



Promoting non-intervention to decision takers

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Wild Europe and non-intervention



- Partnership initiative
- Promotes coordinated strategy for protection & restoration of wilderness & wild areas
- Background policy support for field operations
- Recommended to EC by 2009 EU Parliamentary Resolution



Progress for non intervention



- Wilderness in EU Biodiversity Strategy
- Consensus wilderness definition for EC, EWS, national strategies
- EC Wilderness Register
- EC Guidelines: non-intervention management in N2000 network
- Large model areas



Wilderness definition



“A wilderness is an area governed by natural processes. It is composed of native habitats and species, and large enough for the effective ecological functioning of natural processes. It is unmodified or only slightly modified and without intrusive or extractive human activity, settlements, infrastructure or visual disturbance.”

Best practice on Non Intervention Management (NIM): a wider task



- Promoting NIM areas, processes and reintroductions in N2000, and beyond
- Underpinning the restoration agenda (5% target, CBD, CAP)
- Protection of existing NIM:
 - 2013 landholder backlash
 - The 2014-19 EU Commission



Promotion to which 'local interests?'

- Communities
- 'The public'
- Landholders
- Foresters
- Farmers
- Hunters
- Businesses
- Traditional conservation



‘Local’ relates directly to national and international



- Landholder associations:
ELO, CEPF, EUSTAFOR,
COPA-COGECA, FACE-CIC.
Building on common ground
- The political arena: Local,
National, EC, Euro Parliament
- The conservation sector (WWF
EPO, IUCN, BLI etc)



Best practice NIM promotion - for all interests



- Addressing challenges – safety, disease, pests, extractive prohibition
- Biodiversity benefits from natural processes (all habitats)
- Cost-effective management
- Socio-economic benefits: ecosystem services (PES agenda), tourism
- Engagement with landholding interests – planning & implementation



Best practice in promoting NIM



Local best practice supports
European lobbying to enable
further backing & support.

The opportunity & challenge
ahead

