



La Lomellina Foundation ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Our mission

The habitats and living beings on earth are the result of millions of years of evolution, and the genetic diversity we have arrived at today is the basis for the evolution of species. Biological diversity, therefore, should be protected for its own sake, as it cannot be replaced. If the world loses its biological richness and diversity, it loses its essence.

For all these reasons, the Foundation's objectives are the respect, development and protection of nature and the animal world, as well as the promotion of education and an increase in culture in these contexts.

In particular, the Foundation aims at: encouraging the respect, development, and protection of wildlife in all its forms, also by means of hunting with or without dogs, in Switzerland and abroad; promoting education and the knowledge of the animal world through initiatives oriented to preserve fauna's dignity and its survival, even following a reduction in the available habitat.



Our organization

The Board

Mr Carlo Campanini Bonomi, *Chairman of the Board*

Mr Andrea Campanini Bonomi, *member*

Mr Paolo Bottini, *member*

Mr Carlo Croff, *member*

Mr Michl Ebner, *member*

The Team

Mr Carlo Campanini Bonomi, *Founder*

Ms Marta Falabrino, *General Manager and environmental consultant*

A message from the Founder and Chairman

We are now in the fourth year since the foundation started its mission. And although hampered in our action from the Covid years, we have managed to finance N. 6 projects that are developing successfully and achieving their goals. We are more convinced than ever that our mission has an environmental and social value.

The most recent global data show an average decline of 69% in the abundance of wild species populations monitored worldwide between 1970 and 2018. Accordingly, we are constantly looking for new projects to support, but it is not easy in the present context to find one that suits our specific objectives. However, we are confident that we will aid more and more sustainable activities in the future.

I am also hopeful that due to our vision, we will be able to reach more supporters who believe we can improve the life of wild animals.

Finally, I want to thank those who help in our offices and on the fields to achieve our goals.

Carlo Campanini Bonomi



Our grant-making

The aim of our projects is to support the conservation of wildlife for the benefit of humans, environment, and habitats worldwide.

The projects we support must guarantee a lasting impact on the environment in which they are implemented and must enable our partners to continue their work once the Foundation has ended the collaboration.

Project supported in 2022

As a Lomellina is a grant-making Foundation; therefore, to achieve its mission it mainly aims at allocating straight grants to applicants to carry out socially useful projects.

Projects that pursue the same goals as us, with a focus on wildlife, can apply for our support.





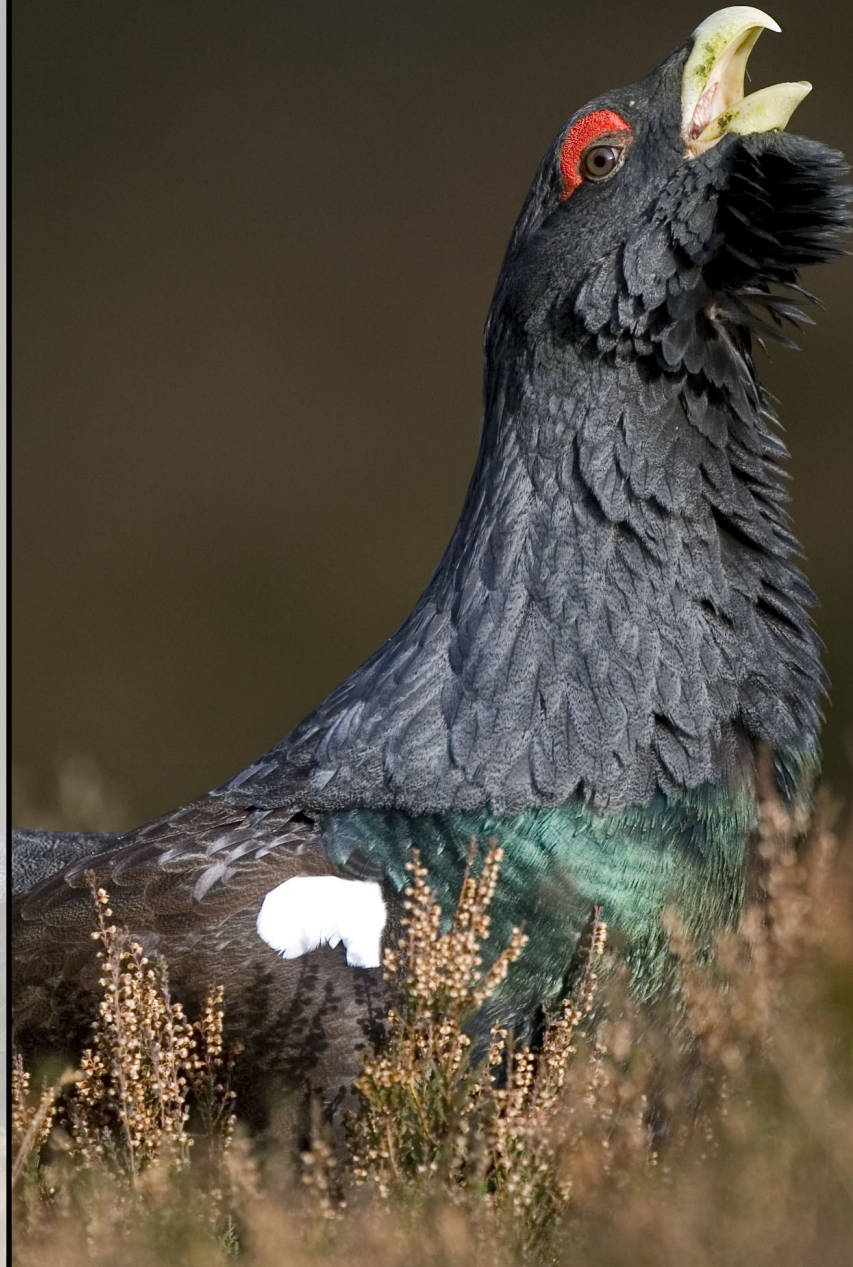
Make biodiversity fly again — WWF Switzerland

This project has a long-term objective to improve the living conditions of the Western Capercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus*), a charismatic and endangered/vulnerable bird species in the Swiss Alps (Canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden) – by improving the specific habitat conditions they rely on and contributing to over-all biodiversity in his region.

Professional forest management measurements such as logging and thinning were implemented as they create diversified forest structures for the capercaillie. With the help of volunteers from the WWF and the Bergwaldprojekt, forest soil was cleaned in the areas of interest.

Through school visits, excursions and snow hikes, children and adults are sensitized towards minimizing disturbance of wildlife and the importance of diverse and ecologically valuable habitats.

Partners: WWF Switzerland, Canton Appenzell Ausserrhoden - Forestry service and Bergwaldprojekt (volunteers)





Recovery of the Pyrenean Capercaillie in Aragón – Fundación Artemisan

The goal is to recover the Western Capercaillie (*Tetrao urogallus*) populations through targeted actions in the breeding areas near the city of Bielsa, in the north of the Huesca province, located in the autonomous community Aragón (Spain), where the birds are still present.

Before achieving the main objective, it's been decided to carry out a scientific study to collect and analyse data over a period of three years. The aim is to produce solid scientific data to justify the management of the areas concerned in favour of the capercaillie.

The second part of the project (2023 - 2025) will monitor the response of the grouse population to the restoration and ecological connectivity measures implemented by the institutions and to ensure that the different stakeholders are involved and contribute to the project (Bielsa inhabitants, hunters, managers, foresters, local authorities).

Partners: Fundación Artemisan, Government of Aragón and French authorities





Project exchange – WWF & Fundación Artemisan

During the summer of 2022, the previous projects visited each other.

Even though a) the projects are at different stages and b) the ecosystems are different, the respective project teams learned a lot from each other. It was an enriching and a beneficial experience for all involved to see two different approaches and to share concerns and remedies in the capercaillie conservation.

Partners: WWF Switzerland and Fundación Artemisan





Mongolia's 100 springs of life – WWF Mongolia

While focussing on the critically endangered saiga antelope, the project strongly contributes to the conservation and promotion of valuable habitats by protecting natural springs to ensure meadows and pastureland for the saiga antelope and local herding families.

Through the involvement of volunteers, school classes, and other supporters in the implementation of measures in the field, the project also has a high value regarding knowledge transfer and education about the importance of intact and well interconnected habitats for the survival of threatened species like the saiga antelope, as well as for the wellbeing of local communities.

Partners: WWF Mongolia, WWF Switzerland, Local authorities, Mongol Els National Park, IUCN Antelope Specialist Group





Recovery of Anveuda – Fondazione Dötra

With the reopening of the larch grove, conditions will be favoured to strengthen the presence of the Black Grouse, a huntable species in the intervention area in Canton of Ticino (Switzerland).

The objective of the silvicultural component interventions is to recover, maintain and enhance the traditional form of management of the pastured larch forest. The opening up of wooded areas favours the development of the grazed grassland layer, and this with the aim of using the recovered agro-forestry areas extensively by pasturing. The planned interventions will have a positive impact on both species' diversity and the creation and maintenance of a favourable habitat for various species of lepidoptera, orthoptera and birds, but in particular the black grouse.

Partners: Fondazione Dötra, Forest Section and Office for Nature and Landscape - Dipartimento del Territorio (Canton Ticino), Blenio Municipality (Olivone), Zurich Ornithological Society (vogelwarte), Swiss Landscape Fund





Sarcogyps calvus project — Parco Natura Viva

The project will make new individuals of the red-headed Indian vulture available in the wild with the hope of saving the species from extinction.

The Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in Andhra Pradesh (India), helped by Parco Natura Viva in Bussolengo (Italy), manages a new pair of vultures consisting of a male and a female from the Parco Natura Viva. The chicks of this new pair can then be reintroduced into the wild in India, in the species' areas of origin.

Parco Natura Viva is today the only European facility to host red-headed vultures. It seems to be the only one in the world to have a breeding pair of vultures capable of mating, laying, incubating, helping the chick during hatching, and raising the young.

Partners: Parco Natura Viva, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park and Angkor Centre for Conservation of Biodiversity



Our partners

La Lomellina Foundation wishes to thank all the partner organisations and institutions for the successful cooperation.

Below are the partner with whom we collaborate or have done so in the past.



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