish wolf management - Hans Peter Hansen		
13:40-14:00	Taming the Wolf Debate: Lessons from the LIFE BOREALWOLF Project Communication, Lina Ala-Kurikka	The natural resettlement of the Grey wolf in Normandy, France - Clémence Méheust	Pedigree-based analysis of livestock depredation behaviour in German wolves, Caroline Sophie Birkenhain	Video wolf predating beaver: how wolves influence beaver foraging - Dani Freund	Ending the cycle of endless conflict: four years of keeping wolves off a cattle ranch in Minnesota, USA - Austin T. Homkes		
14:00-14:20	The Nez Perce Tribe and Himi (gray wolf): A reflection of the past and dream for the future, Alma Sanchez	(Re)Connecting the dots: assessing connectivity loss and landscape demogenetics of Ethiopian wolf populations, Sandra Lai	Seasonal and Health-Related Variations in Wolf Hair Cortisol: A Method Validation from Captive and Field Samples - Gwendolyn Wirobski	The Influence of Wolves and Wild Boars on European Facultative Scavengers - Elke Wenting	Polarising discursive practices in the debate on the comeback of the wolf - Anne Kessels		
14:20-14:40	TBA	A novel approach to investigating the impact of urbanization on wolf-dog interactions in Central Italy. - Martina Lazzaroni	The Wildity Scale as a communication tool on reintroduced wolves, Terrance Vincent O'Halloran	Kill patterns of recolonizing Eurasian wolves - Joost de Jong	Wolves in the Netherlands : past, present and future - Esther van der Meer		
14:40-15:00	TBA - Rob Lenders	Wolf-dog hybridization and introgression in and around Dalmatia, Croatia, Astrid Vik Stronen	Wolves in Southern Algoma (Ontario, Canada): A Private-Public Partnership Project, Kees van Frankenhuyzen	How fast do native ungulates respond to the return of the wolf in anthropogenic landscapes? - Charlotte vanderLocht	TBA		
15:00 - 15:20	TBA	Wolves across species' borders - genetic determination of wolf-dog hybrids kept as pets in Finland - Helena Johansson	Volatility in volunteer work: developing large carnivore observation network in Finland - Mari Lyly	Beavers - not ungulates - are the primary pray of many wolves during summer in a southern boreal ecosystem - Thomas D. Gable	TBA		
15:20 - 15:30	<i>Break</i>						
15:30 - 17:30	<i>Break-out workshops</i>						
							Studying wolf behavior

	Topic TBA - Mireille Gonzalez	Human wildlife conflict mitigation WWF - Femke Hilderink	Citizen Initiatives for Coexistence: Towards a Collaborative Manual - Diemer Vercayie & Pepijn t'hoof	Understanding emotions in human-wolf conflicts - Thorsten Gieser	Howl You Say It? From Boomers to Zoomers - Cassiopeia Camara	A crash course in wolf conflict cooking - Maria Falkevik	at high resolution: an introduction to acceleration data in animal behavior research - Erik Versluijs
17:30 - 19:00	Poster session						
19:00 - 21:00	Dinner						

Wednesday, 4th of June					
Theme: Policy and practice					
7:00 - 8:30	Breakfast				
08:30 - 09:00	The shifting legal landscape for wolf conservation in Europe - Arie Trouwborst				
09:00 - 09:30	Topic TBA - Ilka Reinhart				
9:30 - 10:00	Topic TBA - European Commission				
10:00 - 10:30	Break				
10:30 - 12:00	Break Out Talks				Session
	Wolves and co-existence	Lessons learned from monitoring	Wolf management	Innovations	How do you deal with volatile politics, misinformation, social media and populism?
10:30 - 10:50	Towards Coexistence: Mapping costs and benefits associated with living with wolves in Spain - Maria Granados	"The Italian wolf network": presenting a model for a multidisciplinary operational network for the systematic processing of wolf samples - Carmela Musto	Probably the best wolf monitoring in the world - Robert Ekblom	Effects of helicopter captures on wolf movements and behaviour - Giorgia Ausilio	TBA
10:50 - 11:10	Establishing favourable reference values under the Habitats Directive for the wolf in Germany - Catharina Steyer	Wolves in Italy: insights for a European scenario - Marco Apollonio	How to (legally) kill a wolf in Sweden - Robert Ekblom	Factors impacting collar malfunction and collar chewing behavior in gray wolves in Yellowstone National Park - Jeremy Sunder Raj	
11:10 - 11:30	The (Italian) Urban Wolf Project: a multidisciplinary approach exploring the effect of the anthropogenic environment on wolves' behavioral, hormonal, health-related and genetic profile - Sarah Marshall	Towards transboundary genetic monitoring of wolves: an online platform for harmonization and sharing of wolf genetic monitoring data across countries and laboratories - Tomaž Skrbinšek	The effect of legal status on wolf population dynamics - Juan Pablo Ramirez	A new perspective: The advantages and disadvantages of using GPS camera collars to study gray wolves - Maeve Rogers	
11:30 - 11:50	Close encounters with wolves: who's tiptoeing around whom? - Charlotte Lorand	Chasing tail - years of wolf management in croatia - Josip Kusak	Reporting of wolf sightings: a window into the spatiotemporal distribution of people's concerns? - Rudy Brogi	Drones as a Potential Hazing Tool to Reduce Livestock Depredation by Wolves - Loredana McCurdy	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch				
13:00 - 15:00	Break out Talks				Movies
	Co-existence	Bold wolves	Wolf politics	Conflict management	
13:00 - 13:20	Wolves and Communities: Co-existence and Conflict in Trans-Himalayas - Salvador Lyngdoh	The lethal removal of two bold wolves in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, as part of management guidelines - Julia Kamp	First steps on the long road to find out if and how sheep farming on Tyrolean mountain pastures in Austria could adapt to the increasing presence of wolves - Martin Janovsky	Predation of wolves on domestic pet dogs: a new frontier of the humans and wolves relationship in North-East Italy - Stefano filacorda	
13:20 - 13:40	LIFE BOREALWOLF project mitigates farmers' concerns about wolves - Mari Tikkenen	Coming (too) close? The behaviour of one individual wolf requires carefully considered action - Johanna Fritz	Evaluating 50 years of wolf protection in Slovakia - Robin Rigg	Shepherds at the Crossroads: Integrating Herd Protection and Landscape Management in South Tyrol - Benjamin Kostner	

13:40 - 14:00	Land of wolves, school of shepherds: the importance of pastoral knowledge on coexistence with the wolf in Spain and Italy - Carlos Javier Durá Alemañ	Is harvest creating a new wolf? Wolf behavior, sociality, and genomics - Ariana Cerreta	Transboundary cooperation on carnivore management and wildlife crime in Fennoscandia and southern Africa – challenges and opportunities - Maria Falkevik	Wolves on the Scandinavian Peninsula: crossborder directional and long-range dispersals as the main depredation challenges - Petter Wabakken	TBA	
14:00 - 14:20	Wolves: the uninvited guests - A nature conservation NGO facing the return of a large predator - Niels Gilissen	Loving Wolves to Death: Yellowstone Wolf Habituation - Taylor Rabe	Challenges and Opportunities in Delisting Carnivores: A Comparative Study of Gray Wolves in the US and EU - Temple Stoellinger	Spatio-temporal dynamics of attacks around deaths of wolves: A statistical assessment of lethal control efficiency in France - Oksana Grente		
14:20 - 14:40	Wildlife-smart communities as novel local governance models for coexistence with carnivores in Europe - Fabien Quétier	Projecting wolf population dynamics in Europe, the need for regional parameters, and how to use population modelling in wolf policy and management - Jasja Dekker	Voter Directed Wolf Restoration to Colorado, USA.: A synopsis of the process to restore wolves and the status of gray wolves in Colorado - Eric Odell	The Impact of Parental Loss on the Fate of Wolf Family Groups – Implications for Species Conservation and Population Management - Wojciech Śmietana		
14:40 - 15:00	Wolf policy in a densely populated region of Flanders - Koen Driesen	Wolves perceive hunting dogs in their territory as rivals - Mari Tikkinen	TBA	TBA		
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Break</i>					
15:30-17:30	<i>Break-out workshops</i>					
	How to catch wolves - Ross Hinter & Hans van Eijden	EU Large Carnivore Platform: Youth workshop – understanding viewpoints - Katrina Marsden	Wolf-dog hybridization in Europe: definition and assessment - Astrid V Stronen	Construction, electrification & grounding of permanent wolf-deterrent wire fencing for sheep, cattle and horses - Peter Schütte	EU and regional large carnivore platforms: what we've learned so far and future application - Katrina Masden & Valeria Salvatori	How to talk with press - Mathilde Klaasse, Glenn Lelieveld and Vera Eijsink
17:30 - 19:00	<i>Poster session</i>					
19:00-21:00	<i>Dinner</i>					
21:00 - 22:00	<i>Evening activity</i>					
22:00 - 01:00	<i>DJ downstairs - after party</i>					

Thursday, 5th of June					
<i>Theme: Landscapes, Management & Monitoring</i>					
7:00 - 8:00	<i>Breakfast</i>				
08:30 - 09:00	TBA				
09:00-09:30	Not only population abundance: reflections on the quality of wolf conservation - Paolo Ciucci				
09:30 - 10:00	Topic TBA - Valeria Salvatori				
10:00-10:30	Of wolves and men – the bold and the beautiful - Hugh Jansman				
10:30-11:00	<i>Break</i>				
11:00 - 12:20	Panel discussion - TBA				
12:20 - 13:20	<i>Lunch</i>				
	Break Out Talks				Session
	Population management	Preventative measures	Wolves in cultural landscapes	Genetics and feeding ecology	Governance - TBC
13:20 - 13:40	The effective size of European wolf populations and its implications for policy and management - Joachim Mergeay	Carnivore exclosures to protect sheep in the boreal forest affect the area use of moose - Barbara Zimmermann	FERUS' Pastoraloup program: supporting appeased wolf coexistence - Catherine Frizat	Visualisation an exploration of complex multi-generational pedigrees - Gregor Simčič	
13:40 - 14:00	Wolf population size estimation - Cyril Milleret	Effectiveness of strobe light as a potential deterrent stimulus for wolves - Annika Held	Living with wolves: A new framework to enhance coexistence with wolves by studying livestock behaviours - Erik Versluijs	Does Genetic Admixture Affect Ghost Wolf Ecology? - Lilian Heinzel	
14:00 - 14:20	Using a stage-based life cycle implementation to model population viability of European wolves - Florian Kunz	Free-ranging cattle and the return of the wolf; implications for conservation management - Chris Smit	Of wolves navigating a human landscape of fear - Katharina Kasper	Prey size mediates interference competition and predation dynamics in a large carnivore community. Jack W. Rabe	

14:20 - 14:40	Wolves on the Move: Investigating Dispersal and Human-Caused Mortality in a Social Carnivore - Kathleen Petersen	Evaluating the Effectiveness of Range Riders at Reducing Wolf-Livestock Conflict Across the American West - Ray Nickerson	The effect of diseases on the depredation of calves by wolves - Uri Arad	Short-term responses of red deer to wolf presence are related to predation risk. Katarzyna Bojarska			
14:40 - 15:00	Evaluating the effect of lethal management in Switzerland - Nina Gerber	Evaluating the non-lethal effects of wolves on cattle herds in the Swiss Jura mountains - Philippine Surer	Anticipating wolf comeback to Western France - Hadrien Raggenbas	Wolves as a scavenger and supplier of carrion in the Veluwe, the Netherlands. Bart Beekers			
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Break</i>						
15:30 - 17:30	Break Out Workshops						
	Topic TBA - Hans van Eijden & Tim van Dam	Topic TBA - Wildlife Acoustics	The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and handheld thermal cameras in research - Theodoros Kominos	The craft and art of trapping wolves- Josip Kusak	Trapping and collaring wolves under different conditions across Europe - Aldin Selimovic	How to manage close encounters with wolves in human dominated landscapes - Valeria Salvatori	How to vlog while doing research - Erik den Boer
17:30 - 18:00	Closing Ceremony						
TBA	Evening social						